**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING 27th March 2023**

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

Alan Melton Clerk/RFO.

M**156/22: Public Forum**. Miriam Steadman made comments regarding the updating information on the council webpage. She also raised concerns about the Primary School and the lack of funding to substantially extend the school, she is concerned that with further development, the school would be over capacity in the short term.

Daren Evens spoke about the Carp Club and would be working with the council to develop long term plans for the future of the fishing offer.

Malcolm Willmott raised concerns regarding the footballers playing a Christchurch. Councillor Bonos assured him that this was temporary to safeguard the Manea pitches.

**M157/22: Apologies**, Councillors Cole and Gowing (CCC)

**M158/22: Code of Conduct**, Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct.

**M159/22: Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**. Councillor Marks, as a member of Fenland District Planning Committee

**M160/22: Minutes,** the minutes of the meeting 16th January 2023 were received and accepted, the Chairman signed the minutes.

**M161/22: Progress and actions:**

* **Skatepark.** The Clerk reported that he had a meeting with a representative of Bendcrete. He reported that a full inspection took place recognising the cracks in the concrete. Bendcrete are to repair the concrete and will supply the council with a full report and maintenance advice.
* **School Extension:** Members had received a copy of a letter to Stephen Barclay MP from the Director of Education at Cambridgeshire County Council. Members were advised that CCC had confirmed that the budget for the extensions had been cut by £2.5m and that the new halls would not be built.

**M162/22: Planning applications:**

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| **F/YR23/0036/F** | 2 storey extension to rear of 78, Station Road, Manea | No Objection |
| **F/YR23/0072/O** | Erect up to 5 dwellings at land east of Station Farm, Fodder Fen, Manea. | Object.  Outside of the Village development boundary.  Greenfield site  Sets a precedent. |

**M163/22: Police matters.** Councillor Mrs Eves said that fly tipping had been reported.

**M164/22: Report of District Councillor**. Councillor Marks (FDC) reported that he had attended the Classics Restaurant appeal.

He reported that there were still problems with street lighting and footpath repairs.

Developers had experienced problems with surface water discharge at the site of the old Lavenders Mill.

There was to be a meeting with representatives from Cambridgeshire Highways and Fenland District Council regarding the continuing accidents at Boots Bridge.

There was still no date for the opening of the Station Car Park.

**M165/22: 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.

**M166/22: Maurice Short Community Pavilion:** The Clerk reported that the planning application had been submitted to FDC.

**M167/22: Neighbourhood Plan:** The Clerk reported that he had investigated the process for a Neighbourhood Plan. The current round of funding would end on 31st March 2023, but government have indicated that funding of up to £10,000 would be available in the next financial year.

The Clerk recommended that the new Council look to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan.

**M168/22: Manea Food Bank:** Councillor Marks reported that he had been approached regarding a food bank for Manea. There were several issues that needed to be addressed including, need, data, confidentiality, and distribution. Councillor Marks would continue with discussions and report to the next meeting.

**M169/22: Coronation**. Councillor Mrs Eves suggested that the Council provide the Primary School pupils with a memento to celebrate the coronation. She suggested a medal or coin. Members agreed to spend up to £600 from the s137 budget. The Clerk and Mrs Eves would bring proposals to the next meeting,

**M170/22: Correspondence:**

* A letter was received from Mark Oakerbee of FACT Mobile Community. There would be a Mobile Community Hub at the Village Hall on 13th March 2023.

**M171/22: Date and time of the next meeting – Monday 27th March 2023, commencing at 7.00pm.**

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm**

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

**Date………………………………………………………………………**