

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 16th January 2010 at Little Munden Memorial Hall at 8.00 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE: Tracey Harding (TH) Chairman; David Hart (DH); Julie Hursey (JH); Billy Summerson (BS) – Councillors; Geraldine Ward – Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Huggins (AH), District Councillor; Paul Armstrong (PA)

2. APOLOGIES: Jenny Macintosh (JM); Claire Monk (CM); Ken Crofton (KC)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th December 2019

The minutes were proposed by JH and seconded by DH.

4.1 Fence outside old shop – ongoing and AH was investigating this for the PC.

4.3 Home Farm Farmyard – proposed development

TH commented that this would probably go to Committee in the first 2 weeks of February.

4.4 Horses Meadow Play Equipment

Carried forward for the time being.

4.5 Newsletter Advertising Manager

Carried forward for the time being.

4.6 Traffic Calming

Carried forward for the time being.

4.9 Village Signage

Carried forward until Highways issue their report.

5. PLANNING

5.1 New Applications

3/19/2584/HH

Single storey rear, side and front extensions. 18 Easington Road, Dane End, Ware
Comments by 10th January 2020

3/19/2622/HH

Creation of new access and driveway to include parking area and new gates to unadopted lane, alongside highway and grass verge. Green End Farmhouse, Green End, Dane End, Herts SG12 0NX. Comments by 23rd January 2020

3/19/2551/PNHH

Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey extension: Depth 3.50 metres, Maximum height 2.95 metres. Eaves Height 2.60 metres. 20 Whiteley Close, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0NB. Comments by 16th January 2020

3/19/2211/FUL

Part conversion and part demolition of existing buildings. Provision of mixed use development for B1 Use (business) and D1 Use (non-residential institutions). Erection of 38 dwellings, 15 to be affordable housing. Works to include access, landscaping, engineering and associated works. Provision of 101 car parking spaces and 40 cycle spaces. Land at Home Farm, Munden Road, Dane End, Ware, Herts. Awaiting decision

TH commented that this would probably go to Committee in the first two weeks of February.

5.2 Decisions**3/19/2210/FUL/LBC**

Demolition of outbuilding and erection of garden room to provide ancillary residential accommodation, Fallowfield, Whempstead Lane, Whempstead. Application withdrawn by Applicant/Agent.

6. FINANCE**6.1 Receipts and Payments 14/11/19 TO 9/01/20**

	£
Christmas Fair, stall holder fee x 4	60.00
Online Current Account Balance B/F 13.11.19	25599.01

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Date	Payment to	Cheque No	Amount £
21/11/19	HMRC	1218	37.38
21/11/19	LM Memorial Hall	1219	30.00
21/11/19	G Ward Clerks Fee	1220	192.00
21/11/19	HMRC	1221	37.38*
29/11/19	A Warrilow LitterPckr	S/O	23.92
29/11/19	I Oseman LitterPckr	S/O	23.92
30/11/19	S Barron Website	S/O	35.00
19/12/19	Herts Display	1222	117.18*
19/12/19	G Ward Clerks Fee	1223	200.33
19/12/19	EverTree (Survey)	1224	1650.00*
19/12/19	T. Hardig Vouchr Reimb	1225	25.00
30/12/19	A Warrilow LitterPckr	S/O	23.92
30/12/19	I Oseman LitterPckr	S/O	23.92
30/ 12/19	S Barron Website	S/O	35.00
Total Payments			2454.95

Online balance on Current Account 9/1/20	24633.16
Balance Brought forward 13/11/19	25599.01
Less Payments	2454.95
Plus uncleared cheques 1221*/1222*/1224*	1804.56
Less cleared cheques 1214/1217	375.46
Plus receipts	60.00
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Balance as at 9/01/20	24633.16

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence Received/Sent

6/1/20 Email from MCAC Chairman re Hertfordshire Stages Rally – update for Parish Councils.

The rally was now to be routed via Green End Lane. TH felt it was important to make sure spectators were safe during this event. It was proposed to invite Mike Hurst to the next meeting to explain procedures.

ACTION: TH

6/1/20 Email from Lizzie Bacon confirming resignation. One months' notice given at meeting 16th December 2019

6/12/19 Notice of Modification Order re Little Munden Bridleway 07. See Minute 15.

8/1/20 Email from TH to Ken Crofton re Highways' approval of new Safety drawings for Home Farm Development. These conditions are attached to these Minutes.

DH had been out and measured the Munden Road, following Highways setting out their conditions for the development re virtual footpath which would essentially make Munden Road a single lane for traffic. A number of safety, traffic calming measures were included in this document. TH pointed out that the Parish Council had asked Highways continually for safety measures to be put in place but these were always put on hold.

The conditions included narrowing the junction at Easington Road (Whempstead and Munden Roads too) to make the junctions more suitable for pedestrian crossing. These are to include tactile paving for a pedestrian crossing. DH remarked that this would make it very difficult for the bus to swing round into Easington Road, especially if there was oncoming traffic on the road.

