

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 15th November 2018 at Little Munden Memorial Hall at 8.00 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Jonathan Pool (JP) Chairman; Keith Williams (KW); Jenny Macintosh (JM) Darren Jones (DJ) Lizzie Bacon (LB); David Hart (DH) - Councillors; Geraldine Ward (GW) Clerk

In attendance: Gary Abbott, Friends of Rowney Lane (GA); Andrew Springett (AS)

APOLOGIES: Tracey Harding (TH)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th September 2018

The minutes were proposed by KW and JM seconded.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

4.1 Home Farm Farmyard

JP read the following email dated 16 October from Simon Dunn-Lwin he had received in reply to a request for an update on the above.

“Regrettably unexpected demands on applications and appeals – including the Wheelwrights Public Inquiry (PI) next week - got the better of me. The draft hasn’t been completed, although I am working on it this week before the PI.

Fortunately, you may be aware that the SoS has lifted the Holding Direction on the emerging District Plan 2016 (DP), announced yesterday? This is good news. It will fortify the response to include the DP policies, which provides a stronger, up to date, policy platform.

I have spoken to a senior management colleague about disclosure of the final pre-app response. I am advised that pre-apps are not public information. I cannot, therefore, release it. I’m advised that even Ward Councillors are not privy to the information.

Nevertheless, I hope that I have provided a helpful brief to you and Tracy Harding on our stance. In essence, we cannot support the proposed housing redevelopment because of the conflict with adopted and emerging policy”.

JP commented that he might have a follow-up over the next couple of months with King & Co.

ACTION: TH/JP

4.2 Horses’ Meadow Play Equipment

A post meeting note had been added to the previous minutes.

JP had asked TH if she would go to Kompan for an alternative costing. Kompan had been slow coming back to TH, so discussion on this will be deferred until the next meeting when two proposals can be looked at together.

ACTION: TH

4.3 Newsletter Advertising Manager

Awaiting for new Vicar to be appointed.

ACTION: TH

4.4 Traffic Calming

Everyone had a copy of the email confirming the offer of grant money from Stansted Airport.

DH then gave an update on how things were progressing. DH had contacted Waterford and Walkern Parish Councils. Walkern had come back with the information that they had managed to get their Smiley Face Traffic Calming Signs from Highways with the help of the County Councillor. DH agreed that he would have a word with Ken Crofton about this issue. He pointed out that the Parish Council have a good case bearing in mind that Dane End does not have pavements, whereas Walkern and Waterford do. JP did notice that Waterford have their own posts to hold the signs and suggested finding out what the costs of these were.

ACTION: DH

4.5 Repair of tarmac footpath at the back of Fouceley Avenue and concrete path up to Gladstone Road

The Clerk had drafted a letter to Ken Crofton to try and discover who owned/was responsible for this area.

ACTION: GW

4.6 Website

Deferred until the January Meeting.

ACTION: TH

4.7 Affinity Water/Horses' Meadow

KW had turned the water off at Horses' Meadow.

4.8 Play Inspection Report

Clerk had forwarded to Parish Councillors. JP suggested that the report should be looked at in more detail as there were recommendations for things to be done.

ACTION: TH

4.9 Pavements and Overgrown Trees throughout Dane End

Deferred until next meeting.

ACTION: TH

4.10 Common Land

KW nothing to report as yet.

ACTION: KW

4.11 Wheelwrights – Unauthorised development

As the Appellant's Barrister was ill, the Inquiry, due to have been held from 22nd to 25th October, has been delayed until a start date of 26th November and is scheduled to last four days. JP had made a minor revision to update the PC's statement to be read out at the inquiry.

GA stated that the Appellant's Barrister had a right to cross examine the Parish Council's representative; whoever reads it out needs to be comfortable with what they are saying. Given that there are a number of technical terms within the statement, he felt it would not be unreasonable to refuse to be cross examined. JP said that he would be representing the PC and that he is prepared to be cross examined; this was welcomed by GA.

4.12 East Herts District Plan

The Council adopted the District Plan at an Extraordinary Council on the 23 October 2018.

The District Plan now holds full weight in the determination of planning applications.

5. PLANNING

5.1 New Applications

APPLICATION: 3/18/2447/FUL PROPOSAL: Part demolition of public house, erection of single storey extension, parking provision

AT: The Rest And Welcome, Haultwick, Ware Hertfordshire. Comments by 29th November 2018.

All Councillors were happy with the Plans and JP would follow with a letter of support from the Parish Council in support of the Application.

APPLICATION: 3/18/2281/FUL Single Storey front extension

AT: Dane End Stores, Easington Road, Dane End. Comments by 13th November 2018.

JP reported that he had submitted a letter of support on behalf of the PC for this application.

The owner of the Dane End Stores had enquired whether permission is needed for signage on Munden Road to direct potential customers to the shop. JP considers this not to be a PC, but a Highways matter; however, he thinks it unlikely that anyone will object to reasonable signage.

