**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**17TH JANUARY 2022**

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

Alan Melton (Clerk/RFO.

M164/21: Public Forum, Mr Malcolm Willmott raised the question of the additional container for the storage of Gala/Sports equipment. Councillor Emery reminded members that the previous council had approved the siting of a new container, the installation was delayed due to lack of funds and Covid-19. However, the funding was now available. Members agreed that Councillor Emery would meet Mr Willmott, and ascertain the amount of space required, arrange a clear out of redundant kit and report back to the next meeting.

Mr. Martin Hindry asked members to remember that some Parishioners were experying financial difficulties and hoped members would take this on board when setting a precept. The Chairman Mrs Eves assured Mr Hindrey that members were aware of the current circumstances and that there was help and reliefs for those in difficulty.

M165/21: Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillors, Bonos, Cole, Marks and Gowing (CCC).

166/21: Code of Conduct, Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct.

167/21: Declarations of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary interests. Mrs Eves declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6. F/YR21/1500/RM. As she is a friend of the applicant.

168/21: Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2021 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

169/21: Progress and Actions from previous meetings.

* Bus Shelters: The Clerk reported that the work would be completed on 25th January 2022
* Cemetery Repairs: The Clerk reported that the Cemetery repairs were progressing, the gates had been reinstalled after refurbishment and the fence was being re-painted.
* School Crossing: The Clerk reported that no person had applied for the post of “lollipop” person. Therefore, the crossing would be delayed until the new financial year.
* Containers: This was dealt with at M164/21.
* Speed watch: It as reported that no volunteers had come forward to take over the supervision of the MVAS. Councillor Mrs Coupland confirmed that Roger George had been presented with a voucher as a vote of thanks for his work on behalf of the community.
* Trees. Councillor Pratt reported that the work to the park trees had been delayed but would commence shortly.

170/21: Planning Applications

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| **F/YR21/1500RM** | Land North of 16A-22 High Street Manea | **Approve**, However  Concerns of over development remain.  Highway issues still concern |
| **F/YR22/0019/PIP** | Land North-West 11 Glebe Close, Manea | **Strongly Object**.  Back land development. Glebe Close already very congested. Over development |

M171/21: Police Matters. A report of the recent Police Liaison Committee had been circulated.

M172/21: Reports from District and County Councillors: There were no reports as Councillors Marks (FDC) and Councillor Gowing were absent due to illness.

M173/21: Financial Matters: The RFO presented the Income and Expenditure Account and the Accounts for Payment. Members agreed the report and authorised the RFO to pay the accounts.

M174/21: Budget and Precept 2022/2023: The RFO presented the annual budget for the fiscal year 2022/2023.

The Budget estimates include:

* Expenditure of £117,123.00
* Income of £52,068 .00
* Increase in the council tax base to 911 homes
* Increase in precept to £77.43 band D property
* Total increase £3.66 per annum/30.5p per month/0.07p per week.
* Raising a precept of £65,055 which produces a balanced budget.

Main Changes

* Contribution to Maurice Community Pavilion £10,000
* Contribution to re-placement streetlights £5,000
* Increase in salaries and energy costs.

A proposal by Councillor Emery and Seconded by Councillor Coupland moved acceptance

of the budget unanimously.

Members thanked the RFO for the preparation of the budget.

M175/21: Maurice Short Community Pavilion: The Clerk reported that Alan Lamb (Consultant) was working on the revised proposals, the Clerk reported that he had forwarded the tree survey, and the pavilion may need to be moved by 4metres to avoid the cost of piling the foundations. Councillor Pratt asked that if the overall area of the football pitches would be preserved, the Clerk assured him that the pitches would remain to Football Association standard.

M176/21: Manea Matters: The Clerk offered to draft an article for the next edition of Manea Matters.

177/21: Bus Shelters – Notice Boards. Councillor Cundell presented a proposal to install Notice Boards inside of the bus shelters. Members agreed to accept the proposals for a cost of £820 + VAT.

The RFO was authorised to pay a pro-forma invoice.

178/21: Correspondence: Members were pleased to receive a report of the activities of Manea Youth Club. Members were impressed with the footfall post Covid-19.

There was an introductory letter from the new Community Warden Jacqui Gooch.

179/21: Date and time of the next meeting – Monday 21st February 2022 at 7.00pm.

180/21: Emergency Plan: Member received the latest revision of the Emergency Plan

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed…………………………………………………………………………………..Chairman

Date…………………………………………………………..