

## MANEA PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

17th DECEMBER 2018

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

Apologies: Councillor Cole.

Public Forum: Martin Hindry informed the council that he had cleaned the 30mph signs in the village. He asked if the signs could be replaced with larger signs. The Chairman reminded Mr Hindry that the signs belonged to Cambridgeshire County Council and that the Parish Council would not replace the signs. However the Chairman undertook to raise the matter with the Highways Officer.

Mr Hindry reported that the signs at Biggins Corner and opposite the Rose and Crown were worn and the Wisbech Road sign was damaged, these matters will also be raised with Cambridgeshire Highways.

**M114/18:** Members were reminded of the code of conduct.

**M115/18:** Declarations of interest, there were none.

**M116/18:** The minutes of the meeting 12th November 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**M117/18: Progress and actions from the meeting 12th November 2018:**

- **Dog fouling in the park:** The Chairman reported that there had been several reporting of dog fouling in the park and on the football pitch. Members agreed that the police should be informed and the dog warden at Fenland District Council. The Chairman reiterated that the Council would not hesitate in prosecuting irresponsible dog owners.
- The Chairman reported that the memorial bench to Ian Woodard had been re-sited.
- The Chairman reported that the CCTV over the MUGA pitch was not working, members agreed to authorise repairs.
- The Chairman reported that the fence around the Pit had been vandalised again, straining wires were damaged and the gate catches had been cut. It is obvious that this is being carried out by a disgruntled resident as tools would be needed to carry out this vandalism. The Clerk reminded members that the repairs would have to be financed by the council taxpayers of Manea and would be reflected in the precept.
- **Street naming. At M102/18** members agreed to suggest the names of Coopers Gardens and Smarts Close, for a new development land South and West of Keswick Road. However, it was reported that there was a family named Smart living in the vicinity. It was decided to ask the developers to consider: Coopers Gardens and Coopers Close.
- **Defrillators:** Mrs Eves reported that the 5th defibrillator was fitted temporarily to her garage. The Chairman reported that Network Rail would install the defibrillator at the Station in due course, subject to the defibrillator box fitting on the platform. The Clerk agreed to send to FDC the dimensions. Network Rail also said that they would employ their electricians to install the unit.
- **Highways issues:** The Chairman mentioned that he had met with Les Middleton, the Highways Officer, regarding the state of the roads in Manea. Mr Middleton was conducted

around the village and gave an undertaking that repairs would be carried out as soon as practical.

- **Tree at Annabelle Avenue.** The Clerk reported that the Council had received a quotation to prune the tree and make it safe. The Council resolved to accept the quotation of Haine Tree Services Ltd for £550 plus VAT.
- **A142.** The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the councils concern about the proposed increase in traffic on the A142. The Highways the Officer did not share the councils concern, the letter stated that on current assessments there would be no significant increase traffic. The councils response is "we are concerned for the FUTURE increase in traffic and that the A142 has not been considered for an increase in capacity. It was agreed to write to Chatteris Town Council, Mepal, Doddington, Wimblington and March Town Council for support.
- **Emergency Plan:** Mrs Eves reported that she had updated the names and contacts for emergency planning, a comprehensive list was distributed to all members and interested parties.

**M118/18: Planning Applications:**

F/YR18/1036/F	Erection of 4-bed dwelling with attached garage at plot 4 Site of former 26 Park Road, Manea	No Objection
F/YR18/1060/F	Erection of single storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 49 Charlemont Drive, Manea.	No Objection
F/YR18/1026/O	Erection of 4no dwellings (outline), Land North of 16a to 22 High Street, Manea	No Objection
F/YR18/1080/F	Erection of 2 x 2 storey dwellings involving the demolition of existing dwelling. 37 School Lane, Manea.	No objection in principle but concerns about the parking area and turning
F/YR/18/1085/F	Erection of 2 x 2 storey 3 bed dwellings including demolition of existing wall.	No objection
F/YR18/1071/CERT	Certificate of lawful use of part change of use of workshop to dwelling. North of Reaburn House, Fifty Road, Manea	No objection
F/YR18/1074/F	Erection of 3-storey 5/6 bed dwelling and detached garage. Former 96 Westfield Road, Manea.	No objection
F/YR18/1103/VOC	Anaerobic Digester, Ireton's Way, Chatteris. Change of conditions	Noted
F/YR18/1121/O	Erection of 2 dwellings, rear of: 26 High Street, Manea	Object: Change of use. Back land development and poor entrance visibility.
Proposed Motocross track	Land at Block Fen Chatteris	Resolved to continue to oppose development

**M118/18: Police matters:** None to report.

**M119/18: Reports from: District and County Councillors:**

- **Councillor Buckton** of Fenland District Council reported that he had checked with FDC about the criteria for street naming, he said that our present proposals caused no problem and did not infringe guidelines.
- **Councillor Buckton** also reported that there was to be no changes to the current practise of disposing of clinical waste. People can still take clinical waste to pharmacies or doctors surgeries. The only time that FDC would charge is if they had to collect waste direct from a householder, there were only 9 such case in the whole of Fenland.
- **Councillor Gowing** was absent, however he had informed the Clerk that the County Council had arranged with Stagecoach to run buses to March via Bedlam Bridge whilst Boots Bridge was closed for rebuilding for the duration of the 22 week period.

