

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 26th April 2018 at Little Munden Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Jonathan Pool (JP) Chairman; Tracey Harding (TH); Keith Williams (KW); Jenny Macintosh (JM); David Hart - Councillors
Geraldine Ward (GW) Clerk

In Attendance: Ken Crofton (KC) HCC

Members of the Public:

APOLOGIES: Lizzie Bacon (LB) Vice Chairman; Darren Jones (DJ) (Councillors)

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th March 2018

The minutes were proposed by JM and TH seconded.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

4.1 Basketball Hoop Base

Defer until May Meeting

4.2 Newsletter Advertising Manager

Defer until May Meeting

4.3 Oak Tree in Whiteley Close

The oak tree is the responsibility of HCC, not of the Parish Council. Ken Crofton, our County Councillor, had received a report on the condition of the tree which stated that HCC's tree specialist had visited site and the situation has not changed from the previous inspection in 2016. They found the tree in good health with positive re-growth; no safety concerns, structural weaknesses or sign of pathogens were found.

This may not satisfy the complainants but they will have to take up the issue with Herts County Council.

4.4 Mole Hills on Horses' Meadow

KW to chase up.

4.5 Path on the Baulk

Deferred until May Meeting

4.6 Traffic Calming

DH had circulated to Councillors an email regarding this and agreed to defer until the next meeting.

TH commented that in Benington residents had self-adhesive signs on wheely bins saying 'Slow Down/30 mph'. On bin days, the bins are brought roadside so that the signs are clearly visible to motorists. She went on to point out that they are a cheap and effective way to get a traffic calming measure in. Average speed camera check signs can also have the effect of motorists being aware that speed may be checked. She pointed out that both these measures were a quick and cheap first step. TH to check prices of the wheely bin signs with local printer. JP felt it would be appropriate for the PC to pay for these.

4.7 Bench Windy Rise

To be deferred until May Meeting

ACTION: JP

4.8 Repair of tarmac footpath at the back of Founceley Avenue and concrete path up to Gladstone Road

Clerk to chase up with Clarion Housing.

ACTION: GW

4.9 Dog Litter Posters

TH reported that the posters had arrived which can be stuck on lampposts, etc. KW has noticed increasing amounts of dog poo bagged and then tossed on fields. TH to get the posters put up.

ACTION: TH

4.10 Website

TH and GW met with Richard Barron who has been looking at ways to improve the website visually. She said that hopefully by the May meeting there will be something to show the meeting.

ACTION: TH

4.11 Friends of Rowney Priory

JP informed the PC that he had agreed to speak at the Public Inquiry into the unauthorised development at Wheelwrights Farm, which is scheduled to take place just before the next PC meeting in May. He will read out a statement based on a draft from Gary Abbott.

4.12 The Forge

KW had had a word with Mark Hackney who pointed out to him that the pumps are in a better state now than when he bought the property and not in disrepair at the moment. JP agreed to talk further to MH.

ACTION: JP

4.13 Grass Verge/Easington Road

The estimated cost from HCC for the bollard installation (13 bollards) on verge outside nos. 2 and 4 Easington Road (Kennedy Road to Munden Road) is £3,000. JP was of the opinion that the PC should not spend parishioners' money here – not only is it a large amount, but it could have a snowball effect in that other residents might request that the PC fund similar projects. Mr Martins (4 Easington Road) however felt that the PC could look at this over a longer term and amortise the cost over, say, ten years.

The PC would be happy to look at alternatives such as upside down concrete shaped buckets. TH also had a suggestion of reflective prongs which can be pushed into the grass.

If he paid for the installation of bollards outside No. 4 Easington Road, Mr Martins asked whether PC would be prepared to make a contribution. Mr Martins said that he would go back to Highways to get an alternative quotation.

4.14 Affinity Water/Water on Allotment Field

The Clerk reported that the matter had been passed onto Affinity Wholesale. KW reported that he had turned the water off and that the leak is our side and therefore the PC's responsibility.

5. PLANNING

5.1 New Applications

3/18/0133/FUL

Proposed conversion of existing stable to form 1 no residential dwelling. **Whitehill Farm, Whitehill, Dane End, SG12 0JR**

Comments:- 16th April 2018

5.2 Decisions

3/18/0254/LBC

Retrospective approval of the revised window layout on the south east elevation of **The Forge, Munden Road, Dane End**, following completion of the work carried out under application ref. 3/12/1605/LB. Permission granted.

3/18/0099/FUL

Demolition of existing stables and barn and erection of detached two bay carport and replacement stables. **Woolston Farm, The Street, Haultwick, Ware SG11 1JQ**
Permission granted.

5.3 Appeals

Red Lion, Green End, Dane End Ware

LPA Appeal Reference: 17/00146/REFUSE

Single storey rear extension incorporating a glazed link and garage conversion.

Comments to Planning Inspectorate Ref No: APP/J1915/Y/17/3/191771 by 24th May 2018

6. FINANCE

	£
Online Current Account Balance BF 8/3/18	20,119.79
Receipts: Church Newsletter contribution	241.80

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Date	Payment to	Cheque No	Amount
			£
3/4/18	Litter Picker payment	S/O	43.42
3/4/18	Richard Barron Website	S/O	35.00

15/3/18	EHC Dog Bin Empty	1108	435.89
15/3/18	Digital Monkey signs for HM	1109	102.00
15/3/18	Affinity Water	1110	107.20
15/3/18	HM Revenue & Customs	1111	33.38*
15/3/18	G Ward/Clerks Fee	1112	180.76
Total Payments			937.65

	£
Online balance on Current Account 16/4/18	19108.26
Balance Brought forward 8/3/18	20119.79
Less Payments	937.65
Plus unpresented cheque no 1111	33.38
Plus Receipts:-	241.80
Less outstanding cheques 1104/1106/1107	349.06
Balance as at 16/4/18	19,108.26

JP said that he would be commenting on the year's accounts at the APM.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence Received

22/3/18 Email KW re Horse Trough/Affinity Water.

26/3/18 & 23/4/18 Emails from Ken Crofton re Highways Officer re timber bollards, Easington Road.

31/3/18 Zurich Insurance/Renewal documents. Insurance Policy renewed at same price as last year.

28/3/18 Email from HAPTC re Neighbourhood Planning Course. JP commented that if there were people at today's meeting who wanted to get involved with Neighbourhood Planning, then the PC could possibly get them onto the Course and fund it. All agreed.

28/3/18 PKF Littlejohn AGAR re: instructions to enable smaller authorities to comply with the relevant Statute and Regulations regarding accounts and audit. This is a change of external auditor. The forms have changed although the information is basically the same. LM can now gain exemption from a full audit and not go through the Audit process as such, but provide details to the external auditors who can make such enquiries as they think necessary.

16/4/18 Email from Ken Crofton forwarding Oak Tree Report

12/4/18 EHC Operations/Annual Playground Safety Inspections 2018 from end of May.

7.2 Correspondence Sent

30/3/18 Letter to Alex Bartels re proposed BMX Bike Club and unauthorised bike tracks.

The Clerk had asked Alex to reinstate the area by 3rd April and agreed to forward a copy of the letter to JP.

4/4/18 Email from Clerk to Gary Abbott re forthcoming Enquiry 15/17 May confirming JP attendance.

12/4/18 Allotment letters to all allotment holders requesting annual payment.

8. RECEIVE NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND TO DEAL WITH THOSE MATTERS IF APPROPRIATE

None

9. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISHIONERS

None.

The meeting was brought to a close at 7.54 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairman