

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

13th AUGUST 2018

Present: Councillors: Emery, Mrs Hookaway, Risbridger, Drinkwater, Mrs Berry, Mrs Eves and Fielding.

Apologies: Councillors: Mrs Desborough and Cole.

Public Forum: Mr Philpot spoke about the pit he suggested that the name of the pit should be changed to something more relevant to the younger generation. Mrs Wise disagreed, the Chairman requested that the item be placed on the September agenda.

Mr Martin Hindrid congratulated the council for the provision of the ramps at the pit for easier access for disabled persons. He asked about the benches, hedge cutting and securing of the skirting of the fence.

Mrs Karen Newell raised concerns about the parking in Westfield Road, Councillor John Gowing, CCC agreed to look into the matter.

Councillor Will Sutton FDC asked the council to join forces with Wimblington Parish Council and Christchurch Parish Council in a joint bid for additional safety barriers along the 16 foot bank.

Mrs Anna Williamson and Mr Graham McDonald expressed their concerns regarding the speed of vehicles, particularly lorries by the Old Methodist Church. Mr McDonald said that there was 7 road egresses along that stretch of road. The Chairman said that the matter would be passed to the village speed watch.

M052/18: Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Desborough and Cole

M053/18: Members were reminded of the code of conduct

M054/18: Declarations of interest. There were none

M055/18: The minutes of the meeting 16th July 2018 were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman

M056/18: Progress and actions from previous meeting: The Clerk reported that he was waiting for revised costs from Fenland District Council regarding the street lights in Chalemont Drive.

The Chairman gave a progress report regarding the Manea Pit Otter Fence. He stated that he and a number of members had snagged the work and were happy that the contractors work was completed satisfactorily, he confirmed that he had authorised the Clerk to pay the account. He confirmed that a working party was being formed to re-install the benches and that the skirt was being staked down. It was confirmed that the hedge would be cut during September. The Chairman also confirmed that the work to secure the top of the gates to prevent otters climbing over is now in hand.

Councillor Mrs Eves raised a number of points regarding the fence, she stated that she did not believe that the work was completed satisfactorily and that the gates were not fit for purpose, she also said that the gates could not be opened from both sides and should be self closing. Councillor Mrs Eves was concerned that the provision of the fence did not meet the Equalities Act. The Clerk agreed to look into the matter.

The Chairman stated that the latches will be looked at again and the self closers would be adjusted. He refuted suggestions that the gates were not fit for purpose.

The Chairman then went onto thank all members and volunteers who had helped clear up the mess around the pit and cemetery after the recent storms. The Chairman and the Clerk had agreed that the unsafe branches and boughs should be dealt with immediately. A contractor was appointed and the work carried out.

The Chairman had nothing to report regarding open spaces.

Defibrillators: The Clerk reported that that he had drawn a cheque in favour of the British Heart Foundation for £600 to purchase the first defibrillator, he also reported that he had received a further invoice from Safety Tec of £4059.00 for the provision of two more defibrillators. The council resolved to pay this account as the money from Manea Gala, Stainless Metalcraft and Tesco bag scheme would cover the cost. If there was a small shortfall the council agreed to pay the difference. The Clerk was asked to check the insurances to ensure that the equipment was insured.

Cemetery: The Clerk reported that he had advertised for tenders for the extension of the road in the cemetery.

Bus Shelters: There was nothing to report regarding the Bus Shelters, the Clerk informed the council that he had sent all the details to Cambridgeshire Highways. The Clerk reported that he had informed the police about the pit vandalism.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from **MAGPAS** thanking the council for its generous donation of £750.

M057/18: Planning Applications: The council offered no comment on planning applications F/YR18/0698/F. Erection of a Hobby Room at 32 Westfield Road.
F/YR06/1277/F. Variation of conditions, alterations to 83/-85 Charlemont Drive.

M058/18: Police matters: there were none.

M059/18: Report from **County Councillor John Gowing (CCC)**. Councillor Gowing reported that the planning permission for the mobile at the school will be dealt with as delegated powers, county highways are looking are looking at major alterations to Boots Bridge.

M060/18: Provision of water stations field side of the pit fence. Members voted 4-2 not to support the provision of water stations.

M061/18: Financial Matters. The Clerk reported that he had contacted Lloyds Bank regarding On-Line-Banking.
The monthly finance report was agreed and authorised to pay the accounts. (see appendix 1).

M062/18: Request for safety barriers along the 16 Foot Bank. Members unanimously agreed to join forces with Christchurch Parish Council and Wimblington Parish Council in making a joint bid for funding from Cambridgeshire County Council for safety barriers along the 16 Foot Bank.

M063/18: 30mph signs for wheelie bins. The Council deferred any decision about the provision of 30mph stickers until further information regarding effectiveness was available, the Clerk to look into the matter.

M064/18: Correspondence: The Clerk reported that he had received a Freedom of Information Request from John Elworthy of the Cambs Times regarding the investigation into FACT. The Clerk reported that he sent all the documentation to Mr Elworthy and complied with the request.

M065/18: Date and time of next meeting at Manea Village Hall, Monday 10th September 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date:.....

Appendix

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL - FINANCE REPORT - 13th AUGUST 2018

Income

Manea Football Club	Hire of Pitch	30
Manea Fishing Club	Pit Fishing	115.5
Post Office		302
Manea Gala	Donation	1500
Manea Gala	Hire of Field	150
Hanchets	Memorial, Mrs Lemmon	170

Expenditure

A. Melton	856.45
E. Mason & Sons	3618
Ridgeons	14.38
Manea VH	10
Richard Yardy	48
FJS Services	150.72
G. Fowler	85
EoN	69.11
M. Willmott	268
Alama Ryan	83.35
British HF	600

Totals	2267.5	5803.01
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