

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

18th FEBRUARY 2019

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

Councillor John Gowing, CCC

Apologies: Councillor David Cole. Councillor Mark Buckton FDC

Clerk: The Clerk reported that Councillor Fielding was no longer receiving correspondence from the council, including agenda's and minutes, the Clerk reported that he had posted the documents to the last known address for Councillor Fielding, only for them to be returned by the Post Office. Although Councillor Fielding is a member of the council until the May elections, the council agreed with the clerk that no further correspondence should be sent to Councillor Fielding's address. It was pointed out that if Councillor Fielding was minded to attend a future council meeting, the relevant documents are posted on the Council's website.

Public Forum: Mrs Mead-Blandford stated that she would be objecting to planning application No: **F/Y19/0115/F**. Members noted her comments

Mr Danny Newman introduced himself as the new Deputy Chairman of the Gala Committee, he requested that the council make a donation to the Gala Committee for the Gala of 2019. The Clerk advised Mr Newman to write to the council with more detail, the members would consider the request at the March meeting.

M140/19: Members were reminded of the code of conduct.

M141/19: Declarations of Interest, Councillor Mrs Eves declared a non-pecuniary in Planning Application, F/YR19/0115/F

142/19: The minutes of the meeting 21st January 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

143/19: Progress and actions from the meeting 21st January 2019,

- **Open Spaces:** The Chairman reported that the vandalism to the fence had been repaired as reported at M130/19. He reported that there had been further minor damage to the fence. The Clerk reminded members that the cost of repairs was being met by the council taxpayer of Manea. Mrs Desborough proposed that a reward should be offered to whoever reports the perpetrators which would lead to a successful prosecution. Members decided not to offer a reward at this stage.
- **Street naming:** The Clerk reported that no progress could be made in changing the street names of Smarts Close and Smarts Gardens. The Clerk suggested a small interpretation board explaining the reasoning behind the naming, emphasising the military and remembrance of the Smart brothers during World War 1
- **Tree at Annabelle Avenue:** The Chairman reported that the work had been carried out.
- **New Skate Park:** The Clerk reported that he was in contact with Phil Hughes at Fenland DC, preparations would be made for a public exhibition. The Clerk also reported that he had made contact with the Mick George Community Fund and the Amey Community Fund, he had received the application forms for grant aid towards the cost of the new Skate Park.
- **Car Park Resurfacing:** 2 tenders had been received to date.

- **Allotment Access Road:** 2 tenders had been received to date.
- **MUGA repairs:** The work has been carried out. It was reported that the MUGA lights were on continuously over the weekend of 16/17th February. This had been remedied.
- **Future Development: M137/19:** The Clerk reported that he had had initial discussions with FDC and Cambridgeshire Acre regarding the future development of the village. He reported that after the FDC elections in May 2019, FDC would start work on a new Core Strategy. He reminded members that this was the time that members would have to seriously consider the type and scope of development Manea would like to see. The clerk emphasised that it was important that Manea Parish Council engages with this process as soon as the May elections had taken place. He warned that if Manea Parish Council did not engage, numbers of houses at allocations would be imposed by higher authorities!
- **Boots Bridge:** The clerk reported that he had met representatives of the County Council and the Contractors. He reported that the bridge repairs should be completed by 31st May 2019.

M144/19: Planning Applications

F/YR19/0115/F	Erection of single storey dwelling involving the demolition of existing outbuilding at land North East of 6 Westfield Road, Manea.	The council objects to this application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application is no different to the previous application. • Over development • Over looking • Inadequate access and egress onto a dangerous bend.
F/YR19/0136/F	Stable retention and extension at: Wisbech Road, Manea.	Defer application until a planning application is received for associated house and infrastructure.
F/YR18/0132/0	Appeal at The Old Dairy Yards, Westfield Road, Manea. Erection of a dwelling	Support appeal provided that the road and entrance concerns are mitigated.

M145/19: Police Matters: None to report

M146/19: Reports from District and County Councillors:

- **Councillor Buckton** circulated a report from Fenland District Council regarding Environmental Enforcement.
- **Councillor Gowing** reported that there had been a meeting of the March Transport Committee, he reported that the county council were looking for "shovel ready" projects to carry out as the county council had extra government funding for road repairs. The county council was also looking at new traffic movement models. The county council was also looking to set up a skill time banking scheme. Wimblington was already participating. Member asked the Clerk to contact Wimblington Parish Council to ascertain is Manea could benefit from a similar scheme.

M147/19: Financial Report: The Clerk presented the Financial Report of the councils' finances. Members accepted the report and authorised the payments to be paid as per schedule.

M148/19: Members considered a request for funding from **Manea United Strikers** (Youth Teams) to help purchase two fold away goals. the council resolved to donate £318 towards the cost, which represents 50% of the £632 total cost.

M149/19: Church Toilets: Mrs Berry reported that the Parish Church wished to build new toilets for the use of the congregation during services and events, she reported that the estimated cost was likely to be around £40,000. Members resolved to defer any decision to offer financial help until further details were available and the £40,000 cost could be justified.

M150/19: Orchard Workshop: Mrs Eves requested that the council support an Orchard Workshop which would study and encourage the preservation of wildlife, also to provide items such as bird boxes. Members fully supported this initiative.

M151/19: Correspondence: Young People of March, had written to ask if the council required their services in providing youth support until the end of the year, when the hire agreement of the hall ran out. The Council agreed that YPM continue their good work with the youth of Manea. YPM submitted their quotation for the work, the sum of: £5498.64 was accepted.

The council received a letter from Stainless Metalcraft of Chatteris, requesting that a member of the council be invited to meet Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal at a reception celebrating the Stainless Metalcraft Community Fund. The Council unanimously agreed that Councillor Mrs Eves should be our representative on Friday 29th March 2019, as she was the main driver of the Defibrillator Project.

M152/19: Date and Time of next meeting: At the request of the Chairman the next meeting would be held on Monday 25th March 2019. In the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL - FINANCIAL REPORT 18th FEBRUARY 2019

Income

U11's/9's	25	
MUGA	135	
5 a side	45	
Clarke	170	Burial

375

Expenditure

A. Melton	852.57	Clerk
Cambs Acre	57	Membership
S. Emery	240	Fence repairs
EnTC	270	MUGA repairs
Hain Tree Sevices	1410	Tree surgery
Michael Mead	995	Web site
Wave	202.05	Water
Manea Village Hall	20	Room Hire
EoN	445.94	Power
PKF Accountants	360	Audit
YPM	1374	Youth Club
M. Willmott	239.4	Caretaker
LCSS	50	Training
Mrs A Ryman	81.67	Cleaning
Manea United Strikers	318	Donation

6915.63

Balance at the bank:

Current

Account £118,894.17

Business

Deposit 85,017.33