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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.30 PM AT MANLEY VILLAGE HALL

Councillors: Ian Walton (Chairman), John Bunting, Jane Challoner, Colin Ford, John Gilding, Mark Gilson and Jonathon Roberts

Parish Clerk - Gaynor Hawthornthwaite

1. APOLOGIES/NON-ATTENDANCE

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor Hugo Deynem and Manley Parish Councillors Pam Brook and Peter Sherlock.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

- Councillor Walton declared a personal interest in planning application 21/02611/FUL - Land at New Pale Road on the grounds that the land is next door to where he resides.
- Councillor Brook had declared a personal interest in planning application 21/03297/FUL - 3 Quarry Cottages Manley Lane Manley Frodsham WA6 9HU as she knows the applicants and lives next door to the property.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd SEPTEMBER 2021

These were unanimously approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Public Speaking Time/Open Forum

A member of the public was in attendance to provide information about the cutting of the grass near to Moss Drive, which is currently mowed on a two-weekly basis during the grass cutting season by one of the residents, and asked whether the PC would be willing to fund the 3 green bins that are required for the grass cuttings.

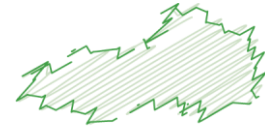
The PC thought that as this was the only communal public space in Manley and it was important to keep the area looking tidy, with the grass cut on a regular basis, they agreed to fund £120 for the 3 green bins. The PC noted that some of the trees in the area around Moss Drive need to be replaced and agreed to pursue any funding for replacement trees that maybe available from CW&C and DEFRA and to also consider other areas in Manley where trees could be planted. The resident is to provide further information about the type of replacement trees that could be planted around Moss Drive.

Action – Councillor Walton to follow up any funding that is available for replacement trees and all to consider other areas that would benefit from replacement trees.

CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following the Parish Councillor vacancy that had been advertised in June 2021, Mark Gilson had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.

It was proposed and seconded that Mark be co-opted as a Manley Parish Councillor. This was unanimously agreed. Mark accepted the position of a Manley Parish Councillor and was welcomed to the Parish Council and the meeting.



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4. SAFETY AND SECURITY

4.1 Survey of trees on the Parish Field adjacent to the B5393 – discuss progress (PB) and agree next steps

Following the survey of the trees on the Parish Field adjacent to the B5393 by the CW&C Tree Officer and their recommendations, Councillor Brook had obtained a quotation of approximately £750 for the work on the trees that are showing signs of disease, from a tree surgeon who is registered with the Arboricultural Association.

Councillor Ford had also contacted another supplier and a quotation for the tree work is awaited.

In the meantime, the PC are to follow up with Councillor Brook, who is registered with the Arboricultural Association, whether she would be able to cut down the tree with the appropriate insurance. This would also be subject to the PC approval of the cost of the insurance.

Action – Councillor Walton to follow up with Councillor Brook.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

No items reported.

6. HIGHWAYS

6.1 State of the Roads – Update on the status of the review of the roads and agree next steps

Following the last PC meeting, Councillor Walton had reported the areas that require a more thorough resurfacing treatment as follows:

1. Manley Road from Yarangal Green to the B5393. This has been patched up before but still seems to fall apart quite quickly
2. B5393 junction with Dark Ark Lane and New Pale Road. The surface on this bend is steadily deteriorating and road marking are worn
3. Tarvin Road – Moss Lane T junction. The road surface is uneven and the road markings are worn.
4. Manley Lane from Norton's Lane to Cob Hall Lane – this is in a very bad state
5. New Pale Road – this has sunken areas where services have been installed, and the road markings are worn.

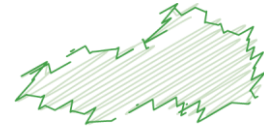
The CW&C Highways response to the above, was to the effect that road repairs were carried out in accordance with policies, priorities, and budgets, and that they were not currently on any list of pending repairs. It was agreed that Councillor Walton should ask Councillor Deynem to follow the enquiries up with CW&C Highways on behalf of the PC.

Action – Councillor Walton to ask Councillor Deynem to follow up on behalf of the PC.

