

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

18th JUNE 2018

Present: Councillors: Emery, Mrs Desborough, Mrs Eves, Mrs Hookaway, Risbridger, Cole, Drinkwater,

Apologies: Councillors: Mrs Berry and Fielding

M014/18: At the opening of the meeting, the Chairman introduced the new Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to the council. The new Clerk, Alan Melton said that he was very happy to be appointed to the position and he hoped to bring some of his experience in local government to enable Manea to thrive as a community and to act as a mentor to members.

He apologised for the lateness of some of the information contained in the minutes, he said he took over from a superb clerk and that he would be a hard act to follow. Some of the information and correspondence was still being sent to Mr Jordan who was very kindly forwarding the correspondence .

Public Forum: Mr Jason Doherty gave an update on the provision of defibrillators for the village, he reported that he was seeking quotations and with the aid of a £2000 donation from Tesco Bag Scheme. There was a possibility of up to 4 defibrillators in different locations.

M015/18: The Chairman led a minutes silence in memory of former Councillor Stuart Smart.

M016/18: Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Berry and Fielding

M017/18: Code of Conduct: The Chairman reminded members of the code of conduct.

M018/18: Declarations of interest. There were none.

M019/18: The minutes of the meeting of 14th May 2018 were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

M020/18: Progress and Actions from the previous meeting:

- Mr Charles Marks was invited to address the meeting regarding the non-adoption of Charlemont Drive. (**M001/18**). Mr Marks asked if the council would adopt the 23 street lights in Charlemont Drive, the request follows the council's decision to adopt the two street lights in Jolley Close. The clerk gave a description of between intentionally unadopted roads and adopted roads. The clerk advised that the Council would be setting a dangerous precedent if it unilaterally adopted the 23 street lights without proper investigation as it was apparently either Cambridgeshire County Council or Fenland District Council who are currently paying for the power to the lights, the clerk said that to adopt 23 further lights would have an impact on the parish precept and until the position of payment was clarified it would be unwise and unfair to impose an additional levy upon the council tax payers. At the request of Councillor Mrs Eves, it was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting, she felt that there is probably a compromise arrangement that could be
- Sensory Room Mrs Desborough reported that the position had not been moved on, she

was concerned about the costs and the Sensory location. However, she reported that the Primary School was shortly to have some building work carried out, she suggested that discussions should take place with the school with a view to share a facility and the costs, whilst building work was being undertaken. Councillor Mrs Desborough agreed to talk to the school and would report back at the next meeting. Members endorsed this line of action.

- Manea Pit: The Chairman reported that the work to the Otter Fence had not yet started, but was due to commence on 19th June. The Chairman reported that the materials had been delivered and were in storage. The Financial Officer reported that he had not authorised any payment at this stage.
- Orchard: The Chairman reported that the Hedges needed cutting, the Heritage Sign was being refurbished, the Notice Board was to be refurbished, new information would be displayed. The benches were to be installed shortly.

M021/18: Village Inspection: Prior to the meeting, members carried out the annual inspection of Village Assets. It was noticed that the play equipment was in a very good condition, it was noted that there was still to be a seat installed on the swing and that a further extension to the climbing frame was due to be installed. It was suggested that the official opening and naming should take place on Gala Day. Members authorised the repairs and replacement of the damaged boards on the skate park. The members endorsed the trimming of the Chestnut tree. The Chairman was to contact the councils tree surgeon. Members agreed to spend £20 on a weed sprayer for the MUGA pitch. Members also inspected the Pavilion, members were impressed by the appearance and general repair and cleanliness.

Members then visited the cemetery. Members were impressed at the state of the cemetery. Members agreed to investigate the widening of the roadway to accommodate vehicles during internments. They were also concerned at the state of some of the older graves and stones. There would be a discussion at the next meeting.

Councillor Mrs Desborough was to request a list Tree Preservation Orders for Manea.

M022/18: Planning Applications: F/YR10/0113/F variation of conditions regarding opening times, Members approved the variations of extended opening to 21:00hrs on Thursdays and Fridays and 9:00 to 16:00 on Sundays at 6a High Street, Manea.

F/YR15/0958/O, Reserved Matters: erection of a 8m high fence at land south and west off Keswick, Station Road, Manea. Members deferred this item as no further information (plans) were available.

M023/18: Police matters: There were none.

M024/18: District and County Council reports, Councillor Buckton (FDC) was not in attendance. Councillor Gowing (CCC) was present and he gave a brief report of county matters. He reported that:

- Temporary mobile classrooms would be installed at the school during the summer holidays.
- The holes would be filled in at Bearts Farm, County Farms are responsible.
- He also reported road closures during the County Councils Road Resurfacing Programme.

M025/18: Parish Lighting, minute **M007/18** refers. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Fenland Council outlining their proposals for street lighting and maintenance update. The estimate for the Repair and Maintenance of the 83 parish lights including power was £4751. Although members thought that this figure was reasonable, they were concerned that the figures differed significantly from the recent estimates, members resolved to defer a decision whilst further details were sought.

M026/18: Financial Matters:**Income**

Manea UFC	Hire of football pitch	£30.00
Manea Netball Team	Hire of MUGA	£15.00
Carp Syndicate	Carp Fishing	£207.00
Co-Operative Memorials	Memorial to John Edward Parr	£97.00
TOTAL		£349.00

Expenditure

A. Melton	Clerk: £864.36 (-£172.87 tax) Expenses: Travel, WHA, Printer and Postage	£902.68
Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerks joining fee and subscription	£138.00
E.on	Electricity for village green (includes VAT of £0.73)	£8.88
E.on	Electricity for sports area (includes VAT of £0.76)	£10.37
E.on	Electricity for pavilion (includes VAT of £3.02)	£28.82
E. Mason & Son	Invoice summary: 2079AM, Village Maintenance February £480.00 2080AM, Village Maintenance March £348.00 2081AM, Village Maintenance April, £954.00	£1782.00
Manea Village Hall Committee	Hire of Hall for Golden Age Fair	£40.00
Manea Village Hall Committee	Hire of Village Hall 14th May 2018	£10.00
Young People of March	36 Sessions for Manea Youth Club	£1374.66
Mrs R Ryman	Cleaning the Pavilion	80.54
Mr M Willmott	Caretaker: S M Guy, Memorial Field	260.00
TOTAL		£4635.95

M027/18 Correspondence: A letter was received highlighting the problem caused by construction traffic in Hunchinson Close. It was agreed to bring this the attention of Councillor Buckton.

A letter was received from Mr Mick Smith, regarding the provision of 30MPH signs to be provided which can be displayed on the side of wheelie bins, particularly in the High Street, Westfield Road and Station Road.

M028/18: The date of the next meeting would be Monday 16th July 2018. preceded by a visit to Manea Pit at 6.00pm

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

Signed.....Chairman

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