

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

20th JANUARY 2020

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

M134/20: Public Forum, Mrs Belinda Carson reported that she had set up an organisation to help restrict climate change, the organisation is known as Manea Action for Climate Change (MACC). She is to be the administrator, she is willing to help with mentoring and education and would welcome comment from the community. Mrs Carson was to attend Climate Change meeting in Wisbech on 21st January, 2020. There was to be a website hopefully with a link from the Manea website. She also said that there would be 3 bins placed in the village for plastic bottle tops etc. which will raise funds for future events.

M135/20: Apologies, Councillor John Gowing (CCC).

M136/20: Members Code of Conduct, Members were reminded of the code of conduct.

M137/20: To receive members declarations of interest. Councillor Marks, as a member of FDC Planning Committee, (Item 7), Councillors, Cundell and Emery, Manea Village Hall Committee (Item 16).

M138/20: Progress and action updates:

- **Trees:** Councillor Pratt made a presentation regarding the planting of trees around the village. Members agreed that the picnic area in the park should receive trees for planting. Members were reluctant to plant trees upon FDC open space as this could incur a cost in maintenance. Members resolved to ask private landowners to plant and adopt a tree. Members agreed to use the report from Councillor Pratt as a basis for going forward with planting. Members also agreed to look for sites for hedging to attract small birds and encourage nesting. Mrs Belinda Carson (MACC), who spoke earlier, was prepared to advise the council on planting matters. The Clerk suggested that members may wish to engage with members of the community who have expertise in these matters. Members also agreed that the surplus wood from the recent felling of trees, should be made available for the villagers to collect and use for fuel.
- **Highways,** Councillor Marks reported his extensive correspondence with Fenland DC and Cambridgeshire CC regarding street lights and potholes. He was able to report that some action had been taken, but there was still a large backlog of work needed. Mrs Eves (Chairman), reminded members of the meeting which was scheduled for Wednesday 22nd January 2020 with officers from Cambridgeshire County Council to discuss a smoother and pro-active relationship.
- Allotment Road, The clerk reported that action was proceeding.

M139/20. Planning applications,

- **Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to appeal decision: APP/D0515/W/17/3182366 (F/YR14/0838/O) for the erection of 32no dwellings with garages (14 x 2-bed, 15 x 3-bed and 3 x 4-bed), at Land north of 28 - 30 High Street, Manea.**

The council objected to this application for the following reason:

Manea Parish Council **OBJECT this application and recommend REFUSAL.**

Reasons for refusal.

1. The entrance and egress of the site is too narrow.
2. There are no details of how the un-adopted section of the roads will be maintained and who will take responsibility?
3. There does not appear to be any mention of street lighting, who will provide it, who will maintain it?
4. There is no mention of s106 contributions for the Parish Council (see note below).

Note: The Parish Council recognises that this application is a Reserved Matter, they are aware that the outline **F/YR14/0838/O** was refused by the Fenland District Planning. However., the Parish Council are aware that the application was allowed on appeal.

The Parish Council also note the Planning Inspectors decision in allowing the appeal. **APP/DO515/W/17/3182366**, makes reference to Obligations.

If Fenland District Council are minded to approve this application, the Parish Council will expect the Inspectors' decision to be honoured.

Particularly obligation 21: The public space provision (off site open space £18,920) will be honoured as the Inspector states: "on balance and the absence of any arguments to the contrary, I am satisfied it would meet the relevant tests"

The Parish Council formally requests that this application is debated by the FDC Planning Committee.

M140/20: Police Matters, nothing to report.

M141/20: Councillor Gowing (CCC) did not submit a local report. Councillor Marks had nothing to report on previous items.

M142/20: Financial matters: The RFO presented the financial reports. (Appendix 1)

M143/20: Drainage issues: The Clerk reported that following the heavy and prolonged rain, there had been severe flooding in the Park and Cemetery.

- Cemetery, It was resolved that the Clerk would consult with a drainage engineer to examine the existing drains and established what had caused the failure of the drainage system, the Clerk was authorised to seek tenders for any remedial work that may be identified, the clerk reminded members that we had a responsibility to ensure that the headstones and graves were not damaged by constant flooding.
- **Cemetery Drains**, there was a suggestion that an adjoining development may have encroached onto land owned by the council. The Clerk said that he would check the boundaries and commission an investigation to establish if adjoining developments had caused the cemetery drains to fail.
- **Park flooding**, Councillor Emery reported that the flooding to the park was caused by the drainage ditches being full of weed and debris. Adjoining land owners would be contacted and hopefully take a joint approach to clearing the ditches.

M144/20: Skate Park:

- The Clerk reported that the tenders for the Skate park had been evaluated and that the winning tender was submitted by Bendcrete for the sum of £110,000, which is within the council's budget. Members unanimously accepted the tender price and authorised the Clerk/RFO to enter into a contract with Bencrete.
- The Clerk requested two members to liaise with him to supervise the contract for the council. Councillors Bonos and Emery were appointed as the park liaison members.
- Financial arrangements: The Clerk reported that £64,000 would be credited to our bank account from Fenland District Council in lieu of s106 monies contribution for the construction of the skate park. The clerk was authorised to authorise all payments to the contractor in consultation with Councillors, Bonos, Emery and bank authorisation from Councillor Eves and Coupland.
- Snagging and final payment account would be carried out by an independent construction consultant.
- Councillors Bonos, Emery and the Clerk were authorised to agree any extra works.
- The Clerk suggested a photo opportunity for all members and the contractor at the commencement of the works and on completion/handover.
- The Clerk would act on behalf of the council as CDM manager.

M145/20: Telecom mast. The Clerk reported that he had a conversation with Telefonica UK, who confirmed that they would be submitting a revised planning application for a mast with Fenland District Council. Members commented that they expect FDC planners to take a more sympathetic view of any new application and expect any proposal to be debated by the full planning committee.

M146/20: Street Lights: Councillor Marks reported that he now had a full list of street lights owned by the Parish Council, he had identified 14 lights not working. He had reported them to FDC.

M147/20: Internet Club, Councillor Coupland reported that Cambridgeshire County Council were about to end funding the Internet Club. Members resolved to await further information before considering the matter further.

M148/20: Manea Village Hall. Members were advised of a request from the Village Hall Committee requesting financial help for the asphaltting of the car park. Members resolved to defer the matter until further details are available.

M149/20: Land Holdings, the Clerk gave an update upon his quest to establish the full extent of the councils' land holdings and assets. Further reports will follow as further information is received.

M150/20: Correspondence, there was no further correspondence.

M151/20: The date and time of the next meeting - Monday 17th February 2020 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

M152/20: Councillor Cundell asked if members would agree to holding the council meetings on another evening other than Monday's to allow those members of the public to attend who not attend on a Monday evening. Members agreed to consider this when the annual dates are fixed.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL - FINANCIAL REPORT - JANUARY 2020

Income

MUGA	205	
Bramm	170	memorial
MFC	40	
M. Vets	40	
Interest	3.62	

458.62

Expenses

A.Melton	1225.92	Clerk
E. Mason	870	Grounds
St. Nicholas Church	120	Internet Club
S. Emery	9.96	Locks
EoN	438.81	Power
HMRC	1616.97	PAYE
A Ryman	93.06	Cleaner
M Willmott	344	Caretaker

4718.72

Balance at the bank:	
Current Account :	120889.42
Deposit Account	85159.39
	206048.81

Authorised for payment by BACs

Chairman.....

Vice-
Chairman.....