

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

15 JANUARY 2018 – 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillor Emery, Chairman; Councillors Cole, Mrs Desborough, Drinkwater, Mrs Eves, Fielding, Ms Hookway and Risbridger.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Berry.

In attendance: County Councillors Gowing and Tierney.

The minutes of the meeting of 11 December 2017 were confirmed and signed.

M114/17 Open Forum

(1) Carp Syndicate membership and fishing fees

A parishioner who is involved in the issue of fishing tickets and the collection of fees in that regard expressed the opinion that there is no need for the Parish Council to change any of the fees which are currently charged for membership of the Carp Syndicate of for day and season fishing tickets or to any of the concessions offered. He made the point that the number of anglers at Manea Pit is reducing and he expressed the opinion that an increase in the fees charged would be likely to reduce that number further.

The Secretary to the Carp Syndicate stated his concurrence with the comments made by the parishioner and he too suggested that the fees for 2018/19 should remain at the current (2017/18) level.

Members decided that the comments of the parishioner and the Secretary to the Carp Syndicate be noted and taken into account when considering this matter at minute M12/17.

(2) Manea Pit

A parishioner enquired as to whether the Parish Council had received re-payment of the money which had been paid to the contractor for the purchase of materials for installation of the "otter proof" fence.

In response, the Chairman commented that he would be providing an update on the "otter proof" fence project, including the financial aspect, as part of the Manea Pit and Community Orchard/Woodland item on the agenda for this meeting (minute M92/17 refers).

Members decided that the enquiry of the parishioner and the response of the Chairman be noted.

(3) Parish Councillor Emery

A parishioner asked the Chairman, Councillor Emery, how many years he had served as a member of Manea Parish Council.

Upon hearing Councillor Emery's response, that by the time of the next local council elections (in May 2019) he would have served 34 years, the parishioner expressed the opinion that it is about time that he should resign from the council.

Members decided that the comments of the parishioner be noted.

(4) Manea Railway Station car park

A parishioner enquired as to whether there is any truth in the rumour that Manea Parish Council is seeking to purchase land to the rear of Manea Station for the purpose of providing a car park.

In response, the Chairman stated that there is no truth in that rumour; the Parish Council had never considered such a matter.

Members decided that the comments of the parishioner and the response of the Chairman be noted.

M115/17 Members' Code of Conduct

The Clerk reminded members of the need to inform the Monitoring Officer at Fenland District Council, via the Parish Clerk, of any changes to the content of their Register of Member Interests forms.

Members decided the information reported by the Clerk be noted and acted upon.

M116/17 Progress on actions from minutes of last meeting

(1) Community resilience (minute M101/17 (1))

Councillor Mrs Eves informed members that she had undertaken additional work, since the last meeting of the council on producing a list of potential "volunteers" who would be able to assist the community in the event of small-scale emergencies in Manea. She mentioned that she had contacted Mr D Vincent, the Health, Safety and Emergency Planning Manager at Fenland District Council, who had provided her with maps and community resilience/emergency planning documentation; Councillor Mrs Eves is in the process of completing that documentation. She added that she would putting together a "grab bag" for use in the event of a small-scale emergency in the village; this would need to be "housed" in an easily accessible location in the village.

Members decided that the current situation be noted.

(2) Possible Sensory Room (minute M101/17 (2))

Councillor Mrs Desborough informed members that both brochures are still being circulated around the members of the council.

Councillor Ms Hookway expressed the opinion that the council should establish the need and demand for the provision of such a facility before considering any other issues in relation to the possible provision of a sensory room in Manea. In response, Councillor Mrs Desborough commented that she is unaware of such a facility anywhere else in the area.

Councillor Ms Hookway expressed the opinion that, in addition to the operational and financial issues in providing a sensory room, it would be very difficult to provide such a facility which would meet the needs of all of the different types of people who might use a sensory room.

Members decided that the current situation be noted and that this matter the council would decide at its next meeting whether to consider any further the possible provision of a sensory room in Manea.