6.2 Manley Road – Tarvin Road - Speed Limit; update since last meeting (IW)

There has been no update from CW&C on the speed survey from Manley Road to Tarvin Road, which is to be undertaken sometime in the Autumn.

CW&C Highways had confirmed that although a 30-mph speed limit on this stretch of the road does not meet various criteria for a change in speed limit, a speed survey could be carried out.



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6.3 Other Highways Items

- A response is awaited from Councillor Deynem about the issue that had been mentioned relating to part of the Delamere Way and Delamere Loop bridleway, which runs from Ashton Road along the access route to the forest lodges. The roadway is only one vehicle wide, with verges that are not always accessible, and which therefore poses a risk to walkers, riders, and cyclists.

Action – Councillor Walton to follow up a response from Councillor Deynem

- Councillor Ford is continuing to follow up with CW&C Highways the missing sign on the footpath off Sugar Lane. Highways are arranging for a new bridleway sign to be installed, and are planning to write to the landowners reminding them that the bridleway is open to public use.

7. COMMUNITY

7.1 Update on Village Hall Committee (IW) and propose ideas for re-purposing the bowling green

Councillor Walton reported that the Village Hall Committee are proposing 3 options for the bowling green which are:

- Resurrect as a bowling green
- Maintain the grass area for social events
- Change the nature of the surface.

Councillor Gilson reported that he was a member of the bowling club before the club found an alternative bowling green and is to make further enquiries with the bowling club about returning to the bowling green at the Village Hall.

Action – Councillor Gilson to follow up.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Consultation 21/03730/FUL – Greystones, Moss Lane: Erection of a double garage – any comments to be sent to the Clerk before 8th November.

Pingot Lane development: Planning Enforcement have visited Pingot Lane and decided that no further action will be taken at the moment because according to the agent acting for the landowners, a new planning application is being prepared. If the owners undertake more work, the situation may change.

9. FINANCE

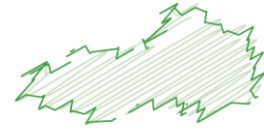
Review of Current Financial Position

The MPC bank account balance as at 10^t October 2021 was £15,031.04

The following was approved for online payment:

- Room Hire at Village Hall – PC Meeting 20th October 2021 - £22.00 – Manley Village Hall

It was noted that the Clerk had made an online payment of £122.20 for the tax due on the Clerk's salary for the second quarter on 15th October 2021.



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The PC had received notification from CW&C that Manley Parish Council are due a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment.

Budget Monitoring

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an accounting report detailing income and expenditure and a budget monitoring report to enable the PC to forward plan and monitor actual expenditure against agreed expenditure and to identify any overspends and any savings.

10. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following Bulletins and Circulars had been received since the September 2021 meeting:

Chalc

- Weekly Bulletins and Member Briefings
- Training courses
- Town and Parish Councils – The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 22nd June 2022

The PC put forward suggestions about commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – tree planting to mark the occasion and an invitation to Manley residents for a free drink at the village Hall at the Manley Village Fair

Action – Any further ideas to commemorate this event to Councillor Walton

- Chalc Survey – Impact of Covid on Council Business
- Pop-Up and Walk in Vaccination Clinics for week beginning Monday 11th October.

CW&C

- Cheshire West and Chester Council – Local Plan Early Conversation 2021
- HS2 Potential Impact Video from MCAHS2

11. DATE OF NEXT PC MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

Action – Clerk to follow up room availability for the next meeting.

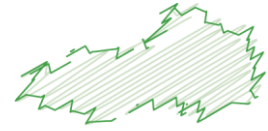
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was reported:

- Councillor Ford mentioned a proposal for the 2022 Spring Fair that had been put forward by a member of the Village Hall Committee relating to ferret racing on the Parish Field.

The PC checked the Deed of Gift and agreed that in accordance with the requirements of the Gift, this event should not take place on the Parish Field if it is classed as gambling.

Action: Councillor Walton to ask CW&C Licensing if it is classed as gambling



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- The Clerk reported that the PC laptop, which was purchased in 2014, is not working well. The PC agreed that due to its age and the fact that it is fully depreciated, the Clerk should arrange to purchase a replacement (Acer Swift (£399)) and Office 365.

Action – Clerk to follow up.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm