

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st July 2011 at Little Munden School.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: David Metcalf (DM) Chairman, Jonathan Pool (JP), Keith Williams (KW), Lizzie Bacon (LB), Tony Bartels (TB), Darren Jones (DJ), Councillors.

Geraldine Ward (GW) Clerk.

Apologies: Jenny Macintosh (JM)

Members of the Public: 1

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES.

DM proposed that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 16th June 2011 be taken as read. The minutes were proposed by LB and seconded by DJ.

It was noted that in the June 2011 minutes the following: “**Vice Chairman** DM proposed LB as Chairman. All were in favour” should read: “DM proposed LB as Vice Chairman. All were in favour”.

3. MATTERS ARISING from the Parish Council Meeting.

i. **Common Land**

The council had had a meeting with a representative from the Countryside Management Scheme regarding the piece of Common Land known as the Slipe. The representative, Ellie Beech was informed by the Councillors DM and LB that the Council wished to reclaim the Common Land for conservation purposes. The representative was able to give some beneficial information so that certain issues could be taken into consideration. A protected variety of snail, the Roman Snail was reported to be present. It was established that there was a lot of tree growth and that the sycamore trees could be thinned out over a period of time. Ms Beech recommended wood piles being constructed to encourage wildlife and she took samples of leaves to identify. It was concluded that due to scale of some of the trees the management of this land would have to be spread over a number of years.

ii. **Charity Commission**

(As per June Minutes). DM spoke to Tony Brown about this. There was nothing to report although there was one case being monitored.

- iii. **Jubilee Walk**
A lot of satisfactory work had been done by Adrian Worthington and an up to date invoice had been received.
- iv. **North Lodge, Rowney Priory**
JM reported at the June meeting, that she was concerned at the building works taking place. JM to check the plans to see if they were in line with the building works. To be held over until the next meeting.
- v. **Tree on side of road up to Whempstead**
It was agreed that there was a need to establish whose responsibility the tree was. JM to action.
- vi. **Damaged Fence at Horses Meadow**
A vehicle had smashed in to part of the fence in the Horses Meadow Car Park. DM reported incident to Community Police Office and was told to report incident on the new 101 number, who asked him to refer matter to local police station. Council felt that this was not a satisfactory situation. It was agreed that Ian Piggot should be contacted to repair the fence as soon as possible. It was discussed whether an insurance claim could be made depending on a quote received from Ian Piggot.
- vi. **Dangerous Manhole Cover**
DM brought attention to the fact that water and soil washing over the manhole cover had removed mortar around it. DM agreed to contact Tony Brown to establish who is responsible for it and to get it fixed as a matter of urgency.

4. **PLANNING**

New Applications

3/11/0766/FP

Proposed new pitched roof to replace existing flat roof over garage and extension. 6 Kingsfield Road, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0LY. **No objection.**

3/11/0876/FP

Alteration to entrance and installation of automated gates and railings. Tinga, Frogs Hall Lane, Haultwick, Ware, Herts Sg11 1JH. **No objection.**

3/11/1066/FP

Erection of barn for storage and garaging purposes with associated landscaping (re-submission of 3/11/0382/FP). Rowney Priory, Rowney Lane, Dane End, Ware, Herts, SG12 0JY. **Resubmission of 3/11/0382/FP. No objection.**

3/11/1142/LB

Listed Building Consent for single storey front extension. Lordship Cottage, Green End Road, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0NS. **No objection.**

3/11/1190/FP

Erection of a single wind turbine up to 86.5 m in height, substation, access tracks and ancillary infrastructure.

Land east of Walkern Road and north and west of High Elms Lane, Benington: Applicant Andrew Bott, RH Bott & Son.

The Council discussed this at length and agreed that JP would draft a letter along the lines of the previous letter of objection for the Wind Farm. DM to relay information to Newsletter.

Re-application

3/11/0229/FP

Proposed two storey side and single storey rear extensions 26, Whiteley Close, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0NB. Resubmission. **No objection.**

Decisions

3/11/0712/FP

Extension to an existing outbuilding and repair works to existing outbuilding within curtilage of listed building, alteration to driveway and turning area.

Tudor Cottage, Whitehills, Dane End, Herts SG12 0JT. **Grant permission.**

3/11/0713/LB

Extension to an existing outbuilding and repair works to existing outbuilding within curtilage of listed building. Improvement of driveway and turning area.

