



Minutes of Great Munden Parish Council Meeting
Monday 2nd September 2024 at 7.30pm in St Nicholas Church, Great Munden

Present: Cllrs Janie Wentworth-Stanley (Chairman), Jo Ingham (Vice Chairman) Anthea Cook, Lloyd Wade-Jones
In attendance: Sally Roberts, Clerk. Also in attendance, District Councillor Aubrey Holt and 4 members of the public.

- 2024/38** **To receive and approve Apologies for absence** – apologies received from Cllr Robert Nelson
- 2024/39** **Declaration of Interest from Councillors if applicable - None**
- To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the Agenda – **None**
 - To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests – **None**
 - To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate - **None**
- 2024/40** **To approve minutes of previous meeting.**
Minutes of 8th July 2024 approved as a true record, unanimously agreed, and duly signed by the Chairman. No Matters Arising.
- 2024/41** **Finances**
Invoices paid were signed by Cllrs Ingham and Cook as follows:
- Payment of Churchyard Strimming – (VAT element £16)
- 2024/42** **Planning**
- **Keepers Cottage** – Appeal lodged - Ongoing
 - **High Trees Farm** Bearman’s Lane – Decision, Refused
 - **The Moat House** Old Hall Green – Awaiting Decision
 - **Steen Cottage Nasty** – 2 Applications – Decision, Granted.
 - **Glen Leigh Old Hall Road** – Awaiting Decision
 - **Camps Hill Farm** – Clerk to contact the Planning Officer to request a further extension date of 30th September in order that parishioners’ views can be presented to EHDC. Clerk to prepare a letter to be sent to the Planning Officer outlining GMPC objections by due date should this extension not be granted. District Councillor Aubrey Holt to be copied on all correspondence and will represent the Parish Council’s views to the Head of Planning, The Development Manager and Enforcement Officer - Ongoing.
Action : Clerk
 - **Brockholds Manor** – Clerk to write to Planning Officer with Parish Council objection that retrospective planning should not be granted as this sets a precedent and makes a mockery of those applying for planning permission through the proper channel.
Action: Clerk
- 2024/43** **Vehicles parked on Levens Green**
The Enforcement Officer at EHDC has been contacted and will investigate legislation surrounding Common Land in an effort to have the nuisance vehicles removed. Clerk has already written to the local police non-emergency contact and reported untaxed/vehicles carrying no MOT via the online Government website. Clerk to contact the County Council Legal Team regarding encroachment on Common Land under the Commons Act of 2006. Clerk to also enquire if a horse grazing licence has been granted for Levens Green Common Land.
Action: Clerk

- 2024/44 BOAT 35 – Levens Green (Mill Lane)**
Cllr Ingham reported on BOAT 35, and the continual problems with it's surface, pot holes and general unsuitable condition of where it meets the road. Cllr Aubrey Holt to speak with Cllr Jeff Jones in an effort to resolve. **Action: Cllr Aubrey Holt**
- 2024/45 Domain name change of PC email addresses**
Parish Council domain changes are being encouraged to move from .org.uk email addresses to .gov.uk email address. Grants are available to fund the changeover from the Government. The Clerk has been in contact with the web provider who has successfully secured the grant on our behalf. There will be no extra cost to the Parish Council and email addresses will be updated ASAP.
- 2024/46 EHDC exploring viability of a fully funded tree/hedge planning project**
The Parish Council agreed to apply to EHDC for trees/hedge to be planted on the Common Land at Levens Green. Clerk to contact EHDC with exact location. **Action: Clerk**
- 2024/47 Footpath 7**
Cllr Ingham reported that support has been received to make Footpath 7 into a Bridleway. The Parish Council support this move as do the British Horse Society – Ongoing
- 2024/48 Speed Deterrent Village 'Gateway'**
No further update – Ongoing
- 2024/49 CCTV Cameras at Levens Green**
Clerk has been in correspondence with Service Manager, Licencing & Enforcement at EHDC to request CCTV cameras at the frequent fly-tipping spot. The Service Manager to update the Clerk once the area has been assessed for suitability. **Action: Clerk**
- 2024/50 Any Other Business**
Cllr Ingham reported a general complaint regarding Footpath 1, a walker suffered a fall when trying to walk over the exceptionally large clods of earth – Cllr Ingham to assess the area and this may lead to an enquiry with the Rights of Way Officer. **Action: Cllr Ingham**
- Cllr Wentworth-Stanley reported that The Boot public house at Dane End has closed. Villagers have requested that the community puts in a bid to acquire the premises for community use. They have 6 weeks to bid and 6 months to secure funds. GMPC to support Little Munden in their endeavours where possible. Clerk to write to LMPC. **Action: Clerk**
- 2024/51 Dates of next meetings**
- Monday 11th November – 7.30pm
 - Monday 9th January 2025 – 7.30pm
 - Monday 10th March 2025 – 7.30pm
 - Monday 12th May 2025 – 7.30pm (to be confirmed)

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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