**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**HELD ON**

**MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2022.**

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

Alan Melton (Clerk/RFO)

**M218/21: Public Forum**, 4 members were present, there were no questions.

**M219/21: Apologies**: Councillor Mark Pratt, Councillor John Gowing (CCC)

**M220/21: Code of Conduct**, Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct.

**M221/21: Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**. Councillor Marks declared his pecuniary interest in item 6, as member of FDC Planning Committee.

**M222/21: Minutes**, the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2022 were received and adopted.

**M223/21: Progress and actions from previous minutes**

* **Queens Platinum Jubilee/ Manea Gala,** Mr Malcolm Wilmott stated that all the plans were well in hand, the bunting had been delivered and that the music and food was organised.
* **Youth Services**. Councillor Cundell reported that no progress had been made regarding the appointment of an alternative provider, now that YPM are terminating their contract in May 2022.
* **Defibrillators,** The Clerk reported that the cost of a new defibrillator is £750, Councillor Emery reported that the cost of moving the current defibrillator from Charlemont Drive to the Station has been estimated at £3000. Members thought this was excessive, the estimate was from Railtrack.
* **Telcom Mast**. Councillor Bonos reported that a planning application had been submitted to Fenland District Council by 02 for a new mast to be erected in Park Road. The Clerk said that he had written to FDC Planners and Leader of the Councillor reminding them of the importance of this facility for wider communications and for the local economy.

**M223/21: Planning Applications**:

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| **F/YR22/0339/F** | Single storey extension, Biggins House, Fallow Corner Drove, Manea | No Objection |
| **F/YR22/0389/NONMAT** | Mon-material amendment, 40, Station Road, Manea | No Objection |

**M224/21: Police Report**, The Chairman (Mrs Eves) reported that the Police report had been circulated.

**M225/21: Report from District Councillor**, Councillor Marks reported that some of the footpath issues had been resolved. The potholes on the road to Chatteris were marked and ready for repair.

**M226/21: Financial reports**, The RFO presented the income and expenditure reports and items for payment. The RFO reported that the half year precept had been received

It was proposed by Councillor Emery and Seconded by Councillor Coupland that all accounts be paid.

**M227/21: Appointment of Internal Auditor**, it was agreed that Robert Mandley ACA, be appointed Internal Auditor for the 2021/2022 audit.

**M228/21: Maurice Short Community Pavilion.** The Clerk reported that the foundation slab was currently being engineered.

**M229/21: Grant**, The Chairman (Mrs Eves) reported that the Primary School were seeking grant funding for school projects. Councillor Cundell suggested the school should submit an application in line with council policy. Mrs Eves and the Clerk would make a form available; the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

**M230/21: Tree Labels:** Members agreed to pay the cost of new tree labels.

**M231/21: Street Lights,** The Clerk and Councillor Marks reported the results of their evening street light survey. FDC had been informed of all the light which were not working, there were three streetlights with no labels attached, clarification of ownership would be obtained. Estimates were to be obtained for replacing all streetlights from bulbs to LED fittings and the replacement of broken lamp columns. The Clerk would obtain estimated cost savings by moving to LED lighting. The Clerk and Councillor Marks would submit recommendations to the Council and agree a replacement programme subject to budget constraints.

**M232/21: Pit Damage**, the Clerk reported that there had been incidents of vandalism around the pit. The incidents had been reported.

**M234/21: Ditch Clerance**, the Clerk and Councillor Marks reported that they had visited the ditch at the rear of S M Guy Playing Field, following a complaint. No further action was required. Members gave authority to ask for tenders to clear the ditch behind the zip wire.

**M235/21: Fishing Platforms**: Following a report from Councillor Cole, members agreed to the clearance of the fishing platforms, members agreed to use a licensed contractor to carry out the work.

**M236/21: Annual Meeting of the Council**, The Clerk reminded members that the annual meeting of the council would take place on Monday 16th May 2022 at 7.30pm

**M237/21: Annual Parish Meeting**, members agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 16th May 2022 at 7.00pm.

**M238/21: Correspondence:** There was only one correspondence regarding the registration of defibrillators.

**M239/21: The date and time of the next meeting: Monday 16th May 2022 at 7.30pm following the Annual Meeting in the Village Hall.**

**M240/21: The meeting ended at 8.00pm**

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