

**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON
18th January 2021**

The meeting was a virtual meeting using the Zoom electronic system.

Present: Councillors: Mrs Eves (Chairman), Mrs Coupland, Bonos, Cundell, Cole, Emery, Marks, Pratt and Short.

Alan Melton (Clerk)

Councillor John Gowing CCC

M117/21: The Clerk reminded members of the motion at minute M001/20 regarding virtual meetings.

M118/21: Public Forum: There were no questions.

M119/21: Apologies: Councillor Janet Coupland

M120/21: Members Code of Conduct: Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct.

M121/21: Declarations of Interest: Councillor Marks declared an interest in all planning applications. Due to his membership of FDC Planning Committee.

M122/21: Progress and actions from previous minutes.

- **Bus Shelters:** The Clerk and Councillor Cundell reported that work to the Bus Shelters had ceased due to an operative hitting an undetected underground cable. Councillor Cundell reported that UK Power had made the cable safe. The Clerk and Councillor Cundell have been in contact with the contractors, they are reluctant to continue with the work as the operatives are no longer prepared to complete the work. The Clerk reported that he was continuing to negotiate with the contractors, however he had opened a discussion with a local contractor. Members would be updated as soon as further information was available.
- **Notice Boards:** The Chairman, (Councillor Mrs Eves) gave a short presentation regarding the notice boards, Councillor Eves reported that she had written a short report regarding the state of the notice boards. Member agreed unanimously to authorise the RFO to spend £1350 on refurbishment.
- **School Crossing:** The Clerk reported that Cambridgeshire Highways were not prepared to commence recruitment or installation of the School Crossing until after the Covid-19 emergency. Members asked the Clerk to write back to CCC complaining that this was unacceptable.

M123/21: Planning applications

F/YR20/0801/F	Storage Building, Land West of 57a Station Road, Manea	OBJECT: There are not enough details regarding the overall development of the site.
F/YR20/1254/F	First Floor Extension, 40, Station Road, Manea	No Objection
F/YR20/1257/F	Change of use from restaurant to HMO, 7 Station Road, Manea	OBJECT: Over development. Lack of parking Overlooking neighboring rear properties.

M124/21: Police Matters, The Chairman Mrs Eves, reported that there were no issues.

M125/21: Reports from FDC and CCC Members. Councillor Marks (FDC) reported that he was making progress with the street light repairs. He also reported that there was on going discussions regarding the signs at Boots Bridge. Councillor Gowing (CCC) gave a short presentation regarding CCC activities.

M126/21: Maurice Short Pavilion: The Clerk opened a discussion regarding the Maurice Short Pavilion. The Clerk reported that he had consulted widely, and the general opinion was that the Pavilion was no longer fit for purpose. The facility falls short in modern day standards. Members unanimously agreed that the Clerk should further survey the site and look at alternative options, including:

- Siting
- Confirmation of required facilities
- Sketch details
- Grant aid
- Partnership working
- Costs

Members agreed that this was a long-term ambition. The Clerk would look at options and formulate an action plan.

M127/21: Finance Reports: The RFO presented the financial report and accounts for payment, members received the reports and authorised the payments of the accounts.
(see attached)
Members again asked the RFO not to pay the outstanding account of £7006.08 to FDC until all the lighting issues had been resolved.

M128/21: Precept and Budget 2021/2022: The RFO gave a presentation regarding 2021/2022 Budget, **members unanimously accepted the budget recommendation as set out: -**

There are now 887 homes, an increase of 34 homes from 2020/2021. I have therefore calculated that this would yield a further £2,197.76. Raising our income to £57,340.76 on a standstill budget.

However, the forecast expenditure is £99,489. Forecast income is £33,068. I am therefore recommending that the precept is raised to £61,000 and the balance of £5,421 from cash reserves.

The Recommendations are:

- **The Council approves a forecast expenditure of £99,489.**
- **The Council accepts a forecast income of £33,068.**
- **The Council sets a precept of £61,000 or £68.77 per annum on a Band D property, this equates to a rise of £4.13 per annum or £0.34 per month.**
- **The balance of £5,421 to be met from cash reserves.**
- **The Council resolves not to increase fees and charges for the financial year 2021/2022.**

M129/21: Flooding: Members received an update on the recent flooding incidents in the village. Members agreed to set up a small working party to review the Emergency Plan to include Flood Protection and emergency equipment.

M130/21: Parish History: The Chairman (Mrs Eves) thanked Mr Martin Hindry for the work he has carried out in compiling a History of Manea. Members undertook to send copies of old historic papers they may have to Mr Hindry.

M131/21: Correspondence: The Clerk reported correspondence from MAGPAS, members agreed to discuss the letter at the next meeting.
Members made no comment on a proposed planning application at Fodder Fen.

M132/21: The date of the next meeting: Monday 15th February 2021.

M133/21: The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

M134/21: Confidential Items:

It was resolved to exclude members of the press and public due to the confidential and contractual matters. The Clerk gave an update on Land Matters.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL - FINANCE REPORT - JANUARY 2021

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>		
MUGA	205	hire	A. Melton	1587.75	Clerk
Pit	262.5	C. Fishing	M. Willmott	405.41	Caretaker
Lloyds	0.77		FJS	58.24	Repairs
			Ridgeons	9.59	Repairs
			S. Emery	160	Repairs
			Microsoft	59.99	Software
			EoN	406.88	Power
			Wave	416.02	Water
			A Ryman	71.93	Cleaner
			HMRC	941.35	PAYE
	468.27			4117.16	

Balance at the bank:	
Current Account	68309.58
Deposit Account	85505.84
Total	153815.4