(3) Provision of defibrillators in Manea (minute M108/17)

The Chairman informed members that he discussed with the Watch Commander at Manea Fire Station, Mark Milner, the provision of defibrillators in Manea and that Mr Milner had commented that the Fire Service at Manea possesses a defibrillator and the service would be happy for that one to be "housed" in an external cabinet, so that it could be available for community use; another option could be to have a couple of Manea's fire fighters on-call for defibrillator use.

Councillor Mrs Eves mentioned that Mr J Doherty, a local Community First Responder, had made an application to Tesco for funding for the purchase of defibrillators.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the cost of providing defibrillators in the village should not necessarily be met by the Parish Council; he suggested that such a project ought to be community-led and that options for funding from other sources should be explored.

The Clerk reported that, in accordance with minute M108/17, a defibrillator cabinet designed for external use, for installation in place of the existing cabinet on the exterior of the Rose and Crown public house, had been purchased by the Parish Council. In this regard he read to members an e-mail from Mr J Doherty, a local Community First Responder. In his e-mail, Mr Doherty expresses his thanks to the Parish Council for purchasing the new cabinet and mentions that it had been installed on 3 January 2018 and that the defibrillator and cabinet are fully operational; the new code for the cabinet had been issued to the East of England Ambulance Service and its records have been updated. He enquires as to whether the Parish Council has any storage facilities where they would like to store the old cabinet; if not, Mr Doherty is happy to store it for the time being.

The Chairman mentioned that he would discuss with the Headteacher the possibility of an external wall at Manea Community Primary School being the possible location for a defibrillator.

Members decided that

- (1) the current situation be noted;
- (2) the Chairman and Councillor Cole would explore some potential of sources of funding for the purchase of additional defibrillators;
- (3) the council would consider this matter further at its next meeting.

(4) Request for financial assistance (minute M111/17)

The Clerk read to members the answers that he had received to the questions which the council had decided at minute M111/17 to ask of the applicant, Manea RBL Bowls Club, plus additional questions which he forwarded by the Clerk to the applicant from Councillor Mrs Eves; the Clerk had forwarded to members, in advance of the meeting, the e-mail (of response to the questions) from the applicant.

In summary, the response to all of the questions asked of Manea RBL Bowls Club in relation to its application for financial assistance is:

- the club has 17 members
- matches are played about twice a week during the bowls season (from the beginning of May until the end of August)

- 12 members, 4 of whom are Manea residents, play on a regular basis
- there has been only one new club member (not a Manea resident) during the last year. Despite having advertised in Manea Matters, in both of the local news papers and on three separate Facebook pages, all in April of 2017, the club attracted no additional members
- the club has not sought funding from other sources prior to this, apart from an approach to the Manea Gala Committee. However, no amount was mentioned, just a brief query as to whether they would grant us any funding or not. As it turned out, they turned us down.
- As to the level of funding sought from Manea Parish Council (for the purpose of contributing towards the cost of maintaining the green) the club is happy to leave that to the council selves
- unless the club is able to attract new members, which seems to be extremely unlikely, it will be difficult for its continuance after 2018.

In the light of the responses from Manea RBL Bowls Club, members considered further the club's request for financial assistance from the Parish Council.

One member suggested that it would be more appropriate for the Royal British Legion, rather than the Parish Council (using public money), to provide financial assistance to this Bowls Club.

Given the general "picture", which suggests that the Manea RBL Bowls Club is unlikely to continue beyond the 2018 season, members consider that it would be inappropriate to provide financial assistance at this time to Manea RBL Bowls Club; however, if the membership were to increase to a level whereby sustainability of the club could be assured, the Parish Council may consider favourably an application for financial assistance.

Members decided that

- (1) given the uncertain future of the club at this time (which even the Secretary doubts will continue beyond 2018), the application from Manea RBL Bowls Club for financial assistance from Manea parish Council be refused;
- (2) if the membership of Manea RBL Bowls Club were to increase to a level whereby sustainability of the club could be assured, the Parish Council may consider favourably an application for financial assistance.

