

## MANEA PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

12th NOVEMBER 2018

**Present:** Councillors: Emery, Mrs Desborough, Mrs Hookaway, Mrs Eves, Mrs Berry, Risbridger, Cole and Drink water

**Apologies:** None

**Presentation:** At 7.00pm there took place a presentation of a cheque and plaque from Stainless Metalcraft Ltd of Chatteris, celebrating the installation of the defibrillators. Stainless Metalcraft Ltd had kindly donated £250.

The Chairman thanked Stephen Buttriss from Stainless Metalcraft Ltd, he also thanked TESCO for their donation. Malcolm Willmott was thanked for the donation from the GALA committee. Jason Doherty was also thanked for his help and advice during the purchase and installation of the defibrillators.

**Public Forum:** Mr Christopher Harrison raised the problems in Wisbech Road particularly, excessive speed, he was most concerned that little had been done to resolve this problem. Mr Harrison was also very concerned that motorists were using the junction at Wisbech Road and the High Street as a roundabout. He was also concerned about a possible development on the "S" bend. The Chairman stated that the Police would be asked to monitor the speeding and other infringements around the village. The Chairman also said that the development at the "S" bends would be discussed at a later agenda item (6).

Mr Malcolm Willmott raised the lack of and faded signs around the park, members resolved to replace the fading signs and install more NO DOGS warning signs. Members also resolved to prosecute anyone who contravenes this request. The Chairman reported that footballers were still finding dog excrement on the field.

Mr Willmott also reported that the Football Club were using the pavilion as a store. It was agreed to contact the Football Club to clear the kit.

Mr Kevin Grantham raised the matter of the defibrillators and the number of First Responders. The Clerk said that there would a discussion at item 5.

**M099/18:** Members were reminded of the code of conduct.

**M100/18:**Declarations of interest. Mrs Eves declared a non-pecuniary in item 6 (F/YR18/0967/F. She stated that she would not speak or vote.

**M101/18:** The minutes of the meeting 15th October 2018 were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**M102/18:** Progress and actions from the meeting 15th October.

- **Adoption of street lights**, Charlemont Drive. The Clerk reported that he would be bringing a paper to the next meeting to formalise the agreement to adopt the street lights in Charlemont Drive.

The Clerk also said that he would be bringing a policy proposal to the council, regulating future requests for the adoption of street lights in un-adopted developments.

- **Open Spaces**, the Chairman asked the Clerk to purchase some new chemical to treat the water at the pit. The Parish Council will now be responsible for the maintenance of Pump Corner open space. The bench in the Orchard has been replaced. The Chairman stated that

a new bench would be installed to the memory of Former Councillor Ian Woodard. Members resolved to ask the Fenland District Council Dog Warden to undertake regular patrols of the park. A letter was to be written to the football club regarding the parking of vehicles at the emergency exit from the park/pit.

- **Street Naming**, members were informed that there had been some considerable correspondence regarding the council's rejection of the proposed names for the development at Land South and West Keswick, Station Road. The developer had proposed: Leyzan Gardens and Leyzan Close. Members had informed Fenland District Council of their objection. However the developer originally had reservations about the council's wish to name the development after local WW1 heroes. The developer has now agreed to consider the Parish Councils suggestions. Members agreed to submit to FDC and the developer the following names: Coppers Gardens and Smart Close. These names represent families who lost more than one person in WW1.
- **Defibrillators**, Mrs Eves reported that there was to be held training sessions for potential first responders, to be held at the Royal British Legion Club, starting on 12th December at 7.00pm. Mrs Eves hoped that as many people as possible would be welcome. It was agreed that members would talk to all of the organisations in the village, informing them of the opportunity.
- It was agreed that the final (5th) defibrillator would temporarily be placed on the workshop elevation at 14-16 Charlemont Drive until the positioning at the station could be resolved.
- Tree at Anabelle Close, The Chairman informed members that Haines Tree Services had been engaged to trim the tree and the willow tree at the pit.

