

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 23rd October, 2008 at Little Munden School starting at 8.00pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: David Metcalf (DM) Chairman, Anthony Brown (AB) Vice Chairman, Brian Long (BL), Keith Williams (KW), Jonathan Pool (JP), Elizabeth Bacon (EB), Councillors. Margaret Mitchell (MM), Clerk.

Apologies received from:

Jenny MacIntosh (JM), Councillor

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES.

DM proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 25th September, 2008 be taken as read. The minutes were then proposed by LB and seconded by BL as a true and correct account of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING from those minutes.

i. Problem with Post

DM has written to Ivan Smith, awaiting a reply.

ii. Common Land

This item to be held over to the next meeting.

iii. Charity Commission.

DM advised that a letter had been sent to Barbara Springate to thank her for her services over the past six years and to advise her that the Parish Council will now be taking a far more pro-active role in the running of the charities. AB advised that Barbara Springate had contacted him today to say there would be a meeting held up at the church at 10.30 am and asked if he could be present. AB went up to the church but there was no Barbara. David Payne said that she was no longer a trustee. AB found that things were much worse than he had first thought and in fact no monies have been paid because the Bank Mandate has not been changed and David Payne said he was strongly of the belief that he does not have to be Chairman and because the demands on him are so great that he has been unable to do anything regarding the charities. AB advised that the council was meeting tonight and it was anticipated that new trustees would be elected from the council but as the Council does not have a meeting in December he left it that a meeting with the new trustees would be held in the Spring of next year to decide the way forward. It was at the meeting that AB should continue as a trustee because of his knowledge and involvement with the charities and BL as he has good local knowledge of the village. DM felt that we must get things sorted out and therefore he will write to David Payne advising of the new trustees and request that a meeting be held in the new year. DM therefore proposed that AB and BL should be the trustees JP seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

iv. Parish Plan - Draft Surveys.

Copies to be kept in box and held over for discussion at the next meeting. Carol Bartels expressed her wish to be involved in the Parish Plan but obviously under someone else's leadership.

4. PLANNING.

i. New Applications

2/10/08 3/08/1852/FP/JS

Single storey rear extension, 20 Kingsfield Road, Dane End, Herts SG12 0LY

6/10/08 3/08/1684/FP/HS

Single storey rear extension, potters Hall Barn, Potters Green, Dane End Herts SG12 0JU.

ii. EHDC Decisions

3/10/08 3/08/1485/FP

Entrance Gates, Potters Wood Close, Dane End, Ware, SG12 0LD. Permission granted subject to conditions.

iii. Naming and Numbering

None.

7. FURTHER MATTERS ARISING.

- a. The matter was raised about keys for the notice boards containing the Maps of the Parish both for Dane End and Haultwick. DM to contact JG to see if he still has them. No discussion took place on this item – held over to next meeting.

b. Sponsorship/Adopt a telephone Kiosk

Discussion took place and it was decided after further investigation that we will adopt the kiosk in

Haultwick. The cost is £1.00 MM will investigate further and advise BT of our intention but also to ask for a further extension on completion of the agreement. Regarding the Dane End kiosk which we are considering sponsoring. JP raised the matter of any further costs i.e. vandalism etc and he felt BT had not answered his question clearly enough. MM to approach them again to verify the position as clause 4.2 seems to indicate that we would be responsible for these costs. After much discussion it was decided to put the idea of sponsorship and adoption regarding the kiosks in the Newsletter again to see if we can get any response from the parishioners and then make a decision at the next meeting on which way to go. MM to try and get an extension from BT and then a final decision will be made at the next meeting.

- c. **Emergency Planning.** DM brought this subject up again. It was thought that a list could be drawn up with contact numbers. The emergency plan is in the event of a disaster and who should be contacted. JM has produced a contact list and a strategic plan. However it was felt this was not comprehensive enough and MM is going to look into it further.

8. LATE POST

- a. Ltr from S&C Slater Ltd. Re planning a new sports or playground facility. To be held over for next meeting for further discussion.
- b. Ltr from Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils. MM to investigate the cost of membership and we will discuss at the next meeting.

9. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISIONERS

Carol Bartels raised the subject of raising money for a skate board park. She said she had a contact who was very keen to raise money for the park. It was felt that at this moment in time this was not within our remit. JP also said it should also be investigated that this is what is wanted and that is where the Parish Plan would come into play. Therefore, JP felt that in order to proceed with a project of this kind we need some sort of survey to determine what is required by the majority. Then when that information is to hand we could then start to look to see what sort of grant would be available to help fund the project. It was therefore decided that JP would send his original questionnaires to all those with e-mail facility as soon as possible in order that all ideas can be incorporated within his original questionnaires and these can be discussed at the next meeting and a date decided upon distribution of these questionnaires throughout the Parish and a date specified for collection. This was agreed unanimously and JP undertook to forward these as soon as possible.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

AB raised the question regarding the railings and how far they were going to run. They will run from where the water board box is located right down to the little bridge. They will not replace the railings beyond the bridge as the white railings from thereon are ok. They have thoroughly investigated and surveyed the situation and it will be dug out and concreted and reinforced and thus no weeds should creep onto the road. As previously advised they will take the form of crash barriers but specifically designed for rural areas.

The next meeting of the LMPC will be held at Little Munden School at 8.00pm on Thursday 27th November, 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
David Metcalf: Chairman