(5) Manea Youth Club (minute M112/17 (1))

The Clerk informed members that Young People March Ltd had responded that the cost of it operating Manea Youth Club in 2018/19 would be at the same level as the current financial year.

Members decided that the situation be noted.

M117/17 Planning applications

Members considered the following planning applications and decided to submit to the Local Planning Authority the comments set out (in italics) below:

- (1) Continuation of landfill of stable non-reactive hazardous waste, soil washing and mineral processing within the existing site until 31 December 2031. Retention of 2 no. weighbridges and 14 metre x 8 metre site office building. Extraction of clay. Extension of stable non-reactive waste landfill area. Erection of ready mixed concrete plant, cement silos, 50 metre x 50 metre building for recycling tyres, 50 metre x 50 metre building for recycling plasterboard, 40 metre x 20 metre building for bagging aggregate and 3 no. 14 metre x 8 metre buildings to serve as office, site laboratory and welfare unit. Installation of concrete surface and its use for composting green waste; treating liquid waste; bio-remediation of waste; crushing demolition waste; storing

vehicles and machinery; and ancillary parking for cars and lorries. Alteration of internal haul road. Storage of topsoil and subsoil. Formation of silt settlement ponds at Witcham Meadlands Quarry, Block Fen, Mepal - F/2000/17/CW (applicant: Mick George Ltd) = revised proposal; revision is change of date of continuation of activities from 31 December 2044 to 31 December 2031.

That the application be supported.

- (2) Proposal for 2 silage clamps including extended apron slab immediately north-west of the existing Anaerobic Digestion Plant; new dirty water lagoon to the south of the existing silage clamps, adjacent to existing lagoon; and a new landscaping bund to the south of Byall Fen Drove adjacent to the 2 silage clamps at Holly House Farmhouse, Byall Fen Drove, Chatteris - F/2011/17/CW (applicant: Allpress Farms Limited).

That the application be supported.

- (3) Erection of a two-storey 2-bed annexe ancillary to the main dwelling at The Cherry Tree, 3A High Street, Manea - F/YR17/1205/F (applicant: Mr Danny Pressland).

That the application be supported.

- (4) Erection of a single-storey detached garage to existing property at 29 Westfield Road, Manea - F/YR17/0863/F (applicant: Mr Howard Westgate) = revised proposal; revision is amended scheme re-location garage further into site and amending application site (red line) to incorporate private access road (relevant notice has been served and application form updated).

That the application be supported.

In addition, members considered a pre-application consultation in respect of the erection of one dwelling at the Old Dairy Yard, Manea.

Members decided that the residential development of this site by the erection one dwelling, along the lines indicated on the plans submitted by land owner's planning agent, be supported in principle.

M118/17 Police matters

Although no representative of the March and Chatteris Policing Team was present at the meeting, PCSO Carol Holloway had provided a report detailing recent incidents of crime and disorder which had been reported to the Constabulary, as well as updating the Parish Council on other relevant matters, since the last meeting of the Parish Council. PCSO Holloway's report mentioned that

- there had been no reports of anti-social behaviour in the village
- with regard to the crimes which had been reported to the Constabulary since the last meeting of the council, there had been one incident of theft of batteries, diesel and various hand tools from a chain trencher at Days Lode Road
- the Constabulary continues to undertake high-visibility burglary patrols through the villages
- the Problem Solving Team (PST) had been busy across Fenland, during the last month, in seeking to tackle hare coursing. As a result of activity by the PST, a number of vehicles had been seized and Section 34 Notices had been issued (these notices give the Constabulary the power to disperse from an area anyone who the Constabulary suspects of hare coursing)
- community engagement events continue to be held at the Meat and Eat premises, to enable parishioners to be able to engage regularly on a face-to-face basis with a representative of the Constabulary; the next event is scheduled for 25 January 2018 (to take place between 9.30 am and 10.30 am).

Members decided that the information reported by the Clerk, on behalf of PCSO Holloway, be noted.

M119/17 Reports from District and County Councillors for the parish

Councillor Buckton, the District Councillor for Manea, was not present at the meeting and he had not provided information to the Clerk, for reporting on his behalf to the Parish Council.

Councillor Gowing, the County Councillor for the electoral division which includes Manea, informed members that in response to the gritting concerns which had been raised by a parishioner at the last meeting of Manea Parish Council (minute M99/17 (1) refers), an officer of the Highways Service at Cambridgeshire County Council had met with the parishioner, as a result of which, Councillor Gowing hopes that the issue had been resolved. In addition, Councillor Gowing mentioned that he had visited the depot at which the grit is stored and also has seen the manner in which the undertaking of gritting activity is "triggered" by temperature. He explained how the gritting lorries actually dispense grit onto the public highway.

One member informed the County Councillor of an understanding that the gritting issues which had raised by the parishioner at the last meeting of the council had not been resolved fully; there are still issues in terms of spread at times. County Councillor Gowing undertook to refer the matter to the relevant officer within the County Council's Highways Service.

County Councillor Tierney (the County Councillor for Wisbech West) informed the council that he had been appointed by the County Council's Communities and partnerships Committee as one of five Area Champions; there is one for each district council area and his area is Fenland. He explained briefly the role of Area Champion; in summary, to support local councils and community groups . He is in the process of visiting all of the local councils in Fenland.

County Councillor Tierney made the point that, in delivering the role of Area Champion for the Fenland area, he would not be "stepping on the toes" of the County Councillors for the area. He commented that, given the continuing budget reductions being faced by the County Council, it is necessary for Town and Parish Councils to "step into the breach" in terms of the delivery of certain services for their communities; to embrace "localism". County Councillor Tierney commented that the Communities and Partnership Committee possesses a budget to deliver certain projects etc (these include the Support Cambridgeshire project) and, in future, it may be that each of the Area Champions are allocated with a budget to support activities within their respective district areas. He expressed the opinion that organisations such as the RBL Bowls Club - discussed by the Parish Council at minute M116/17 (4) - may be eligible for support from the County Council; even if that support were not financial, the club could access the expertise of County Council officers in terms of say, fundraising, publicity etc.

County Councillor Tierney extended an invitation to Town and Parish Councils to contact him - his contact details are on the County Council's website: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk - for assistance where necessary.

Members decided that the situation be noted.

M120/17 Public open spaces

- (1) Grounds maintenance - the Chairman expressed the opinion that the maintenance of all of the council's "green" areas - these include the cemetery and the playing fields - is being undertaken to a high standard and their appearance is a credit to the village.

Members decided that the Chairman's opinion, with which they concur, be noted.

- (2) Bench - further to minute M91/17, the Chairman informed members that Councillor Cole and he are yet to undertake the bench installation works but their intention is that this would take place before the next meeting of the council.

Members decided that the situation be noted.

- (3) Playing field - further to minute M106/17, the Chairman informed members that the football club is pleased to now be in possession of keys to the pavilion and that the consequent arrangements for unlocking and re-locking of the building in association with football matches and training appear to operating successfully.

Further to minute M50/17, Councillor Drinkwater reminded members that he had already obtained a quotation from a local supplier of play equipment for the provision of new items of equipment and he informed members that he would be meeting later this week with another supplier, with the aim of obtaining an additional quotation.

Members decided that the situation be noted.

- (4) Pavilion - the Chairman informed members that disposal of the window grilles which had been removed from the pavilion as part of the refurbishment works to the building still needs to be undertaken; disposal would be via a scrap metal dealer.

Members decided that the situation be noted.

- (5) Drainage matter - the Chairman informed members that he had been approached by the Chairman of the Oddfellows, who had asked for the Parish Council to request Anglian Water to undertake clearance works to a drainage dyke on land owned by the Oddfellows.

