

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 4th April 2019 at Dane End Memorial Hall.

Present were Jonathan Pool (JP), Chairman; Lizzie Bacon (LB) Vice Chairman; Keith Williams (KW); David Hart (DH); Tracey Harding (TH) – Councillors. Geraldine Ward (GW) Clerk

Apologies for absence: Jenny Macintosh (JM); Darren Jones (DJ);

1. WELCOME

Copies of the Agenda and End of Year Accounts were circulated. JP welcomed everyone to the Meeting and thanked all for attending.

2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APM OF 26th April 2018

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Council meeting held on 26th April 2018 were confirmed as a true record of that meeting. The minutes were proposed by KW and seconded by TH as a true and correct account of the meeting.

3. TO DEAL WITH MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

JP felt that there was nothing that won't be covered in the Chairmans Report and Accounts. He did comment that there will be a new District Councillor as Paul Keneally had already resigned.

4. TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2018/19

JP presented the Chairman's report (a copy of which will be published in the May Newsletter and on www.mundens.net).

A copy is also attached to these minutes.

5. TO RECEIVE AND IF FELT FIT TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2018/19

Copies of the Financial Statement had been circulated earlier, including the budget for the forthcoming year.

JP commented that the New Homes Bonus was intended for special projects such as Horses' Meadow Play equipment, reclaiming of Common Land etc. The money had not been spent over the last 2 years which is why the cash position is particularly healthy at the moment. The Parish Council had grants last year and had applied and received for a Transparency Grant. This had been received for 3 years until 2019.

Parish Maintenance has gone up by £500 due largely to expenditure of £586 for a replacement notice board for the Village Hall which had been approved last year.

Meetings and election expenses have gone down considerably compared to 2017/18 when we were billed £3469 for the cost of a by election. The good news is that the water bill, having been monitored and water turned off during winter months has gone down considerably this year. This will be continually monitored.

In summary the PC has a surplus of over £3,000 and cash in the Bank at end of year of £18,600 so overall the Parish Council is in a healthy financial position.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE PARISH

6.1 THE CHURCH

Jenny Macintosh had produced a report a copy which JP presented on her behalf, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

6.2 THE VILLAGE LUNCH

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. A special thanks went to the Memorial Hall Committee for the extra cupboard space, all the helpers and all the attendees who supported the lunch so well.

6.3 LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

Derek Wheeler, the Treasurer of the Memorial Hall Committee reported that they had finally managed to get Bob Kirkby to take a back seat and in his absence there was no chairman at present. He reported that It had been a tough year financially although Bob had left the Hall in a much better state than he had found it. This included a refurbished kitchen, new front doors and decorating throughout.

The Village Lunch has become quite an institution and the Hall could not have hosted this without the provision a well-stocked kitchen. The Badminton Club was the biggest user, forming 25-30% of the bookings. He reported that the Hall Committee loves having elections here as its approximately £186.00 every time there is an election held.

He reported that expenditure was up because Bob wanted to leave the hall well-presented. New front doors had been fitted and it had been decorated throughout. The upshot was that finances were down £4000 this year but the Committee aimed to break even in the next financial year.

6.4 LITTLE MUNDEN CRICKET CLUB

Chris Jones delivered a report from Little Munden Cricket Club. The Club had had a successful year and had won 13 out of 18 matches and been promoted up one division. A Charity March had been held against the Boot in October for Club funds and the pub also hosted a Race Night for the Club so there is now a small surplus financially.

He thanked everyone at the Boot for their help and support over the season. The first match will be held on 4th May this year.

The Club is in the Herts and Essex Cricket League, division 3 out of 5.

6.5 BADMINTON CLUB

Brian Jackson was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report which is attached to these minutes.

6.6 CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES

Councillor Macintosh was not present at the meeting but would present Financial statements on her return.

The Clerk reported that JM had suggested that LB become a Trustee and that she would be reactivating one of the older charities.

7. TO DEAL WITH ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

From the floor, Simon Marlow kindly thanked the Parish Council for all they do, especially when it is not always an easy task. He went on to say that it was hard for a small Parish like Little Munden and the Council did the best they can.

The Clerk and Councillor thanked Jonathan Pool for all his hard work as a Councillor and Chairman over the last few years and presented him with a gift.

JP then brought the meeting to a close at 9.35 pm and thanked all those who had attended and those who presented their reports.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Chairman