**M120/18: Financial Matters:** The Responsible Finance Officer presented his report.

See attachment appendix 1.

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that he had heard from Fenland District Council, they had confirmed that they were holding the sum of £63,688. This money is earmarked for leisure purposes.

**M121/18: Adoption of 23 Street Lights in Charlemont Drive, Manea.**

- The Council unanimously agreed the following resolution:
- This council formally agrees to adopt the 23 Street Lights located in Charlemont Drive, Manea. On a date to be agreed between the Charlemont Drive, Road Adoption Committee and Manea Parish Council.
- Adoption means that the council will become responsible for the power, repair and maintenance of the street lights.
- The Parish Council will have to adjust the precept to reflect the added revenue costs.

**M122/18: Adoption of future and present Street lights in Manea Parish.**

- The Council unanimously agreed the following resolution:
- This Council resolves NOT to enter into any adoption of Street Lights placed on any development that has NOT been adopted by Cambridgeshire County Council.
- The Council will adopt Street Lights where the Cambridge County Council have adopted the road, or where local residents have taken responsibility for the adoption of the road by way of funding the adoption upgrade themselves. This will apply to existing developments and future developments. This is subject to adoption and the completion of the work. *Evidence will be required.*
- The Council will NOT adopt Street Lights on any existing or future development where a private management arrangement exists.

**M123/18: Skate Park:** Councillor Mrs Desborough said that the current Skate Park was yet again in a state of disrepair and that it should be replaced as it is 15 years old and started to cost a lot of money to keep safe and in repair. Councillor Drinkwater agreed that it should be replaced as it was likely to cost the council several thousand pounds a year to maintain. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Mrs Desborough that the Skate Park be re-placed, utilising the £63,688 that has been earmarked by Fenland District Council for leisure purposes. The Clerk pointed out that the New Skate Park would cost in excess of £100,000. It was agreed that the

Council would find the balance from existing capital reserves. The Clerk was also asked to seek any external funding that may be available. The Council then unanimously agreed to the following resolution.

- This Council asks the Clerk to negotiate with Fenland District Council, regarding the provision of a new Skate Park, at the Park, Park Road Manea Park.
- Asks the Clerk to report back to the Chairman and Council to update and for decision.

**M124/18: Donation to MAGPAS.** Mrs Desborough reported that MAGPAS had written to the council requesting a donation towards a new Emergency Helicopter. Mrs Eves asked how much money was left in the budget for donations and support for local causes. The Clerk reported that the sum of £8000 had been set aside for donations and that there was currently a balance of £6000 for this financial year. Mrs Eves asked if there was a set criteria and protocol in distributing grants, the clerk stated that the present criteria was very ambiguous, it was agreed to look at the criteria and set up a new policy for the next financial year. The Chairman proposed from the chair that a sum of £2000 be donated to MAGPAS towards the provision of a New Helicopter. Members agreed that as Manea was a rural settlement, they would grant £2000 towards the New Helicopter. The Clerk was to check if this would be classed as a revenue item or capital donation.

**M125/18:** Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 21st January 2019.

**This part of the meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

**Signed:.....Chairman**

**Date:.....**

**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL - FINANCIAL REPORT - 17th DECEMBER 2018**

**Income**

MUGA Hire	25
5 a side	60
Mr and Mrs Rolfe	666
Mr Raven	466

**Expenditure**

A. Melton	Clerk	1323.83
Manea Village Hall	Hire	10
Young people of March		1374.66
E.On	Power	475.57
Cole Properties (Manea) Ltd	Cemetery	375
Mrs A Ryman	Cleaning	87.78
Local Council Support	Training	75
Ridgeons	Cleaning	46.64
D. Newman	Cemetery	250
Malcom Willmott	Caretaker	317.132
E. Mason & Son	Ground	2628
MAGPAS Donation for new helicopter		2000

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Note: Clerks pay includes re-imburement for supplies including: Chemicals for Pit, Stationary, RBL £395			
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Balance at the bank :

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