**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**26TH AUGUST 2020**

This meeting was a virtual meeting, using the Zoom electronic video system.

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

Alan Melton (Clerk)

7 members of the public.

**M033/20**: The Clerk reminded the members of the motion at minute M001/20 regarding virtual meetings.

**M034/20:** Public Forum: No members of the public chose to speak.

**M035/20**: Apologies: Councillor Gowing (CCC)

**M036/20**: Members were reminded of the code of conduct.

**M037/20**: Members declarations of interest: Councillor Marks declared his interest in all planning matters at agenda item 6, as he is a member of FDC planning committee. Councillors, Emery, Coupland and Mrs Eves declared an interest in F/YR20/0427/F as members of the project board and as an employee of Fenland District Council, respectively. Councillor Cole declared a pecuniary interest in F/YR20/633/F and left the room.

**M038/20**: The minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2020 were agreed and adopted.

**M037/20**: Progress and actions of the previous meeting

**School Crossing**: The Clerk reported that the meeting with CCC Highways had still not taken place.

**Bus Shelters**: Members expressed disappointment that no progress had taken place since the last meeting. Installation was still being held up as CCC and Skanska had still not carried the underground survey. This very frustrating situation continues despite constant dialogue with officials at CCC, Councillor Marks is to have a conversation with Graham Hughes (Director of Transport and Highways CCC) regarding the situation. The Clerk reported that despite emails and telephone conversations, he said he felt “fobbed off”! Councillor Gowing (CCC) has also become involved and is using his office to pursue the highways department and Skanska.

Members expressed their gratitude to Councillor Cundell who has been co-ordinating the project, who has come under undue stress regarding the slow progress of the project.

**LHI Bid for Speed Restriction**: The Clerk reported that CCC were still not holding site meetings.

**Allotment Security**: Mr Richard Davies gave a short presentation regarding the use of wildlife cameras, Mr Davies gave an undertaking that the cameras would not be used for spying on members of the public, which would be in breach of GDPR.

**M039/20: Planning Applications**:

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| **F/YR20/0633/F** | Lagoon at 37-39 Valentines Close, Manea | No Objection. |
| **F/YR20/0662/F** | Biomass Boiler at: Witch Elm Lodge, New Road, Manea | No Objection |
| **F/YR20/0427/F** | Formation of Car Park at Manea Station. | Members received the revised proposals and Ecology Report. Members are still concerned that their previous comments are still not included in the revised proposals. |

**M040/20:** Police Report: Members received the Police Report, previously circulated, there were no issues concerning Manea.

**M041/20:** Financial Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer presented the Financial Report. Members accepted the report and authorised the payment of all accounts.

The RFO reported that income from fishing activities at the Pit was £4918 to date, compared to £3273 for the whole of 2019/2020.

**M042/20: Local Plan**: The Clerk reported that Fenland District Council had called for suggestions for more sites for development. Members reiterated that the Council would not support any development outside their proposed boundary.

**M043/20: Manea Football Club**: A lengthy discussion took place regarding the support that the Council could offer the Football Clubs.

* It was accepted that a minor dispute had been resolved
* The Council would help the club financially where possible
* The Clerk was given authority in making £500 available from s137 fund to assist the football club purchase any equipment to make the sports facilities Covid safe.
* The Council accepted and adopted the Risk Assessment for the Football Club and facilities demonstrating the Councils commitment to ensure that the facilities are Covid safe. Members agreed minor amendments. The Risk Assessment would be circulated. Councillor Bonos was thanked for his work.
* The Council agreed to look for further land around the village for football/sports use and budget accordingly.
* The Council agreed to buy the container lock up from the Football Club for a nominal sum, to ensure that the container and equipment inside would be covered by the council’s insurance.
* It was agreed to assist with the repairs to the mower if required.
* It was agreed to purchase 6 new bins.

**M044/20:** Communication Mast: Members were given an update by the Clerk; progress is slow in identifying suitable sites.

**M045/20:** Bonfires: Councillor Cundell expressed concern about the number of bonfires which were lit during the extremely hot weather. Some bonfires were left alight for several days. Members expressed frustration that the law did not allow for instant extinguishing and that Fenland Environmental Officers were powerless to put a stop to this un-sociable menace. Members hoped that publication of concern would shame would be pyromaniacs into thinking twice about lengthy bonfires.

**M046/20:** Correspondence: The Clerk reported that a Mr Mike Crompton had requested a further shelter in the Park, nearer the Skate Park. Members agreed, not at this time.

The Clerk and the Chairman had received a request from Ellie Buckton, Healthy Fenland Project Coordinator to attend the next meeting. Members agreed.

The Clerk reported a request from Phil Jones of TAZIKER regarding communication with the community regarding the railway car park project. Members agreed that the information should be placed on the council’s website and in Manea Matters.

**M047/20: Date and time of next meeting: Monday 21st September 2020 at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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

**Date:………………………………………………………………….**

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| **MANEA PARISH COUNCIL - FINANCIAL REPORT - AUGUST 2020** | | | | | | |
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| ***Income*** |  |  |  |  | ***Expenditure*** | |
| 3320 | Carp Syndicate | |  | A. Melton |  | Clerk |
| 169.5 | Course Fishing | |  | R F Mandley | 300 | Audit |
| 80 | MUGA Hire | |  | Fenland Fisheries | 252 | Spraying |
| 6.49 | Interest |  |  | Fenland Leisure | 180 | Matting |
|  |  |  |  | Fenland Leisure | 712.8 | Matting |
|  |  |  |  | Fenland Leisure | 17034 | Matting |
|  |  |  |  | E Mason and Son | 5496 | Grounds |
|  |  |  |  | FJS Services | 10.92 | Clips |
|  |  |  |  | Came and Co | 1869.45 | Insurance |
|  |  |  |  | A Ryman | 93.17 | Cleaner |
|  |  |  |  | Ridgeons | 26.74 | Repairs |
|  |  |  |  | EoN | 95.66 | Power |
|  |  |  |  | M. Willmott | 701 | Caretaker |
|  |  |  |  | S. Emery | 289.5 | Repairs |
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| **3575.99** |  |  |  |  | **27061.24** |  |
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| **Balances at the Bank** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Account: | | 82190.19 |  |  |  |  |
| Deposit Account: | | 85193.05 |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Total** | **167383.2** |  |  |  |  |