The Chairman mentioned that the reason for the request is that Anglian Water had undertaken clearance works to an underground storm water drain at the bottom of Bearts Farm Wood, the consequence of which is that the drainage dyke on the Oddfellows' land, which adjoins that site, now fills with water.

Members decided that the situation be noted and that the Clerk would forward the request from the Chairman of the Oddfellows to the Customer Services Team at Anglian Water.

M121/17 Manea Pit and Community Orchard/Woodland

Members considered the setting of fees for Carp Syndicate membership and fishing tickets for 2018/19, taking into account the following factors:

- the current economic circumstances
- current level of membership of the Carp Syndicate
- the level of income that is generated currently from Carp Syndicate memberships and (season and day) fishing tickets
- the need to be able to continue to fund from this income the maintenance of the pit area.

Councillor Mrs Eves informed members that there is little to report at this time in relation to the Community Orchard/Woodland, except for the fact that a work party is scheduled for next Sunday; the work party would be undertaking routine maintenance of trees and hedgerows. She mentioned that, so far, no-one had volunteered to take on the role as Leader of the Manea Community Orchard/Woodland Group.

The Chairman updated members on the situation with regard to installation of the "otter proof" fence; he mentioned that since the last meeting of the council he had made contact with contractor by telephone and had received

subsequently (on 13 January 2018) an e-mail the contractor. The Chairman read to members the e-mail that he had received, in which the contractor states that he has scheduled the installation works for mid-February 2018 and would re-pay to the council, by the end of January 2018, the money which the contractor had been paid the purchase of materials.

Councillor Mrs Eves expressed her concern regarding the fact that over the last couple of months the contractor had given three different explanations for the failure to re-pay the money which had been paid by the council for the purchase of materials. Consequently, she has concerns regarding the integrity of the contractor and, therefore, feels that the council should consider carefully whether it wishes this particular contractor to undertake the "otter proof" fence installation works.

Members decided that

- (1) the cost of Carp Syndicate membership and fishing tickets for 2018/19 be not increased from the current (2017/18) level;
- (2) the update provided by Councillor Mrs Eves on behalf of the Manea Community Orchard/Woodland Group be noted;
- (3) the current situation regarding the work to install the "otter proof" fence and re-payment to the council of the money which had been paid to the contractor for the necessary materials be noted;
- (4) in the event that money paid to the contractor for the purchase of materials is not re-paid to the council by the end of January 2018, the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to undertake appropriate action be taken address the situation.

(Councillors Mrs Eves and Ms Hookway requested that their dissent from parts (3) and (4) of this decision be noted on the basis that they object to the fact that the council is not proposing to re-consider the award of this contract to the current contractor)

M122/17 Financial matters

The Clerk reported on the Parish Council's income and expenditure since the last meeting, as follows:

Income

Fenland District Council	Concurrent Functions Grant: second 50%	£1,300.00
Total Income		£1,300.00

Expenditure

Manea Village Hall	Room hire on 11 December 2017	£10.00
T Jordan	Salary (less income tax of £152.40 and NI of £10.80), other expenses and allowances	£707.85
E.on	Electricity for village green (includes VAT of £1.14)	£23.94
E.on	Electricity for sports area (includes VAT of £1.10)	£23.13

E.on	Electricity for pavilion (includes VAT of £6.65)	£139.72
A Ryman	Pavilion cleaning	£58.59
Ridgeons	Disinfectant fluid (includes VAT of £7.58)	£45.48
Mrs L Eves	Reimbursement of the cost of purchasing Cabinet for defibrillator (includes VAT of £86.25)	£461.25
Doddington Parish Council	Cost of councillors' training (10 sessions at £15 per session)	£150.00
M Willmottt	Caretaking duties	£84.00
Manea PCC	Hire of Church Rooms for Manea Internet Club	£120.00
Cambridgeshire ACRE	Membership 2018/19 (includes VAT of £9.25)	£55.50
Dalrod Drainage Solutions	Drainage investigation (by camera) works (includes VAT of £45.00)	£270.00
Total Expenditure		£2,149.46

In addition, the Clerk reported to members on the levels of funding held within the Parish Council's bank accounts as at 31 December 2017 (in the total sum of £241,165.63), together with the month-end figures for each of the preceding six months and as at 31 December 2016.

