

Minutes of Extraordinary meeting of Westmill Parish Council
held on **Wednesday 9 October 2024**
at **7.30pm** in **Westmill Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Jim Beaven (acting Chairman), Steve Cowler, Anne Downes, Bernadette King
In attendance: Sarah Kubica (Parish Clerk)
4 members of the public

24.63 APOLOGIES

To receive or accept apologies for absence
Cllr Debono and Cllr McMullen for reasons that are accepted
Cllr Beaven was chosen by members present to chair the meeting

24.64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
None

24.65 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow members of the public to make representations in respect of the business on the agenda
Residents present commented that there was wide support locally to retain the current PTRO and that those living near the byway would be particularly affected by noise and unsafe surfaces for walking if the byway were to open to all traffic. A resident contacted Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) as supporting documents on Great Munden 059 had been omitted from HCC's web page for East Herts PTROs. The Great Munden 059 route can be viewed on Great Munden 028 map and comments can be made online regarding either or both byways. A resident asked when the review would be completed and how this would be publicised. Cllrs confirmed the closing date for comments is 31 October and once completed the results of the review will be displayed on the village noticeboard and WPC website

24.66 PTRO REVIEW OF BYWAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC (BOAT) GREAT MUNDEN 028

To consider a council response and to agree comments to be submitted
It was noted by councillors that byways Great Munden 059 and Great Munden 028 were relevant to the parish. WPC previously submitted comments in December 2019 regarding safety for pedestrian, cycle and equestrian users, together with retaining a good surface condition and the peaceful, countryside nature of the route. Cllr Beaven read out the proposed response

Resolved, proposed by Cllr Cowler and seconded by Cllr Beaven to support the present PTRO and submit the response as read, for byways Great Munden 028 and 059. Agreed unanimously and comments submitted online to HCC by the clerk

Meeting closed at 19.49, Cllr Beaven thanked everyone for attending