**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**20th JUNE 2022.**

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

Alan Melton Clerk/RFO.

**M021/22: Public Forum**: Malcolm Willmott thanked the Parish Council for their support for the Jubilee Picnic in the Park. Mr Willmott reminded members that the Gala was taking place on 9th July 2022 and preparations are well advanced.

The Chairman Councillor Eves thanked Mr Willmott and all those who helped.

**M022/22: Apologies**: Apologies were received from Councillor John Gowing (CCC).

**M023/22: Code of Conduct:** Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct.

**M024/22: Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**. Councillor Marks declared his pecuniary interest in agenda item 6. He is a member of Fenland District Planning Committee.

**M025/22: Minutes**: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2022 were accepted again signed by the Chairman.

**M026/22: Progress and actions from previous meetings**:

* **Ditch Clearance**: Further details are awaited from Middle Level
* **Footpath Maps**: In hand
* **Skatepark:** The Clerk was asked to write to Bendcrete regarding remedial works to the Skatepark
* **Flooding:** Councillors Coupland and Marks reported that they had a meeting with Cambridgeshire County Council regarding flooding issues and the state of the roads and footpaths. There were a number of flooding areas that needed attention, in some cases the problems were caused by lack of cleaning of gully’s and the lack of gully’s in Wisbech Road and Station Road.
* **Manea Pit**: It was reported that a number of trees around the picnic area had been damaged but had been reinstated. It was noted that the area was very overgrown. Councillor Emery reported that green algae were causing significant problems on the water, it was inhibiting fishing and need to be dealt with. It was agreed to approach Middle Level with a view to hire a cutting boat to clear the algae.
* **Campsite Toilet**: Further information would be available after 16th July 2022.
* **MUGA:** It was agreed to increase the deposit for the hire of the MUGA from £5 to £10.

**M027/22: Planning Applications**:

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| **F/YR22/0580/F** | Extension at 61 Charlemont Drive, Manea | No Objection. Controls on pollution. |
| **F/YR22/0602/TE1** | Base Station etc. Park Road Manea | Strongly Approve |
| **F/YR22/0637/F** | Extensions at 6, East Street, Manea | No Objection |
| **F/YR22/0703/F** | Proposed Menage, 10 Station Road, Manea | No Objection.  Control on late flood lighting |
| **F/YR22/0709/0** | Up to 5 dwellings, land East of: Station Farm, Fodder Fen, Manea | Object. Outside the development area, agricultural land, greenfield site. Sets precedent. |
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**M028/22: Police Report**: Councillor Mrs Eves circulated the Police Report.

**M029/22: Report from District Councillor**: Councillor Marks (FDC) reported a number of road issues including:

* State of Byall Fen Road
* Poor white lines on corners
* Further work to Fifties
* Manhole collapsed in Wimblington Road
* Dropped Kerb in Glebe Close
* Move the Station sign from Byall Road to Wimblington Road

Councillor Marks stated that all these issues had been reported to FDC and CCC and work to remedy the situation would hopefully be carried out in the near future.

**M030/22: Financial Matters:** The RFO presented the financial income and expenditure accounts and the accounts for payment. Members agreed that the RFO pay all invoices.

**M31/22: Annual Accounting and Governance Statement (AGAR).** The RFO gave the members a detailed breakdown of the annual audit, the RFO explained the variances, members noted the financial position. The Internal Auditor had audited the accounts; the audit was successful with no issuing of any notices.

**M32/22: Maurice Short Community Pavilion**: The Clerk gave a brief update on progress to date.

M33/22: Fenland Local Plan: The Clerk submitted a report to members regarding the latest draft of the Fenland Local Plan. Members made it quite clear that none of their suggestions had been adopted by Fenland District Council. The draft did not make any allowance for growth, infrastructure, affordable housing, green space and business provision. It was agreed that the Clerk would make early representation to Fenland District Council. I was noted that the draft plan would be open for consultation from July 2022.

**M34/22: School Crossing**: The Clerk reported that there had two applications for the post of School Crossing Officer. Members agreed to inform Cambridgeshire County Council of this development and agreed to fund the position of School Crossing Patrol.

**M35/22: Jubilee Beacon**: Members were advised that a beacon was owned by the Parish Council but was currently in the Royal British Legion car park. Councillor Marks proposed that the beacon should be permanently posited on the garden at the junction of School Lane and Station Road. Members agreed to make further enquiries regarding this proposition.

**M36/22: Gala:** The Chairman (Mrs Eves) asked for members support at the Manea Gala. The Clerk and Councillor Bonos would provide large copies of the latest draft pavilion plans for exhibition at the Gala.

**M37/22: Review of the Pit management pl**an. Councillors Emery, Short and Cundell with the Clerk would review the Pit management plan.

**M38/22: Correspondence:** The Clerk reported that trees were overhanging Jolly Close again. Councillor Pratt would check with Global Tree Services if these trees were part of their remit. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr Doggett regarding the streetlight outside of his property in Westfield Road. Members were advised that the streetlight did not appear on any survey conducted by Cambridgeshire County Council, Fenland District Council and Manea Parish Council. Manea Parish Council have never adopted the streetlight or have ever maintained it.

Members considered the option of adopting the streetlight; however, it was pointed out that there were several streetlights in Manea that the Parish Council did not own. The Parish Council was not prepared to set a precedent by adopting any new streetlights that were not up to adoptable standards or on private un-adopted roads. It was pointed out that the residents of Charlemont Drive had paid for their streetlights to be adopted. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Doggett and explain our position.

**M39/22: Date of next meeting: Monday 18th July 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.**

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

**Date:………………………………………………………………………………………**