#### **M103/18: Planning Applications:**

- **F/YR18/0957/F**, Erection of a detached workshop/garage to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing outbuilding at 5a High Street, Manea. No Objection.
- **FYR18/0967/F**, Erection of 2 storey 3-bed dwelling involving the demolition of existing outbuilding at Land East of 6 Westfield Road, Manea - Object. Reasons:
  1. Lack of suitable access
  2. The site represents over development
  3. The site suffers from flooding issues
  4. Note: Work has already started, trees and asbestos have already been removed
  5. Request a site inspection.
- **FYR18/0974/O**, Erection of a dwelling (outline application with matters committed in respect of access layout) at: Land East of Bungalow, Ireton's Way, Chatteris. - Noted

**M104/18:** The Clerk reported that he had a **Police Report**, only one item was reported for Manea - Hare Coursing.

**M105/18: Report from District and County Councillors.** Councillor Buckton (FDC) reported that the charge for Brown Bin collection would remain at £40 and £36 for those who pay by direct debit. He also reported that the new contract for the management of the Leisure Centres would result in a saving of £350,000.

Councillor John Gowing (CCC) reported that work at Bedlam Bridge was underway. He also reported that the work the Boot's Bridge was scheduled to start in January 2019, however, there was a possibility that the work could be delayed because of power cables. If this was the case, work would not start until September 2019.

Councillor Gowing also stated that if the work was delayed, he would press the County Council to install the revise stop signs. He also reported that a meeting had been held, the Chairman complained that he had not been invited as had been promised!

Councillor Gowing reported that the Grit bin had been delivered.

**M106/18:** Financial Matters, The Responsible Finance officer presented his report and financial update. The income and expenditure is attached at appendix 1.

**M107/18: Proposed closure of Boot's Bridge.** Members expressed concern at the lack of buses during closure. It was aware that Stagecoach would not be running a service during the work period. Members said that this was un-acceptable and urged the County Council to look at this situation as many Manea residents, particularly senior citizens would be severely inconvenienced. Stagecoach should also be asked to justify their actions, as the County Council subsidises their operations. Councillor Gowing is to raise the issue with Cambridgeshire County Council, stating that people from Manea would be cut off! Members asked the Clerk to invite a representative of FACT to the next meeting, to ask if they could lay on a service.

**M108/18: Major Development A142.** The Clerk reported that there was to be a significant increase in gravel extraction adjacent to the A142 Chatteris to Mepal Road. Lorry movements along with other traffic including from the Leek Factory and the Gas Converter would increase to an estimated 1000 movements per day. This would have a significant impact on commuters from Manea travelling towards Ely/Cambridge. The A142 is already up to capacity and is already subjected to serious delays. Cambridgeshire County Council (Highways) should look at ways to alleviate this problem including widening the road, the cost of which should be met by the gravel companies and associated businesses along the route. The Clerk was asked to write to Cambridgeshire County Council (Highways)

**M109/18: Highway Issues:** The Chairman reported that the state of the roads in and around Manea were in a disgusting state, there were potholes than ever, no serious attempt had been made to repair them. Nothing had been done in Wisbech Road, gully's were still blocked since last winter. This is totally unacceptable. The Clerk is to write to CCC and to Stephen Barclay MP. Councillor Gowing (CCC) would also raise the issue with the County Council.

**M110/18: Emergency Plan:** Mrs Eves reported that the Emergency Plan was due for review. She asked if the 5 councillors who had been involved would assist her in reviewing the plan. She would also contact all those from various organisations who previously helped. The work should be carried out November/December 2018.

**M111/18: Correspondence,** The Clerk read the correspondence received.

- A letter of thanks from East Anglian Children's Hospice thanking the council for the £500 donation
- A communication from MAGPAS was received asking for a donation towards a new helicopter. Members resolved to discuss this at the next meeting.
- A Temporary Prohibition Traffic Order was received regarding the road closure at either side of the railway gates overnight 28/29 January 2019
- A letter was received from Fenland District Council regarding the elections in 2019. The cost was advised as £2,844.90 for an "all out" election and £291.08 for an un-contested election.
- There was a request for a map and details of the walks around the pit.
- A Letter was received from Fenland District Council regarding the precept for 2019/2020, members agreed to discuss the precept at the January meeting.
- A letter was received from a resident of Jolley Close regarding the repair to a street light. Members agreed that this could not be discussed or until the agreement with Fenland District Council is in place.

**M112/18:** The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Royal British Legion and the whole community for the attendances and participation in the remembrance events, marking the Armistice 100

years ago 11th November 1918. Young and old alike had proudly shown their respects and gratitude.

**M113/18: Date and time of next meeting: Monday 17th December 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.**

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm**

**Signed.....Chairman**

**Date.....**