

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th September 2009 at The Memorial Hall, Dane
End starting at 8.15pm.**

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: David Metcalf (DM) Chairman, Anthony Brown (AB) Vice Chairman, Brian Long (BL), Keith Williams (KW), Jenny Macintosh (JM), Councillors.
Margaret Mitchell (MM), Clerk.

Apologies for absence:

Councillors

Jonathan Pool (JP)
Elisabeth Bacon (EB)

NB: JP Will also not be able to attend the October Meeting.

Members of the Public: 1.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES.

DM proposed that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 30th July 2009 be taken as read. The minutes were then proposed by JM and seconded by KW as a true and correct account of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING from the Parish Council Meeting.

i. **Problem with Post**

To be held over to the next meeting. KW suggested this subject be discussed in the New academic year. (To be held over to October Meeting).

ii. **Common Land**

To be held over to the next meeting. AB advised that John Grisbrooke had approached him about planting some daffodil bulbs on the telephone plot. JG will start planting in October.

iii. **Charity Commission.**

AB had a meeting at his house with David Payne. The Mandates are all complete but there is some problem in obtaining a cheque book but David Payne is looking into this. The account has £1500 pounds on it not as much due to the recession. No payments have been made but two years ago it was agreed that the sum of £250 be paid to the MacMillan Nurses and it was decided to honour that payment. Everything else is running well. The only bone of contention is who should qualify for a payment from the Charity but this will be discussed at the next meeting later in the year.

iv. **Parish Plan.**

MM advised that both Sacombe and Great Munden wish to partake in this project. MM will pass the letters to JP. Sacombe have suggested that they would like us to consider a couple of other items to be included. Great Munden are also willing to partake and Jo Ingham advised MM by telephone that they would undertake the distribution of the Questionnaire and also were willing to contribute to the cost. They will be sending a letter to confirm their intention.

v. **Railings on Munden Road/ Four Ash Trees on corner of Whiteley Close.**

The repair has now taken place. Stuart Kirkham strimmed the weeds between the posts but we will get him to put a systemic weed killer along the railings. MM to get a quote from Stuart for this job. The willow tree has been trimmed. Regarding the 4 Ash trees Highways have had them inspected but they felt the trees were alright. However the trees do not belong to Highways and the Council still reel that the trees should be removed. The quote from Stuart for the removal of the trees and grinding out the roots in the sum of £350 was felt to be so reasonable and that we should go ahead and have them removed when they are bare of their leaves. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

vi. **Horses Meadow/Allotments**

The Allotment new rules and regulations are now complete and MM is to send a copy to each allotment holder and drawing their attention to the addition of the shed rules.

vii. **Oak Tree on the corner of Gladstone Road and Church Lane.**

KW suggested we talk to Stuart regarding the tree and take his advice on what to do regarding its condition. MM will contact Stuart.

Cash available on current account as at 15.09.09 £948.68

Cash available on deposit account as at 15.09.09 £5042.37

The Annual Return for the Audit year ended 31 March 2009 was approved and accepted by the Council.

JP had spoken to DM and requested that he proposed a vote of thanks to MM for her work in preparing the Audit and DM seconded the motion.

The second Precept payment was due anytime and DM said at the next meeting we could discuss perhaps resurfacing the area around the basket ball hoop and some other facilities.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

i. Correspondence sent

Between 06.08.09 and 14.08.09 Various e-mails between MM and Raj Goutam regarding Road signs and the Ash trees.

12.08.09 e-mails between JP and DM re allotments.

August various e-mails between JP and Jane Pitman re village appraisal.

18.08.09 Ltr to Margaret Woods from DM re Stop Bennington Wind Farm Fighting Fund.

24.08.09 Ltr to Mr. S. Russell Chairman of Parish Meeting, Sacombe re Village Appraisal Questionnaire follow up.

ii. Correspondence received

31.07.09 EHC re Ageing well in Hertfordshire.

06.08.09 Stop Stansted Expansion. Stansted Airport Noise Action Plan.

15.08.09 Great Munden Parish Council re Village Appraisal Questionnaire.

21.08.09 Oliver Heald MP re Surgery Dates.

26.08.09 E. Herts Council re Transport in Hertfordshire – Annual Progress Report 2008/09.

01.09.09 Katherine Sexton CDA for Herts Funding Opportunities.

05.09.09 E-Mail Carol Bartels re East and North Herts NHS Trust inclusion on Website.

09.09.09 Dated 23.08.09 BDO Stoy Hayward re Audit Conclusion.(Ltr only enclosed as actual Audit required by MM in case required for inspection).

10.09.09 EHC. Ian Sharratt Completion of Annual Playground Inspection.

Late Post.

Letter from The Mundens Parish Church Council which outlined the repair to the Church Clock Which cost £750. The ongoing maintenance would be £135.00 per annum. The LMPC already Gives a payment of £135 for Churchyard maintenance and MPCC wondered if we Could consider contributing to the cost of the annual maintenance of the Church Clock. It was motioned by DM that we increase the payment to £200. KW proposed and AB seconded there were no objections. MM will organise the payment.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM JULY MEETING.

Item 1. Water Leak at Allotments.

BL has completed the work but has not yet invoiced the Council.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Item 1.

JM asked if the Parish Plan was on hold until Jonathan returns. DM said he will e-mail Jonathan to ask whether he would like to have a meeting and if necessary we could call for an extra ordinary meeting of the Council to discuss the progress.

Item 2.

Beverley of Dane End Stores asked DM whether it would be possible for her son's team from the Chequers at Woolmer Green to share the use of the Football Pitch with Dane End United. Much discussion took place with varying opinions the matter was left that BL would discuss with the Manager and Mr Flack with their opinion on the matter. BL will report back at the next meeting.

Earlier in the evening prior to the meeting moving to the Memorial Hall the Manager of Dane End United was at Little Munden School and he had a discussion with DM regarding the problem they are having with the football pitch because of rabbits. He is having to fill the holes with sand and whereas it used to be just a bucket of sand it is now getting out of hand because of the number of rabbit holes. The matter was discussed but no solution could be found. It was decided to bring the matter up at the next meeting.

Item 3.

The fencing between JP and Russell Parkin along the footpath at the back of JP. This is an ongoing problem and DM will contact JP and Russell to discuss the problem together.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There was none.

DM then closed the meeting at 9.28 pm.

The next meeting of the LMPC will be held at Little Munden School at 8.00pm on 29th October, 2009.

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