**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2022**

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

Alan Melton (Clerk and RFO) Councillor John Gowing (CCC)

**M201/21: Public Forum**: There were no public comments or questions.

**M202/21: Apologies**: Councillors, Bonos, Cole and Pratt.

**M203/21: Code of Conduct**. Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct.

**M204/21: Declarations of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary interest**s. Councillor Marks declared a pecuniary interest in Item 6, Planning Applications as a member of FDC Planning Committee.

Councillors Eves and Coupland declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 6. (Friends of the applicant)

**M205/21: Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting 21st February 2022 were received and agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

**M206/21: Progress and Actions from the previous minutes**:

* **Notice Boards**: Councillor Cundell reported that the shelter notice boards were fitted and complete. The Chairman thanked Councillor Cundell and Councillors Emery and Short for their help installing the boards.

The Chairman suggested that advertising space could be made available to local business the

advertising notices should be no bigger than A4. Maximum of 2 boards per shelter, the charge to be £5 per board per month.

* **Electoral Review**: The Clerk gave an update of the timetable of the Fenland District Ward review.
* **Queens Platinum Jubilee**: Councillor Emery asked for an update regarding the tree planting scheme. The Chairman reported that Councillor Pratt has the matter in hand. The Chairman also reported that the Artists in School were going to work with Manea Primary School, the Chairman suggested that the school asked for an application form for a council grant.

**M207/21: Planning Applications**.

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| **F/YR22/0229/CERTP** | Certificate of Lawfulness at, 2A Willow Drive, Manea. | No Objection |

**M208/21: Police Matters:** The Chairman circulated the latest Police Liaison meeting report.

**M209/21: Reports of District and County Councillors:**

* Councillor Marks (FDC) Reported that the fly tipping in the layby in Wisbech Road had been removed. Work was continuing regarding flooding; Councillor Marks reported the meeting and walk by himself and the Clerk. Water pressure issues were being investigated.
* Councillor Gowing (CCC). Reported that CCC was working on a new Transport Strategy. A leaflet will soon be distributed regarding re-cycling with the aim to encourage to increase re-cycling in the County. The final cost of Wimblington Road repair £780,000.

**M210/21: Financial Matters**. The RFO presented the income and expenditure accounts and the accounts for payment. It was proposed by Councillor Emery and seconded by Councillor Short, that the accounts be paid. The RFO reported that the end of the budget year was 31st March 2022, he reported that he had received the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), He asked for authority to pay any due accounts before 31st March 2022, ahead of the next meeting, 25th April 2022. Members agreed.

**M211/21: Maurice Short Community Pavilion**. The Clerk reported that tenders were being sort for the design of the raft foundation. The Clerk reported from the meeting of Councillors: Bonos, Cole, and Emery with representatives of the Football Clubs. The meeting was positive, with only a request for more toilets in the ladies changing room. The Clerk assured members that as soon as the final draft is available, all members of the Council will be able to comment/approve/disapprove before submission for planning consent.

**M212/21: Young People of March:** It was with regret that members were informed that YPM were no longer going to provide youth services in Manea from May 2022. Councillor Cundell expressed regret, stating that there had been a number of reasons including, lack of support, a few discipline issues, no internet connection in the Village Hall and no room to kick a ball around. However, both Councillor Cundell and the Clerk are seeking alternative providers and hopefully Youth Services will soon start again.

It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to the Young People of March thanking them for their work and support in previous years.

**M213/21: Application for Grant.** Manea Festival Committee will be running a Gala in 2022 and the celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The Committee requested grant aid for the supply of bunting for the streets of Manea. After a detailed discussion with Mr Malcolm Willmott, it was agreed to fund around 50% of the cost of the bunting, approximately £700. Mr Willmott was advised to order the bunting and submit an invoice to the Clerk/RFO for payment. All members agreed.

**M214/21: Defibrillators**. Members agreed to a request from The Chairman, Mrs Eves, for funding for new batteries and pads for the defibrillators. The cost was around £600, there was funding in the original budget, however, the RFO pointed out that £150 had been set aside annually for the repair and maintenance of defibrillators. Members agreed to release this money as soon as an invoice/request was made.

**M215/21**: Correspondence. The Clerk reported that there would be no verge cutting during the month of May 2022 as part of the “No Mow May” initiative. The report was noted!

**M216/21**: Citizens Advice. The Clerk presented a letter from Rural Cambs. Citizen Advice requestion a grant from the Council. Members agreed to donate £200 from the s137 fund.

**M217/21: The date and time of the next meeting: Monday 25th April 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.**

**The meeting ended at 8.45pm**

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

**Date………………………………………………………………………**