TH also commented that the drainage report by Pinnacles refers to only 3 businesses being on site where in fact that are eleven.

TH also commented that the chicane on Whempstead Lane to make access out of the development easier, forms a pattern emerging that everything is weighted to suit the development.

TH commented that the implantation of the virtual footpath was detrimental to the area with Grade II listed period homes and would lead to the urbanisation of a rural village. She questioned what other Class 2 villages had this type of development and lack of sympathy to historical and protected property.

TH suggested lobbying the Councillors who will be on the Planning Committee and writing letters to object as well.

Discussion also took place concerning the use of Home Farm at present as an industrial site with possible unlicensed waste and disposal activities taking place. TH to speak to Environment to question whether adequate licences were in place to carry out these activities.

7.2 Late Post

16/1/20 Letter from Mrs Bundle re flytipping along Munden Road. Ken Crofton had replied to Mrs Bundle and suggested contacting the East Herts District Council contact, Sam Wood. TH agreed to contact Ms Wood as well to see if she could arrange a meeting with her on site.

8. PRECEPT

To set the Precept for the Parish of Little Munden for the financial year commencing 1 April 2020.

It was agreed to maintain the Precept at £9430.00 for the forthcoming financial year All voted in favour of this.

9. ALLOTMENTS

It was agreed to ask Martin Oak from Long Acre Tree Surgery to cut down the saplings around the allotment site This was based on the fact that his quote to carry out tree work as a result of the tree survey was extremely reasonable. It was also agreed to get Martin to quote to remove any trees that were dead and possibly hazardous from the allotment site and an on-site meeting would be arranged to discuss this with him. TH also commented that Martin could possibly carry out the work to raise the canopy of the trees along the Millennium Walk.

Discussion took place as to the general work to be carried out on the allotments which included measuring the plots and putting together a plan with a view to equalling them up and possibly acquiring 1-2 new allotments. New fencing and paths would also be put in place. It was agreed that before work was to take place that allotment holders would need to put all their possessions/items in their allotments as anything superfluous and deemed to be rubbish would be taken away. A skip would be installed on site to remove rubbish.

Over the next couple of months the new allotment Rules and Regulations were to be completed and sent out with packs for all allotment holders with information regarding the restoration work and notice of the new fees for the forthcoming year.

10. VE DAY

TH reported that Friends of Little Munden would be having a meeting regarding the VE Day in the Boot on Thursday 27th January and commented that they welcomed discussion with the Parish Council so the two organisations could work together on this. DH agreed to attend the meeting. TH went on to say that the PC could perhaps talk to local land owners about supplying a Marquee. The event could perhaps include a Classic Car Rally and a band in the evening.

ACTION: TH/DH

11. COMMON LAND

TH reported that she and CM had talked informally to the Carters and they were welcome to ideas regarding the large piece of Common Land running up alongside the road to Haultwick from the Telephone Exchange.

TH asked the Clerk to notify Stuart Kirkham of areas where the bulbs had been planted.

TH reported that HCC were now pursuing a policy of leaving verges to grow naturally to help with pollinating insects. She went on to say that the PC can take the contracts for cutting banks to enable planting of wild flowers. The expenditure would then be billed back to HCC.

ACTION: TH/CM

12. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD

The Noticeboard was now in a very dilapidated state as the shop parked their bins next to it. The top has now come away completely. It should now be resited and it was agreed to ask the owner of the shop whether they could subsidise this expense.

ACTION: JH

13. VOTE ON DECISION TO IMPLEMENT ONLINE BUSINESS BANKING

It was agreed unanimously to switch to online banking.

ACTION: GW

14. RECEIVE NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND TO DEAL WITH THOSE MATTERS IF APPROPRIATE

DH reported on the meeting that he and the Clerk had had with Clarion. He commented that it had been a very productive meeting. The steps were to be tidied up, a new chain fence put in and the tree removed along the side of No 34. GW to chase up Clarion regarding timescales on this.

BS also reported that there was some doubt as to who now owned the lease on the late Simon Hellier’s bungalow, as they had no record of change in circumstances of the property. Clarion to investigate.

ACTION: BS AND GW

15. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISHIONERS

There was some concern from residents who live on the path/Little Munden Bridleway 07 which is affected by the Modification Order. They understood that motor bikes would now be able to use this path. All agreed that this was a threat to public safety on the path and would spoil the peace of this location. TH agreed to contact Daniel Solo about this and pass on the Parish Council’s objections.

The Clerk felt that the gate on Horses’ Meadow should now be open for use by the general public however on the whole the PC objected to this as there continued to be problems with youths loitering in the car park at night. It was agreed that all PC’s should have keys so that a rota could be established to ensure that the Car Park was open during daylight hours.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:- 20th February 2020

The meeting was brought to a close at 9.20 pm.

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CHAIRMAN

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