

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 21st April 2011 at Dane End Memorial Hall.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Copies of the Agenda and end of year Balance Sheet were circulated. DM (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the Meeting and thanked them all for attending. He invited everyone to stay for refreshments at the end of the meeting.

Present were: David Metcalf (DM) Chairman, Keith Williams (KW), Jenny MacIntosh (JM), Elisabeth Bacon (EB), Councillors. Geraldine Ward (GW) Clerk.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Jonathan Pool and Brian Long; County Councillors Jane Pitman and Jim Ranger (East Herts District Councillor), Linda Young (Dame Enders), Brenda White (Gardening Club), Bob Flack (Football Club) and Dan Ward (Cricket Club).

In attendance were Marie and Anthea Cook (Busy Bees), Jo Willis (Toddlers), Brian Jackson (Badminton), and Carol Bartels (Website),

The meeting opened at 8.00 pm.

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APM OF 29TH APRIL 2010

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Council meeting held on 29th April 2010 having been approved at the May Council meeting 2010 were confirmed as a true record of that meeting. The minutes were proposed by AB and seconded by KW as a true and correct account of the meeting.

3. TO DEAL WITH ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

DM reported that most matters were covered in the Chairman's Report.

4. TO RECEIVE AND IF FELT FIT TO APPROVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2010/11

The Chairman pointed out that this was the fourth tenure of this council's office. This would be this particular council's last AGM before returning a new council in May. He went on to say that two councillors would not be returning to office. Firstly Brian Long who had been a great asset, secondly Tony Brown, the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council who had been on the council for more than 40 years. His advice and memories had been invaluable to the council. David Metcalf then did a presentation to Tony on behalf of the Parish Council in thanks to all his hard work over the year.

A short speech of thanks from Tony Brown followed.

DM went on to say that Tony and Brian would continue to represent the council on the Charities Commission.

He went on to say that the Parish Council consisted of 7 Parish Councillors, two of which had stepped down and that only four people had presented themselves for re-election due to confusion over the nomination process and that two applications had not met the deadline. The following would be returned unopposed, David Metcalf (DM), Keith Williams, Elisabeth Bacon, and Jennifer McIntosh. Hopefully the two who had missed the nomination deadline, Darren Smith and Jonathan Pool would be co-opted on later. If another councillor is needed DM hoped that a suitable candidate would come forward.

DM then read out his Chairman's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

5. TO RECEIVE AND IF FELT FIT TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2010/11

DM gave a report on the Accounts for the year 2010/11. He pointed out that due to an administrative error the precept amount looked as if it was less than the year before, but in fact it had remained the same.

A copy of the Accounts is attached to these minutes.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM ANY OTHER ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE PARISH

Playdays

From the floor a report was given by Jo Willis who was pleased to report that things were certainly looking much better than this time last year with a renewed advertising effort bringing in more children and adults.

A copy of her report is attached to these Minutes.

Badminton

Brian Jackson gave a report on both Senior and Junior Badminton. A copy of his report is attached to these Minutes.

Busy Bees

Marie Jones (Chair of Busy Bees Pre-School Management Committee), gave a report on Busy Bees pre-school. A full copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Report on the Memorial Hall submitted by Tony Brown (Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee)

Tony first reported that unfortunately, like many businesses the Memorial Hall is suffering from the recession. He explained that whilst the hall still had Busy Bess, Playdays and Badminton, the number of bookings for childrens parties were down. The Hall had also lost a few groups this year including Rainbows, The Beane Valley Childrens organisation and Bingo. There were also very few lettings at the weekends. He went on to report that the main problem the Hall was facing was the rise in maintenance costs and insurance costs. Also during the past year the fence which runs down the side of hall had to be repaired, and the cost of electricity had gone up. On a more positive note however the Current Account have £15,000 and the Investment Account £10,000 although interest is minimal on it and Tony pointed out that it was not worth moving money from the Current to the Investment Account.

He went on to say that the Memorial Hall Committee does have an AGM every year and all are welcome. He reported that this year it would be sometime in May.

This year the Committee were planning this to put a new gate in at the entrance of the hall and to also change the heaters in the hall.

Website

Carol Bartels (Website Administrator) gave a report from the floor. She reported that more people are advertising their businesses on the Website. DM enquired whether Great Munden are using the website and it was agreed that they should be contacted to advise them to do so.

Church

Jenny McIntosh gave a report on the Church. A full copy of the report is attached to these Minutes.

Damenders

Linda Young was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report on the Group's activities over the year, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes.

7. REPORT FROM THE CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES

Tony Brown gave a report from the floor and went through the accounts. He explained that the Thrift Club was wound up many years ago and that the interest on the Charities' Investment Fund is what is available to spend.

He reported that there had been no applications in the last year from people applying to use the fund but went on to say that they welcomed applications from people in genuine need and those wishing to do so should get in touch with Tony Brown, Brian Long or Rev David Payne. He also went on to explain that the Little Munden Charities would, over the next 12 months be amalgamated with the

Singleton Charity to further consolidate the Consolidated Charities, easing the administrative burden and bringing the available funds together.

An Accountant's Report to the Trustees of Little Munden Charities and Trustees' Report are attached to these Minutes.

8. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

There were no comments from Parishioners.

9. TO DEAL WITH ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

DM then brought the meeting to a close at 8.55 pm and thanked all those who had attended and those who gave their reports.

The next meeting of the LMPC will take place at Little Munden School on Thursday 19th May 2011.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Chairman

Attachments:

Chairman's Report

Busy Bees Report

Playdays Report

Badminton Report

Consolidated Charities Report

Damender Report

Church Report