

**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
21st June 2021
In the Village Hall**

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

Alan Melton (Clerk/RFO), Councillor John Gowing (CCC).

M042/21: Public Forum.

Mrs. Deb Watson asked if the works to the Pit Gates was complete, Councillor Emery stated that the work was continuing, and the final model will ensure that everybody should be able to access the Pit area.

M043/21: Apologies, there were none.

M044/21: Code of Conduct. Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct.

M045/21: Declarations of Pecuniary Interests: Councillor Marks declared his interest in item 6, Planning Applications as a member of Fenland District Council Planning Committee. Councillor Cole declared an interest in F/YR21/0555/0, he has land close to the application site.

M046/21: Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May were presented and adopted.

M047/21: Progress of Minutes of previous meetings:

- **Bus Shelters:** The Clerk reported that ProEdge Construction had been appointed to carry out the groundworks for the Bus Shelters, ProEdge would liaise with Luckman, the Bus Shelter installers.
- **Notice Boards:** The Chairman (Councillor Mrs. Eves) reported that work was progressing well. She reported that she had located an aerial photograph of the Pit area. The cost of purchasing the photograph for use on a notice board would be £75, members agreed to the purchase of the photograph.
- **Flooding:** There were no further updates.
- **Football Pitch Grant:** The Clerk and Councillor Bonos were pleased to report that the grant of £24,000 had been approved subject to the Parish Council granting a further £12,000.
- **Station Car Park:** The Clerk reported that himself, Councillors Coupland and Bonos were to meet officers and members of FDC at Fenland Hall on 22nd June 2021.
- **Station Road Survey:** There followed a long discussion regarding a survey of Station Road residents to ascertain their views regarding road safety and speeding issues. Members agreed in the first instance that the Clerk write to Graham Hughes, Director of Transportation Cambridgeshire County Council for an “on site” meeting.

M048/21: Planning Applications:

F/YR21/0403/F	Erect single storey dwelling at: Land South of Keswick Road, Manea	Object: Over development of the site
F/YR21/0542/F	Barn Conversion, Block Fen Drove, Chatteris	No Objection
F/YR21/0549/0	8 Dwellings at 12 School Lane, Manea	Object: Over development, poor access onto narrow lane, remote parking is unacceptable, sets a precedent.
F/YR21/0555/0	5 Dwellings, Fodder Fen, Manea	Object: Outside of the development area, sets a precedent.
F/YR21/0564/TRTPO	Works to Oak Tree	No Objection.

M049/21: Police Matters, the Chairman had nothing to report.

M050/21: Reports from FDC and CCC members. Councillor Marks (FDC) reported that he was still pursuing various safety issues, as he had not been well, he was limited to what he could do. Members wished Councillor Marks back to the meeting and wished him a complete a full recovery. Councillor Gowing (CCC) said that there had been no meetings of the new County Council, he was waiting for confirmation of policies that the new administration would pursue in the Fenland Area.

M051/21: Maurice Short Pavilion: The Clerk reported that he and Councillors Emery and Bonos had had a meeting with Cambridgeshire FA regarding a grant for the re-construction of the Pavilion. The FA had offered an initial £25,000 and would advise on the design of the new building. The Clerk reported that he had a list of potential funders which he would approach for funding.

M052/21: Financial Matters: The RFO presented the monthly income and expenditure accounts and invoices for payment. Members agreed to accept the report and authorized the RFO to pay the accounts. (*see attached*). The RFO reported that £215 had been raised so far from the sale of Bird Boxes. Councillors thanked Mrs. Eves for the hard work she had put into this project.

M053/21: Annual Accounts and AGAR. The RFO presented the annual accounts, he reported that expectations and budget had been severely impacted because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The RFO gave a presentation regarding the annual AGAR. The internal auditors' report was presented, there were no issues to report. Members received the report and authorised the RFO and Chairman to sign off the annual AGAR for presentation to the external auditor.

M054/21: Trees: Councillor Mark Pratt presented to the council a report regarding a current tree survey and possible sites for more trees and hedgerows. Councillor Cole requested that provision should be made for low hedging and bushes to attract smaller birds. Members approved the approach and thanked Councillor Pratt for his work.

M055/21: Composting toilet facilities: Following a complaint regarding human waste and dog waste around the pit. Councillor marks suggested a composting toilet. Members agreed to pursue the provision, the Clerk and Councillor Marks would report further.

M056/21: MVAS: Members discussed the recent mal functions of the MVAS in Station Road, A quotation of £3500 had been received for a replacement unit. Members deferred a decision, pending further discussion and alternative prices.

M057/21: Caravan and Motor Home Club: The Council had received an enquiry regarding the use of council owned land for the Caravan Club to use for rallies, there could be up to 20 caravans. Members agreed not to allow the Caravan Club to use the Pit area or the Park. There are no facilities installed for such use.

M058/21: Hutchinson Close: A resident of Hutchinson Close asked if the Council would be prepared to allow a “wild grass” area on the grassed areas of the close. Members pointed out that the grasses areas were owned by Roddons Housing and Fenland District Council.

M059/21: Correspondence: There was no further correspondence.

M060/21: The date and time of the next meeting was noted: Monday 19th July 2021 at 7.30pm.

M061/21: The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL - FINANCE REPORT - JUNE 2021

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>		
Allotments	500	Rent	A. Melton	1796.95	Clerk
King	200	Memorial	C&S Timber	140	Planters
Pit	362.5	Day Tickets	E Mason	1032	Grounds
MUGA	50	Hire	Vision ICT	210	Web
Pit	42	Day Tickets	A. Ryman	80.96	Cleaner
Fishing	720	Carp	R. Mandley	300	Audit
Birds	215	Boxes	S. Emery	90	Repairs
Lloyds	0.73	Interest	EoN	25.97	Power
			M Willmott	607.54	Caretaker

2090.23

4283.42

Balance at the bank

Current Account	58100.05
Deposit Account	85321.23
Leisure Account	4070.54
	147491.82