**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**18th JULY 2022**

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

Alan Melton Clerk/RFO.

**M40/22: Public Forum**. No comments.

**M41/22: Apologies**, Apologies were received from Councillors, Bonos, Cundell, Pratt and John Gowing (CCC).

**M42/22: Code of Conduct**, Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct.

**M43/22: Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**. Councillor Marks declared his interest in item 6, planning applications, as a member of Fenland District Council Planning Committee. Councillor Cole declared a pecuniary interest in item 6, F/YR22/0819/F. Councillor Cole is the developer.

**M44/22: Minutes,** the minutes of the meeting 20th June 2022 were received and accepted, the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**M45/22: Progress and actions:**

* **Ditch clearance, report** at next meeting
* **Footpath map and signs**, in the absence of Councillor Pratt, deferred to the next meeting.
* **Jubilee Beacon**, Councillor Emery reported that the beacon was stored in one of the councils’ containers.
* **Gala feedback**: The Chairman, Mrs Eves thanked the Gala Committee on behalf of the council for the hard work in organising the Gala. Mr Malcolm Willmott reported that Gala was one of the most successful ever held. He thanked the council for their support. Me Willmott reported that the cost of providing the Gala was £6,574 and the takings were £8,100. The profit would be carried forward to the next Gala in 2023.
* **Guides and Brownies**: it was reported that the area set aside for the Guides/Brownies adjacent to the pit had been cleared. Councillor Emery commented that the tree surgeons should be responsible for the clearance of cut timber.
* **Gate**: It was reported that the gate quotation would be available shortly, members agreed that the gate should wide enough for wheelchair users.
* **Pit Algae**: Councillor Emery reported that he is obtaining quotations for the clearance work.

**M46/22: Planning applications**

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| **F/YR22/0801/F** | The Boat Normoor | No Objection |
| **F/YR22/0819/F** | Fallow Corner Drove. | No Objection |

**M47/22: Police matters**, the Chairman reported that the police report had been circulated.

**M48/22: Report of District Councillor**: Councillor Marks gave an update on the state of the Station Carpark, station sign on the “S” bends, there was to be an inspection of properties owned by “rogue landlords”, he updated regarding the flooding in Wisbech Road, there were planning issues still to be resolved in Westfield Road and problems with the lights and barriers at the rail crossing had been resolved.

**M47/22: Financial matters**, The RFO presented the monthly income and expenditure report, also presented were the accounts for payment. Members gave the RFO authority to pay all outstanding accounts. The RFO reported that the AGAR had been internally audited and submitted to PFK Littlejohn.

**M48/22: Maurice Short Community Pavilion**. Councillor Coupland gave a brief update on the exhibition of the latest plans at the Gala. There were a few comments regarding toilets, but overall the public response was very positive.

**M49/22: Fenland Local Plan**, it was reported that a meeting had been arranged with FDC officers for Wednesday 18th July.

**M50/22: Manea Pit Management Plan**, Members received the draft management plan, with a few minor wording amendments, it was recommended that the amended plan would be presented to the council at the next meeting. The Chairman thanked Councillors Cundell and Emery for their work on the plan.

**M51/22: Toilet Block:** Councillor Marks proposed that the Council should look to providing a toilet block in the Pit carpark. Members agreed to look at a possible feasibility study and obtain indicative capital cost and revenue implications.

**M52/22: School Crossing**, the Clerk reported that he had agreed with Cambridgeshire Highways to proceed with the recruitment of a Crossing Patrol Officer.

**M53/22: Street lights**: the council received a request from Mr Doggett asking for the council to adopt the failed lamp outside of his house in Westfield Road. Members agreed to defer the request as new information was now available.

**M54/22: Correspondence**, there was no further correspondence.

**M55/22: Date and time of the next meeting – Monday 22nd August 2022 commencing at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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

Date………………………………………………………………………