**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**19th September 2021**

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

Councillor John Gowing (CCC)

Alan Melton (Clerk/RFO

**M098/21: Public Forum:** Mr. Martin Hindry asked a question regarding the keys to the MUGA. Councillor Coupland assured Mr. Hindry that all possible steps are taken to safeguard the security of the MUGA.

Mr. Malcolm Willmott reported that the Manea Gala would take place in the S M Guy Park on Saturday 9th July 2022. Mr. Willmott also requested that the Council approve the use of the park to hold a “Gala Picnic in the Park” which would include Hot Food, Licensed Bar and Picnic Boxes etc.

Mr. Willmott was seeking Council approval.

**M099/21: Apologies:** Councillor Bonos and Councillor Cole.

**M100/21: Code of Conduct,** Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct.

**M101/21: Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**: Councillor Marks declared an interest in F/21/0555/0, as he is a member of FDC Planning Committee.

**M102/21: The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2021**. With the addition of Councillor Emery’s attendance which had not been recorded, the minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

**M103/21: Items arising from the previous meeting**.

* **Bus Shelters:** The Clerk reported that the contractors engaged to install the Bus Shelters had let us down again, they are now proposing to install the Shelters at the end of November.

Members found this un-acceptable and asked the Clerk to seek a local contractor to install the shelters sooner.

* **Notice Boards**: The Chairman (Councillor Mrs. Eves) gave an update regarding the installation of the notice boards. Mrs Eves also circulated a copy of the proposed interpretation notice board.
* **Telecom Mast:** The Clerk reported that O2 would be surveying the Village shortly.
* **Gravel in the Skatepark**: The Clerk reported that he had not seen the contractor yet.
* **Allotment Road**: Councillor John Gowing would ask for the availability of plainings from Cambridgeshire Highways.
* **Composting toilet:** No progress due to illness.
* **School Crossing:** The Clerk reported that the work had been commissioned and that the pro-forma invoice would be paid after the meeting.

**M104/21: Planning Applications: F/YR21/0555/O**. 5 Houses at Fodder Fen, Manea, (Minor Amendment). Members objected to the application and recommended refusal as before.

**M105/21: Police Matters**: The Chairman had circulated a report to members (Confidential)

**M106/21: Reports from FDC and CCC Councillors.**

* Councillor Marks (FDC) reported that he was surveying the streetlights.
* Councillor Gowing (CCC) reported that Glebe Close resurfacing was complete. Money was now available from CCC to Clear Ditches.
* Councillors Marks and Gowing were to facilitate a meeting between FDC/CCC/MPC and Anglian Water to discuss the drainage and flooding problems in the village.

**M107/21: Financial Matters:** The RFO presented the Income and Expenditure accounts, members accepted the report and authorised payment of the accounts. (*attached).*

The RFO presented a draft budget for 2022/2023. Members agreed to examine the report and make suggestions for the 2022/2023 budget.

**M108/21: MVAS:** The Council agreed that at this stage no further action could be taken.

**M109/21: Queens Jubilee:** Members agreed to support the proposal presented buy Mr. Willmott for a Picnic in the Park to celebrate the Jubilee.

**M110/21: Station Road Measures**: Members will continue to seek a solution to the speeding problem in Station Road.

**M111/21: Tree Planting Scheme**: Councillor Pratt presented a survey and report regarding a survey of all the trees in the village. Members endorsed the report and would seek quotations to conduct any remedial work.

**M112/21: Manea Emergency Response Plan**: The Chairman (Mrs. Eves) asked for all volunteers to be contacted for updates. Councillor Marks reported that training had been arranged and hoped to greet more volunteers. Mrs Eves will be contacting volunteers.

**M113/21: Correspondence:** Notice was given regarding a Planning Appeal by Public Enquiry. As the proposal was closer to Chatteris no action would be taken.

**M114/21: The date of the next meeting: Monday 18th October 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.**

**M115/21: Confidential Item**:

* **Station Car Park:** The Clerk, Councillors Coupland and Emery have a brief update.

**M116/21: The meeting closed at 9.45pm**

**Signed……………………………………………………………………………………………………Chairman**

**Date……………………………………………………………………………..**