

**Manley Parish Council**

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30 PM  
AT MANLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Councillors: Colin Ford (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Jane Challoner, John Gilding, Johnathon Roberts and Peter Sherlock.

Parish Clerk - Gaynor Hawthornthwaite

**1. APOLOGIES/NON-ATTENDANCE**

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor Hugo Deynem

Apologies were received from Manley Parish Councillors Ian Walton, Pam Brook, John Bunting and Mark Gilson.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None declared.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**

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

**Public Speaking Time/Open Forum**

There were no members of public in attendance.

**4. SAFETY AND SECURITY**

No items reported.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

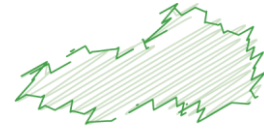
No items reported.

**6. HIGHWAYS**

**6.1 Footpath Sugar Lane – update and agree how to continue dialogue with CWaC PROW and neighboring properties**

Councillor Ford is continuing to follow up with CW&C Highways regarding the missing sign on the footpath at the top of Cob Hall Lane. The CWaC Public Rights of Way Officer has arranged for Highways to erect a new bridleway sign. Councillor Ford is following up with CWaC as there is still a Longster Trail footpath marker post to be installed.

As the PC's representative, Councillor Ford had attended a meeting of the Sandstone Parish Council's Group. As part of the groups actions to pursue traffic calming and rationalisation of speed limits, this is being followed up with CW&C Highways. Dunham PC have a speed gun that could be used by Manley PC if required.



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## **7. COMMUNITY**

### **7.1 Platinum Jubilee – discuss and agree what form any celebrations will take**

Councillor Walton has followed up the possibility of having a fire basket, like a beacon, for a jubilee lighting event. It was agreed that the middle of the bowling green would be a good place to have the beacon rather than on the Common.

The PC supported the suggestion of making this an open village event at the village hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Action – Councillor Walton to follow up with the Village Hall Committee arrangements for the village event.**

### **7.2 Platinum Jubilee – Tree planting on March 11<sup>th</sup>: decide on the type of tree and its location, and the wording of a commemorative plaque**

Following information that had been received from the National Association of Civic Officers, about Parish Councils taking part in a tree planting event on 11<sup>th</sup> March, Councillor Ford had expressed an interest in Manley PC taking part in the national civic tree planting initiative on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. To register an interest the PC are required to provide the following:

- The name of the person planting the tree
- The office they hold (Mayor / Chairman / other)
- The species of tree being planted
- A very short indication of where the tree is being planted

The PC suggested that as the Ward Councillor, Councillor Deynem should be asked if he would like to plant the tree and thought that an oak tree would be a good idea as it is a British tree, it is longstanding and would fit in with the locality.

The PC proposed that the edge of the memorial garden would be a good place for the tree and that a plaque to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee could be placed on the gateway.

**Action – Councillor Ford to ask Councillor Deynem if he would like to plant the tree.**

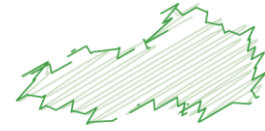
### **7.3 Discuss approach from Alvanley and Manley School for a Parish Council representation on the Board of Governors, and agree Parish Council response.**

Councillor Walton had sent a letter to the Headteacher to confirm that the PC had considered the request from Alvanley and Manley School and agreed that rather than a PC representative being elected as a governor, it would be more appropriate if the school came along to a PC meeting if there was a specific school item to be discussed and to provide a school update at the Annual Parish meeting that is held in May.

This proposal was discussed at a school meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. A response is awaited from the Headteacher.

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no applications for consideration.



## 9. FINANCE

### Review of Current Financial Position

The Parish Clerk confirmed the PC bank account balance at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 was £13751.65

### Budget Monitoring

A budget monitoring report had been circulated prior to the meeting, which detailed Spend to Date (£5586.26) and Future Spend (£1807.48) and Predicted Spend (£7393.74).

Councillor Ford asked those present if they had any observations or comments regarding this budget monitoring report, but there were none.

In accordance with the Financial Regulations, the Clerk provided Councillor Gilding with all the current 2021/22 financial paperwork at the meeting so that a quarterly audit check on the financial accounts could be completed.

The following invoice is to be processed as a Bacs payment:

- Room Hire at Village Hall – PC Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - £22.00 – Manley Village Hall

## 10. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The following Bulletins and Circulars had been received and circulated since the January 2022 meeting:

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- Weekly Bulletins and Member Briefings
- Town and Parish Council Connections Event: Meet Cheshire West and Chester Council's Leaders 23rd March at 6pm
- Request to promote NALC Policing Online Event - 30th March 2022
- Cheshire West Crowd - Tackling Poverty Fund
- Facing the Future – consultation findings and next steps - Message from Cheshire West and Chester Council
- Bunting for Queens Platinum Jubilee – From Northwich bunting for 2<sup>nd</sup> June tree planting – get quote
- Invitation to a FREE Q & A Webinar Session Tuesday 1st March from 6pm to 7pm -
- Kingsley and Gowey Police Update
- Police and Crime Commissioner - Youth Endowment Fund bid - Can you help tackle violent crime in our county?

## 11. DATE OF NEXT PC MEETING

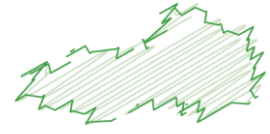
The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 7.30 pm**

Councillor Sherlock offered his apologies for the 23<sup>rd</sup> March meeting.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Walton had received a request for a PC donation towards the cost (£420) of the road closure for the Village Fair on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

A rota is being set up for volunteers to assist with the Village Fair.



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The meeting closed at 8.00 pm