Members decided

- (1) upon a proposal from Councillor Mrs Desborough, seconded by Councillor Ms Hookway, that the income of £1,300.00 be noted and that the payments totalling £2,149.46 be authorised;
- (2) that the levels of funding held within the Parish Council's bank accounts as at 31 December 2017, together with the month-end figures for each of the preceding six months and as at 31 December 2016, be noted.

M123/17 Parish Precept 2018/19

Members considered the level of Parish Precept for the financial year 2018/19.

The Clerk presented a detailed report on the Parish Council's income and expenditure for 2016/17 and as at 31 December 2017, the financial position as at that date, estimates of income and expenditure for 2018/19 and various notes to aid members' deliberations regarding the level of Parish Precept to be set, including the facts that

- The difference between the estimated expenditure and estimated income for 2018/19 is £47,487.00. If the council were to set a precept of £47,487.00, this would equate to a charge of £60.96 per Band D (of Council Tax) equivalent property in the parish (compared to £86.17 in the current financial year).
- Manea Parish Council Precept for 2017/18 is 66,010.00.
- The level of Council Tax Support Grant which has been allocated by Fenland District Council to Manea Parish Council for 2018/19 is £452.00 (a reduction from £1,357.00 in 2016/17 and £904.00 in 2017/18). This figure reduces to £452.00 in 2018/19 and ceases in 2019/20.
- The Parish Council was awarded a Concurrent Functions Grant by Fenland District Council of £2,607.00 in 2016/17 and in 2017/18. The estimated receipts figures above show Concurrent Functions Grant income from Fenland District Council (FDC) at the same level as that paid in the current financial year (as has been confirmed by FDC).

- The Community support expenditure figure is based upon average spending during recent financial years (and includes continued funding for operation of the Manea Youth Club and Manea Internet Club).
- Clerk's costs have been increased slightly to take account of the fact that the Government has announced recently an "inflationary" increase of 2%, effective, from 1 April 2018.
- The General/misc. expenditure figure has been reduced for 2018/19, as the cost of insurance cover and audit fees (included currently in that budget) are shown separately.
- Allotment rents were increased from £100 per acre to £125.00 per acre with effect from October 2017, except for those tenanted by Manea Allotment Association (minutes M129/15 and M43/16 refer). There is no opportunity to increase these rents again until October 2020, provided that notice of any increase is given no later than October 2019.
- Burial fees were increased by approximately 10% with effect from 1 April 2013 (minute M161/12 refers). The previous increase had been in November 2010. No increase was made for the 2014/15 or 2015/16 financial years but they fees were increased for the 2016/17 financial year (minute M129/15 refers).
- In accordance with minute M109/15 (3), the council has been making provision, through the budgets for 2015/16 (£10,000), 2016/17 (£37,500) and 2017/18 (£7,000) for the costs of replacing the Category 2 street lights in the village. The total estimated cost to Manea Parish Council of the project has been estimated by Fenland District Council at £53,493.00. Given the recent changed stance of Fenland District Council (FDC), whereby repairs, maintenance and energy costs associated with Parish Council street lighting would in future be funded by Parish Councils, at an estimated cost of between £47 and £67 per column per annum (actual costs would be confirmed by FDC as part of the tendering process), appropriate financial provision has been made within the budget estimates for 2018/19.
- Playing fields expenditure includes contingency provision (of £1,000) for annual skateboard park maintenance (minute M112/15 refers) and increased costs as a result of the caretaking arrangements for the council's community assets (minutes M46/17 (3) and M91/17 (5) refer).
- Members may wish to consider, although not provided for within the draft budget for 2018/19, the allocation of funding for future capital projects (such as replacement of the skateboard park and the pavilion).
- Members included in the budget for the current financial year a sum of £25,000 for highways infrastructure (including bus shelters). To date, none of that money has been committed or spent. No continued provision has been made in the draft 2018/19 budget. Any unspent element of that provision as at 31 March 2018 will become an ear-marked reserve in the council's accounts (so that it is available for spending in future financial years).
- Members had indicated that they may pursue the re-location of street lighting between the railway station and the Wimblington Road/Station Road junction during the 2018/19 financial year (minute M106/17 refers) and the provision of new play equipment at the recreation ground (there may be the possibility of accessing from Fenland District Council some Section 106 Planning Obligations monies towards those costs).
- According to the Practitioners' Guide to Local Council Governance, it is recommended that a local council should possess, as general reserves, a sum equating to three to twelve months of its usual gross expenditure; in the case of Manea Parish Council, that would be a sum (in addition to any ear-marked reserves) of between £16,000 and £64,000. The general reserves of Manea Parish Council currently accord with the recommended level.

Members decided, unanimously, that

- (1) the Parish Council's income and expenditure for 2016/17 and as at 31 December 2017 and the financial position as at that date be noted;
- (2) the estimates of income and expenditure for 2018/19 be noted and approved;
- (3) there be no increase in burial fees for the financial year 2018/19;
- (4) being mindful of the current economic circumstances, the Parish Council's financial position and its desire to be able to continue to meet the needs of the community, the level of Parish Precept for 2018/19 be set at 47,487.00:

(5) the budget for 2018/19 be as set out below:

Receipts	£		Payments	£
Concurrent Functions Grant	2,607.00		Car Park	200.00
Playing field and open spaces	500.00		Playing field and open spaces	15,000.00
General/misc. income	100.00		General/misc. expenditure (including "office" costs)	3,500.00
Burials	5,000.00		Burial costs	400.00
Allotments	2,406.00		Allotments	500.00
Manea Pit	4,000.00		Manea Pit	2,500.00
Verges	623.00		Verges	850.00
Council Tax Support Grant	452.00		Street lighting (energy costs, repairs and maintenance)	7,000.00
Precept	47,487.00		Woodland/orchard	2,400.00
			Insurance	1,700.00
			Audit fees	825.00
			Cemetery maintenance	6,000.00
			Community support	8,000.00
			Sports area	1,300.00
			Clerk's costs	10,000.00
			Elections costs	1,500.00
			Training (Clerk and councillors)	500.00
			Community engagement/consultation	1,000.00
	63,175.00			63,175.00

(6) the council would consider, at its next meeting, possible schemes for the use of the £25,000 highways infrastructure (including bus shelters) provision which is included in the budget for the current financial year.

(Councillors Cole, Mrs Desborough, Drinkwater, Emery, Mrs Eves, Fielding, Ms Hookway and Risbridger declared their respective pecuniary interest in the setting of the Parish Council Precept, by virtue of having a beneficial interest in a domestic dwelling within the parish, but had been granted a dispensation to speak and vote on this matter)

M123/17 Correspondence

Fenland District Council: Rural Affairs

The Clerk read to members a letter from District Councillor Seaton, in which he informs the Parish Council that he had taken on recently, for a temporarily period, in addition to his other Cabinet responsibilities (primarily for Finance), the responsibility for Rural Affairs (held previously by District Councillor King). He invites Manea Parish Council to contact him, at cseaton@fenland.gov.uk, if there are any matters in which he may be to assist the council in terms of matters which would fall within the Rural Affairs remit at the District Council.

District Councillor Seaton gives reassurance that despite what some Parish Councils appear to be thinking, Fenland District Council is not currently planning to review at this time the Concurrent Functions Grant provided to the Parish Councils in Fenland.

Members decided that the content of the letter from District Councillor Seaton be noted.

M124/17 Next meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Parish Council had been scheduled for 19 February 2018, to commence at 7.00 pm, at the Village Hall, School Lane, Manea.

Meeting finished at 9.00 pm

Signature:.....(Council Chairman).

Date:.....