**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**28th OCTOBER 2019**

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

Alan Melton (Clerk)

Councillor John Gowing (CCC)

**M087/19: Public Forum**. Mr Graham Macdonald raised the issues and the state of the footpaths

in Station Road all the way from Pump Corner, he said that the surface was worn as it

was heavily used especially during school times, he had also witnessed an elderly resident

falling and hurting herself. Councillors Coupland and Marks reported that there had been

meeting with the highways officer, who mentioned budget issues, Councillors Coupland

and Marks had also had discussions about footpaths in Park Road and High Street.

Councillor Marks said that "it will be a long process, but discussions would continue".

Mrs Johnson raised the matter of the communication mast, which had been refused

planning permission by Fenland District Council (by delegated powers), against the wishes

of Manea Parish Council. The Clerk said that he would contact the company and Fenland

planners.

**M088/19**: **Apologie**s were received from Councillors Bonos and Cole.

**M089/19**: Members were reminded of the code of conduct.

**M090/19**: **To receive declarations of interest**. Councillor Marks declared his interest as a member

of Fenland District Planning Committee.

**M091/19**: **The minutes** of the previous meeting were agreed and signed subject to a minor

amendment at the request of Councillor Coupland.

**M092/19**: **Progress and actions form previous meeting**.

Councillor Mark Pratt present a very full and comprehensive tree report.

Members agreed to write to Fenland Tree Officer and Hain Tree Services regarding

positioning and inspection of trees.

It was agreed to seek permission from FDC to allow the Girl Guides to plant up to 100

on land owned by FDC.

Councillor Mark Pratt also presented a full and comprehensive report regarding footpaths

and bridges.

(*Please note: Both reports will be posted on the council's website)*

Pearls Bridge Road, Further meetings were proposed by Councillors Coupland and

Marks, with County Highways and Environment Agency about the state of the road.

It was agreed that Cambridgeshire Highways would be requested to re-instate the

culverts from Lavenders Mill to Horseway Chatteris.

Repairs to pot holes was progressing, but would be a long process.

**Skate Park**. The Clerk reported that tender documents for the new skate park had

been advertised and are due to be returned during November.

Members agreed to a temporary repair and notice to the existing skate park.

Members gave authority to the Clerk to monitor the state of the existing skate park

and if it proved to be un-safe, the Clerk to close it and arrange for a security fence.

**Manea Response Plan**, The Chairman stated that she was still awaiting names for

the completion of the list.

The Chairman reported that preparation for the **Celebration Meeting** to be held on

14th November 2019 were progressing well. There had been 6 applications for grant aid

under the seed money scheme so far.

In his absence, Councillor Bonos sent in a report of Park activities.

**M093/19**: **Action Updates**, Councillors reported that discussions regarding the design and

positioning of bus stops were progressing and that a final recommendation would

be submitted at a future meeting.

**CCTV**, The reported that FDC were still pursuing this.

**Station Road Crossing** next to School. The council considered a number of options,

including: lollypop person, raised crossing, zebra crossing and pelican crossing.

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to county highways regarding types of crossings.

The costs of crossings were:

* Lollypop person: £5000
* Raised crossing: £9000 - £14000
* Zebra crossing : £18000 - £53000
* Pelican crossing: £77,500 - £121,500

Members deferred a decision whilst seeking views from the school.

Councillor Cundell questioned the latest survey figures submitted by Cambridgeshire

Highways and suggested another more up to date survey.

**Street lights**, The Clerk and Councillor Marks agreed to carry out a night time survey

to establish ownership of lights and locations of failing lights.

The Clerk reported that FDC were offering to replace all existing lights with LED lights

the cost of replacement would be: Light and column and light: £950 or £350 if the column

was in good condition. Members agreed not to proceed with these options at this time,

but would consider this as an option when lights and columns needed replacing.

