**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**HELD ON**

**19th JULY 2021**

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

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

**M062/21: Public Forum**, Sally Hookaway complained that part of the Agenda and Minutes place in the notice board were not readable due to the lack of depth in the notice board. The Clerk said that this would be rectified. Sally Hookaway also asked that where initials are used on agendas and minutes, a table of explanation should be included. The Clerk said that this would be rectified on future documents.

Martin Hindry made comments regarding the footpaths, the Chairman stated that his comments were noted and that there would be a discussion later in the agenda.

**M063/21: Apologies**. There were none

**M064/21: Code of Conduct**: Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct.

**M065/21: Declarations of Pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**. Councillor Marks declared his interest in all planning applications (Agenda Item 6) He is a member of Fenland District Council Planning Committee. Councillor Coupland declared an interest in application F/YR20/0938/F. Councillors Marks and Coupland took no part in the discussion or voting.

**M066/21: Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting 21st June 2021 were accepted and agreed by members subject to one error which was corrected and initialed.

**M067/21: Progress of actions from previous meetings**.

* **Bus Shelters:** The Clerk reported that the installation date was now to be 1st/2nd week in September 2021.
* **Notice Boards**: The Chairman (Mrs. Eves), reported that the work has almost complete, members noted that the work so far is very impressive.
* **Station Car Park**. The Clerk and Councillors Coupland and Emery reported that negotiations with FDC were proceeding well.
* **Station Road Survey**: The Clerk and Councillors Coupland and Bonos reported that there had been a meeting with CCC Highways and that an appointment with a Highways Engineer had been arranged.
* **Trees:** Councillor Pratt reported that he had obtained a quotation for the Tree Survey. The Clerk reported that he had now received the terms and conditions and would be returning signed copies.
* **Composting Toilet** – ongoing.

**M068/21: Planning applications**:

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| **F/YR20/0938/F** | Muddy Hole Farm Manea | **REFUSE**: Outside the development boundary, situated on “Green Belt” land, not zero carbon, poor design, sets a precedent. Note: Caravans on site have been there for too long and should be removed. |
| **F/YR20/1257/F** | Change of use from restaurant to mixed use dwelling. 7 Station Road, Manea. | **REFUSE**: Parking at the rear as now proposed is worse than the previous application. The apartment at the rear has no dedicated parking. If the parking spaces are full, it would mean that any other vehicles would have to back out onto a busy main road, opposite the school, over the busy footpath. There are inadequate visibility splays, parking for potentially 15 residents on Station Road is unacceptable. This application cannot be supported in this location.  This application should be discussed at the FDC Planning Committee. |
| **F/YR21/0718/F** | Single storey extension at 22 Scholars Close, Manea | **No Objection** |
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**M069/21: Police Matters**: The Chairman (Mrs. Eves) reported that she had attended a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire. Mrs. Eves gave a brief report. The main topic of conversation across all communities in Fenland was speeding.

The PCC gave an undertaking to take this up with his officers.

**M070/21: Reports from District and County Councillors:** Councillor Marks (FDC) had nothing to report due to illness.

Councillor Gowing (CCC). Gave a short presentation regarding the political position at Cambridgeshire County Council. He also urged the Parish Council to make a bid for Local Highways Improvement Grant (LHI) for the safety works in Station Road. Bids need to be in by 30th September 2021.

**M071/21: Maurice Short Pavilion**: The Clerk reported that there had been a meeting with a Chartered Surveyor from the Football Association. The Clerk reported that further meetings with Councillors, Cole, Emery and Bonos would be taking place, the Clerk said that there would be a full report to Council shortly.

**M072/21: Financial Matters**: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) presented the Financial Report, he explained that the account of £14,065.16 from FDC for Street lighting repairs and energy was offset by a VAT reclaim of £2,344.19 and a grant of £3,935 from FDC leaving a net amount of £7,785.97 net. Members unanimously voted for the account to be paid.

Members voted unanimously for all the remainder of the invoices to be paid.

**M073/21: Mobile Vehicle Activated System (MVAS)**. Councillor Coupland gave a short presentation, she reported that there was an urgent need to recruit more volunteers to enable Speed watch to continue. Members agreed to advertise for volunteers. Members were still not convinced that the service options promoted by Morelock were acceptable, members would seek alternative suppliers. The stated that he and Councillors Coupland and Bonos would also raise this at their meeting with the Highways engineer.

**M074/21: Public Right of Way (PROW)**. Councillor Pratt said that numerous complaints had been made by the Council to CCC Highways regarding the state of the footpaths. Councillor Pratt said that he would seek prices for the mowing of the footpaths on behalf of the Parish Council to ascertain if was viable for MPC to carry out some mowing, during the growing season.

**M075/21: Queens Jubilee**. The Clerk reported that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) had advised that councils should budget for celebrations during 2022 to celebrate the Queens 70th Jubilee. Members were asked to seek advice from their link organisations.

**M076/21: Village Walk:** Members agreed to partake in a Village Walk during September at a date to be agreed.

**M077/21: Correspondence**: There was none.

**M078/21: Date and time of the next meeting: Wednesday 25th August 2021 at 7pm.**

**M079/21: The meeting ended at 9.10pm.**

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

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| **MANEA PARISH COUNCIL - FINANCE REPORT - JULY 2021** | | | | | |  |
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|  | ***Income*** |  |  |  | ***Expenditure*** | |
| King | 105 | Memorial |  | A. Melton | 1537.73 | Clerk |
| FDC | 3935 | Light Grant | | E. Mason | 1332 | Grounds |
| Pit | 336 | Course |  | EoN | 79.56 | Power |
| MUGA | 70 | Hire |  | Ridgeon | 71.88 | Repairs |
| Pit | 460 | Carp |  | FDC | 14065.16 | Lights |
| Pit | 2040 | Carp |  | S. Emery | 717.9 | Repairs |
| Lloyds | 0.74 | Interest |  | M.Collin | 34.8 | Toilet |
| Ben | 10 | Birds |  | Ridgeon | 13.78 | Repairs |
|  |  |  |  | L.Eves | 23.4 | Misc |
|  |  |  |  | EoN | 84.76 | Power |
|  |  |  |  | A. Ryman | 80.19 | Cleaner |
|  |  |  |  | M. Wllmott | 450.56 | Caretaker |
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| **Balance at the Bank** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Account: | | 57146.7 |  |  |  |  |
| Deposit Account: | | 85321.93 |  |  |  |  |
| Leisure Account: | | 5256.68 |  |  |  |  |
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