APPLICATION: 3/18/2268/ARPN Conversion of and partial demolition of agricultural barn (East barn) to 3 residential dwellings (C3). Partial conversion of agricultural barn (North barn) to 2 residential dwellings (C3).

AT: Lordship Farm, Green End, Dane End. Comments by 5th November 2018.

JP stated that this is yet another application by Lord Carter under the General Permitted Development Order 2015 (as amended) with prior approval required/granted. The PC was unable to influence a decision.

Decision

3/18/1736 /ARPN Change of use of barn to 2 dwellings units.

AT: Barn at Whitehill Farm, Whitehill, Dane End

In response to JP's enquiry, East Herts Planning explained that the General Permitted Development Order 2015 has been amended to permit a maximum of five units on one site. The application, though, was for six units. Upon further enquiry, Suzy Defoe (Planning Officer) confirmed that five units were permitted under the GPDO; the sixth was approved under a 'Cert of Law'. JP will, for interest's sake, try to find out what is a 'Cert of Law'.

6. FINANCE

	£
Online Current Account Balance BF 11/9/18	£19864.43
Receipt EHC Precept	£ 4715.00
Receipt EHC	£ 557.31
Receipt The Mundens PCC	£ 290.16

Deduct Payments from Current Account

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payment to</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Amount</u>
			£
31/7/18	H Coles Litterpicker	S/O	43.42
31/7/18	Richard Barron Website	S/O	35.00
20/9/18	HM Revenue & Customs	1140	33.38
20/9/18	VOID	1141	VOID
20/9/18	LMMH Hall payment	1142	90.00
20/9/18	G Ward Clerks Fee	1143	182.94
15/10/18	The Mundens PCC	1144	200.00
15/10/18	G Ward Clerks Fee	1145	184.68
15/10/18	HM Rev & Customs PAYE	1146	109.38
15/10/18	LMMH Noticeboard	1147	585.00
15/10/18	Herts Display	1148	16.12
24/10/18	Royal British Legion Poppy A	1149	25.00
31/8/18	Litter Picker payment	S/O	43.42
31/8/18	Richard Barron Website	S/O	35.00
Total Payments			1583.34

	£
Online balance on Current Account 12/11/18	17935.19
Balance Brought forward 11/9/18	19864.42
Less Payments	1583.34
Plus receipts	5562.47
Less cheques cleared 1136/37/38 from Sept	345.89
Less payment yet to clear	5562.47
Balance as at 12th November 2018	17935.19

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence Received

26/9/18 Letter from Derek Wheeler, Treasurer of Little Munden Memorial Hall, requesting contribution to new Noticeboard. The Clerk thanked the Parish Council for the full payment of the Noticeboard on behalf of the Chairman and Committee of Little Munden Memorial Hall.

10/10/18 Email from Sara Szolcek re Trees alongside 32 Easington Road.

DH commented that this one had small branches and could possibly be just cut back. The one outside no 3 however needed to be looked at by a tree surgeon.

ACTION GW

5/11/18 Email from EHC re Standon Neighbourhood Plan Examination – Consultation and Statement of Availability.

8/11/18 Email from Ken Crofton Herts County Council Annual Report 2017/18 and 2018 Traffic and Transport Data Report.

7.2 Correspondence Sent

18/10/18 Message to HCC re nuisance trees.

7.3 Late Post

None.

8. EMERGENCY PLAN

DJ to circulate. DH mentioned that Bob Kirkby should be removed as Chairman from the Hall and that the Defibrillator contacts should be updated.

9. VILLAGE SIGNAGE

Andrew Springett explained that he was attending the meeting to try and establish who needs contacting regarding permission for the new signage. He went on to explain that he was happy to take on the project in terms of design, sourcing materials and labour. He also reported that he was hoping for financial contribution from the Parish Council which the Council agreed to in principle.

The location of the signs was discussed and it was agreed that the one to the East of the Village should be located to include Church Lane within the village perimeters. Landownership of verges was discussed as permission may be needed from landowners affected. KW agreed to have a word with Frank Sapsed whose land was adjacent to the Sacombe end of Munden Road.

Discussion also took place as to the repositioning of the 30 mph sign. It was felt that it would be better placed on the Sacombe side of the bridge. GA also suggested that the bridge could do with an 'Oncoming Traffic Sign' to slow vehicles down on their approach. AS to come back with permissions, costings and design.

10. PRECEPT 2019/20

JP explained that a budget for 2019/20 needed to be prepared and agreed. He would prepare and circulate a draft budget for discussion at the January Meeting at which the precept proposed can be approved.

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

DH commented that Pete Fitzgerald had been responsible for an aspect of the Defibrillator and he would need replacing. GW to contact Olly.

12. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISHIONERS

AS commented on the article in the Newsletter about the purple arrows which appear everywhere by Cycle Groups. The PC was split as to whether these were necessary or a nuisance.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:- 17th January 2019

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.50 pm.

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CHAIRMAN

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