**M094/19**: **Planning applications**:

* **F/YR19/0833/F:** Erect a single storey extension to front of existing dwelling at: May Villa,

Straight Road, Manea, PE15 0NH (***Members recommended approval***)

* **F/YR19/0838/F:** Change of use from public house (A4) to 1no flat (C3) (ground floor, 3-bed) at: The Ship Inn, Purls Bridge Drove, Manea, PE15 0N. (Members recommended ***approval***)
* **F/YR19/0865/F**: Change of use of land from agricultural use to equine and livery, including the retention and extension of existing stable (part retrospective) at: Muddy Hole Farm, Wisbech Road, Manea, PE15 0HW. ***(Members recommended refusal, piecemeal development outside the village boundary***).

(Councillor Marks took no part in the discussions or voting of the planning applications)

**M095/19: Police Matters**: Nothing to report regarding Manea.

**M096/19**: **Report from Councillor John Gowing: Councillor Gowing** reported that following the

2 hits of Stonea Bridge, traffic would now be slowed until repair work was complete.

He also reported that work on the Local Transport Plan was progressing.

**M097/19:** **Finance Matters**; The Responsible Finance officer presented the financial reports.

(At appendix 1)

Members amended and accepted a quotation from Hain Tree Services

for work to MPC trees.

**M098/19: Manea Pit**: The Clerk reported that the Ecological Survey had been carried out, he was

awaiting the report.

**M099/19**: Members received a request from Fenland District Council to take part in the

**Green Walkers Scheme**. Members agreed not to take part.

**M100/19: Manea Matters**: The Chairman requested an increase in the budget from £90 to £140

for a two page article in Manea Matters. Members agreed the increase.

**M101/19:** The Clerk reported that discussions regarding the **Local Development Framework** was

continuing, he reminded members and public that the deadline for submission was

21st November 2019

**M102/19**: **Operation London Bridge**, The Clerk read out a letter from the Chief Executive of

Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the death of the Sovereign.

The Council was asked if there were any plans in place to mark the sad occasion.

Councillor Barry Cundell said that the request was to enable CCC to gauge the level of

recourse needed to police and provide for the event.

Members agreed to approach St. Nicholas parish Church regarding a Condolence Book.

**M103/19**: Members received **correspondence** from the Clerk.

* It was agreed to seek further clarification regarding an Enchanted Cinema
* Notice was given of the Citizen Advice Rural Cambs, AGM on 15th November.
* Invitation to Fenland District Council's Community Carol Service to be held on Sunday 8th December 2019.

**M104/19: RBL Wreath Laying**, It was agreed that Councillor Steve Emery would lay the Wreath at

the RBL Remembrance Service. Members agreed that this should be reviewed next year.

**Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 18th November 2019 commencing at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

**Signed:...........................................................................................Chairman**

**Date........................................................................**

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| **MANEA PARISH COUNCIL - FINANCIAL REPORT OCTOBER 2019** | | | | | | |  |  |
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| ***Income*** |  |  | ***Expenditure*** |  |  |  |  |  |
| MUGA | 85 | Hire | A. Melton | 1462.84 | Clerk |  |  |  |
| FDC | 23744 | Precept | YPM | 1374 | Youth provision | |  |  |
| Interest | 7.1 |  | M.Pooley | 150 | Fertilise Field | |  |  |
| Football Club | 200 |  | PWLB | 95.39 | Loan | D/D |  |  |
|  |  |  | Littlejohn | 720 | Audit |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Richard Yardy | 1013.15 | Electrician |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Came & Co | 1799.47 | Insurance |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Direct Soccer | 148.93 | Grant | paid |  |  |
|  |  |  | Paynes | 300 | Emergency Electrical | |  |  |
|  |  |  | E. Mason | 858 | Grounds |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Ridgeons | 30.84 | lock |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Hain Trees Ltd | 360 | Cut tree. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | EoN | 48.84 | Power |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | St. Nicholas Church | 130 | Internet Club | |  |  |
|  |  |  | Wave Water | 103.37 | Park Water |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Fenland Outdoor | 1598 | Park Repairs | |  |  |
|  |  |  | M. Willmott | 636.94 | Caretaker |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | A. Ryman | 104.07 | Cleaner |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Brownies | 200 | Grant |  |  |  |
|  | **24036** |  | Guides | 200 | Grant |  |  |  |
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| Balance at the Bank: | |  |  | **11333.8** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current Account: 140656 | | Autorisation to pay by BACS | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Deposit Account : 85045.30 | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **Balance: 225701.30** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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