**MINUTES OF THE MEETING 15th May 2023**

**Present: Councillors,** Ben Bonos, Jan Coupland, Charlie Marks, Janet O’Keefe, David Payne, Nick Usher

Alan Melton Clerk/RFO.

Councillors: Alan Gowler and Councillor James Carney, Fenland District Council Members.

**All members signed the declaration of office.**

**M001/23. Election of Chairman:** Councillor Ben Bonos was elected as Chairman of the Council for2023/2024.

**M002/23. Election of Vice-Chairman**: Councillor Janet Coupland was elected as Vice Chairman for 2023/2024.

**M003/23: Public Forum**. Deb Watson asked of the progress of the Telecom Mast, Councillor Bonos said that the contractors were waiting for BT to install the infrastructure.

Mr Ian Stimson asked about the provision of parking management in School Road. There were no updates.

Martin Hindry asked about the School Crossing times. The Clerk would investigate.

**M004/23: Apologies**, None

**M005/23: Code of Conduct**, Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct.

**M006/23: Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**. Councillor Marks, in all planning applications as a member of the FDC planning committee.

**M007/23: Minutes,** the minutes of the meeting 17th April were received and accepted, the Chairman signed the minutes.

**M008/23: Progress and actions:**

* **Manea Food Bank.** On going.
* **Boots Bridge.** The Clerk and Councillors Coupland and Marks gave a report of the meeting with representatives of Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and Fenland District Council, regarding the safety concerns at the crossroads. Members were informed that further talks and surveys were to be undertook. Funding opportunities for improvements would be sought.

**M009/23: Planning applications:**

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| **F/YR23/0336/VOC** | Variation of conditions at Land East of 11-21 Park Road, Manea | No objection |
| **F/YR23/0337/F** | Erect 4 dwellings at, Land South of 37A Westfield Road, Manea | No objection  Concerns about height of dwellings |
| **F/YR23/0342/F** | Erect Pavilion at, Manea Playing Field, Park Road, Manea | Noted |
| **F/YR23/0348/CERTLU** | Certificate of lawfulness at, Wateringhill Farm, Fodder Fen, Manea | No objection |
| **F/YR23/0361/RM** | Reserved matter at, 45, Westfield Road, Manea | No objection |
| **F/YR23/0373/PIP** | Residential development at, Land South of 76 Station Road, Manea. | Agree in principle, concerns about over development and infrastructure. PC request s106. |

**M010: Police matters.** Councillor Ben Bonos was appointed as the council’s representative.

**M011/23: 20mph zone:** The Clerk reported that he had received an acknowledgement from Cambridgeshire Highways, and that the applications would be considered in July 2023.

**M012/23: Report of District and County Councillors.** There were none.

**M013/23: 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.

**M014/23: Maurice Short Community Pavilion:** The Clerk reported that the planning application was being considered by FDC. The Clerk reported that the council would need to apply to the Public Works Loan Board for up to £400,000 to cover the cost of the building. He also suggested that the council apply to Fenland District Council for a grant of £200,000 from the “Horizons Fund”. However, it was proposed by Councillor Usher and seconded by Councillor Coupland that the council should apply for £400,000. The council unanimously agreed the proposal,

**M015/23: Emergency Plan.** Councillors Coupland and Marks agreed to review the current plan.

**M016/23: Manea Pit.** The Clerk reported that he had a meeting with representatives of the fishing groups which use the pit. It was agreed that an action plan of improvements to facilities and membership would be investigated. Councillor Marks proposed that the action plan should take into consideration the needs of all the users of the pit area, including the orchard and amenity areas. Councillor Marks also proposed a meeting with all users of the pit area. Members accepted the proposals.

**M17/23: Gala.** Mr Malcolm Willmott gave an update on he preparations for the Manea Gala to be held on Saturday 8th July 2023.Councillor O’Keefe suggested that the council hire a tent for the event, to enable members of the council to meet and greet parishioners and display some of the initiatives the council were undertaking. Members agreed to the proposal and asked that it be as wide ranging as possible.

**M18/23: Correspondence**. Members received a notice from Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the proposed 40mph speed limit (B1093, Fodder fen Road and Station Road.

**M019/23: The dates and times for the parish council meetings was presented.**

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| **Monday 19th June 2023** |  |  |
| **Monday 17th July 2023** |  |  |
| **Monday 21st August 2023** | **Optional** |  |
| **Monday 18th September 2023** |  |  |
| **Monday 16th October 2023** | **Possibly 23rd** |  |
| **Monday 20th November 2023** |  |  |
| **Monday 18th December 2023** |  |  |
| **Monday 15th January 2024** |  |  |
| **Monday 19th February 2024** |  |  |
| **Monday 18th March 2024** |  |  |
| **Monday 15th April 2024** |  |  |
| **Monday 20th May 2024** | **Parish Meeting and AGM** |  |

**M020/23: Date and time of next meeting: Monday 19th June 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

**M021/23: The meeting closed at 8.30pm**

**Presentation:**  Councillors Emery and Cole did not seek re-election in May 2023. As a recognition of their service to the community, they were presented with an arial picture of Manea Pit and a bottle of port. The former Chairman, Mrs Eves made the presentation and thanked them for their dedication and hard work with a combined total of 73 years.

A presentation was also made to Andy Clutton for volunteering in the community.

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

**Date……………………………………………………………………**