Tudor Cottage, Whitehills, Dane End, Herts SG12 0JT. **Grant permission.**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Correspondence Received

11/7/11 EHC/ East Herts Strategic Land availability Assessment (SLAA) Partnership: Expression of Interest. This letter was aimed at Parish Clerks to join a Committee to express interest as to where proposed new housing could be accommodated in local areas. It was also open to any Parishioners, but not Councillors. DM to pass information for publication in the Newsletter.

(ii) Emails received

21/6/11 Jonathan Pool re Free Activities for 11-19 year olds this summer holidays.
22/6/11 Stuart Kirkham, Telephone Exchange Posts.
30/6/11 Oliver Heald, Ministers Look to Reduce Red Tape.
5/7/11 David Metcalf, Horses Meadow Eucalyptus.
5/7/11 Owl Messaging. New non-emergency number 101 launches at Herts Police.
5/7/11 Owl Messaging Preparing for a safe and secure games.
7/7/11 Hertfordshire Highways East Herts Active Works Bulletin – July 2011 and Member Information Bulletin – July 2011.

(iii) Correspondence Sent

1/7/11 Letter of thanks to D Wheeler for internal audit.

(iv) Late Post

Circular email re willow tree outside Dane End Stores. It was agreed that Stuart Kirkham would trim this back as it was causing an obstruction to the buses driving round the corner into Easington Road.

7. LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH ACTION PLAN

It had been agreed at the November 2010 meeting that the Council would run through each Action Point that had been generated from the VAQ and a progress report would be given by whoever had responsibility for an individual action point, on a monthly basis. The Action Plan has been split into three sections, short, medium and long term plans.

Youth Meeting 19th July 2011

DM reported that there had been an excellent turnout and a total of 16 youngsters, varying in ages were present. The youngsters had produced petitions with signatures for various activities that they would be interested in. The formation of a Youth Club was the most popular. It was suggested that the Memorial Hall would be a suitable venue although there was also a suggestion of acquiring a portacabin to house youth activities. It was also suggested that the children could hold a regular Childrens Market to raise funds for the Youth Club. The Council agreed that the only way forward was

to get adults involved as helpers and that a committee of parents should be formed. DM suggested that the children should get an email group together to keep one another informed. The Council agreed that a plea for parent/adult involvement should be published in red ink in the next Newsletter in advertisement form.

A. Short Term (6 - 18 Months)

(i) Communication with Parishioners: *LB, JMc and Jackie Morris*
Newsletter: Discussion took place regarding possibilities of developing the Newsletter further and it was agreed to discuss at the September meeting.

(ii) Parish Council Minutes: **GW**
A précis of the Minutes to be forwarded to Carol Bartels for inclusion on the website.

(iii) Neighbourhood Watch: **DJ**
As representative for Neighbourhood Watch in Haultwick, Derek Wheeler is to be advised that there is someone else interested who can help.

(iv) Horses' Meadow Detritus: **JP**
Nothing to report except damage to fence recorded above.

(v) Tennis: **JP**
Nothing to report at present.

(vi) Community Policing: **Jackie Morris**
Beat Surgeries still to be published in the Newsletter.

(vii) Dog Fouling: **Council**
Continue to monitor

(viii) Footpath FP1/Little Munden School: **KW**
KW to report at next meeting.

(ix) Mundens.Net 'Traders' Page **TB**
Carol to let TB know if there was anything new on the site and to be relayed to Jackie Morris for Newsletter.

(x) Free Summer Activities for Youth **Council**
To keep village informed of any free activities during the summer months as and when EHC publish them.

B. Medium Term (1-3 Years)

(i) Traffic Calming **Council/JP**
Finance was not available at present for any of these measures.

(ii) Bus Shelter

DM (Herts Highways)
KW (residents)

On hold.

(iii) Youth Informal Meeting Place

DM/LB

As per Youth Meeting above.

(iv) Disability Drop Curbs

DM

A disabled parking space is to be put in to the Fouceley Avenue Flats.

(v) Mobile Phone Reception

KW

KW reported that the Orange mast had been dismantled. KW had spoken to someone from the Council who was doing a survey on Broadband coverage in the area.

(vi) Allotments

DJ

DJ has repaired the stop cock at the allotments and will continue to monitor the metre.

C. Long Term (3 – 5 Years)

(i) Planning

Council

East Herts Development Plan.

(ii) Youth Meeting Place

DM/LB

As per Youth Meeting Report above.

(iii) Skateboarding

DM/LB

As per report on Youth Meeting above, no progress had been made.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

From the Floor, concern was express regarding the tree on the Whempstead Road dropping branches over the road. KW to establish who is responsible for it.

The meeting was brought to a close at 10.10 pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15th September 2011.

Signed _____ **Date:** _____
Chairman