

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2023 AT 6.00 PM
AT MANLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Councillors: Ian Walton (Chairman), Pam Brook, Jane Challoner, John Bunting, Colin Ford, John Gilding,
Jonathon Roberts, Peter Sherlock

Parish Clerk - Gaynor Hawthornthwaite

There were no members of the public in attendance

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor Hugo Deynem

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th JANUARY 2023

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

Public Speaking Time/Open Forum

There were no items reported.

4. SAFETY AND SECURITY

No items reported.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

No items reported.

6. HIGHWAYS

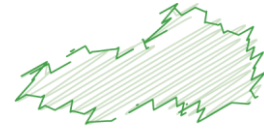
6.1 Update on progress with CWaC Highways and agree on follow up actions.

There has been no update from CW&C Highways about the clearing of the footpath near to Manley Knoll, opposite the school gates.

Action – PC to follow up again with CW&C Highways.

Councillor Brook reported the following:

- the tarmac is broken up at the T junction of Moss Lane/Manley Lane



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- there is a large pothole on Moss Lane
- the pavement on Manley Lane, going down to the railway bridge, is slippery.

Action – Councillor Brook to log with CW&C Highways.

Councillor Gilding mentioned that a resident has been salting the junction of Bushells Lane and New Pale Road when required.

Action – Councillor Walton to send a letter of thanks to the resident.

Councillor Walton is to follow up information about how to complain about potholes and include an article in the Manley News.

7. COMMUNITY

7.1 Neighbourhood Pride grant for the Village Hall; discuss and agree actions for implementation.

The PC had been successful in receiving £4550 from their grant application from the CW&C Neighbourhood Pride scheme which is to go towards the investment to increase the range of events that can be held at Manley Village Hall, for the benefit of the whole community.

The Village Hall committee, with the support of the Parish Council (the Guardian Trustee of the Village Hall charity) decided to re-purpose the bowling green as a community space. As part of their application, the PC had put forward proposals where the £4550 should be spent as follows:

1. Improved accessibility access from the disabled parking bays and the Village Hall itself - £1000
2. Three 6m x 3m gazebos for pop-up shelter at £350 each - £1050
3. Four A frame wooden picnic tables at £250 each - £1000
4. LED floodlight - £500
5. Relaying of perimeter flags - £1000

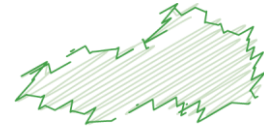
Totalling £4550.

The PC are in the process of obtaining quotations for the improved accessibility works, the relaying of the perimeter flags and repairs to the floodlighting around the bowling green.

Action – Councillor Walton to follow up the quotations for the electrical and access works.

Action – Clerk to obtain quotations for gazebos and picnic tables.

The programme of fundraising events that are being arranged by the Village Hall Committee, was noted.



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7.2 Update on quotations to cut back the ivy from the trees on the Parish Field.

A quotation for the cutting back of the ivy from the trees on the Parish Field continues to be followed up by Councillor Brook.

The PC had noted that the oak tree that the PC had purchased and planted in the Memorial Garden to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee is showing no signs of sprouting. It was agreed that a replacement tree should be planted.

Action – Councillor Sherlock to order a replacement tree.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8.1 Update on current applications. Discuss and agree next steps.

The PC await further information on the current planning applications and discussed inviting a representative from CW&C to a PC meeting and providing residents with an update, either at a public meeting or by putting an article in the Manley News.

Action – Councillor Walton to follow up.

9. FINANCE

Review of Current Financial Position

The MPC bank account balance as at 1st January 2023 was £14041.03 and the Spend to date is £4596.23.

The contract with XLN Telecom for the Village Hall Broadband has now been cancelled as a new one has been set up with Gigaloch. There will be no cost to the PC for the Village Hall broadband now.

Action – Councillor Walton to cancel the monthly direct debit payment to XLN.

The following invoice was approved for a Bacs payment:

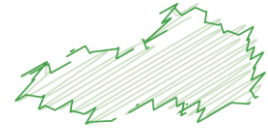
- Room Hire at Village Hall – PC Meeting 1st February 2023 - £30.00 – Manley Village Hall

Quarterly Audit Checks

In accordance with the Financial Regulations, the Clerk provided Councillor Gilding with all the current 2022/23 financial paperwork at the meeting so that a quarterly audit check on the financial accounts could be completed.

10. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The following Bulletins and Circulars had been received and circulated since the January 2023 meeting:



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- Weekly Bulletins and Member Briefings
- Training courses
- Police and Crime Commissioner - Refreshed Police and Crime Plan
- PCSO January Update
- Cheshire West Crowd - Community-led projects are calling on your support

11. DATE OF NEXT PC MEETING

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 6.00 pm**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The PC noted that a new hive heating control system is now being operated in the Village Hall and that the Wi-Fi code has changed.
- Councillor Brook asked whether the PC should consider arranging a village event for the Kings Coronation.

The PC put forward suggestions for a community event including a litter pick on the Monday, a Sports Day, Coronation scarecrows and a village picnic (residents to bring own food and drink).

- Councillor Walton asked if PCSO Deborah Netherton could be invited the PC meetings.

Action – Clerk to send the PCSO a list of the 2023 PC meeting dates and ask if a 10-minute summary could be provided at the meetings.

- Councillor Walton referred to the PC's application for funding from the Ward Members Budget Award Scheme for a gazebo at the Village Hall for £750, which would be split 50:50 between the Ward Member's budget and the PC. The PC had approved the £375 for the gazebo as a non-budgeted item of expenditure. Following the application for funding, CW&C had notified the PC that there was only £230 available in the Members budget for a gazebo. This would mean that there would be a shortfall of £520 for the PC to fund towards the cost of a single gazebo. The PC discussed whether the £230 could be used for another item of expenditure that would benefit the community or whether it should be put towards the cost of a gazebo.

Action – Councillor Walton to follow up with CW&C whether the £230 could be used for another item of expenditure that would benefit the community.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm