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

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

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor Hugo Deynem (for part of the meeting)

PCSO Deborah Netherton (for part of the meeting)

Parish Clerk - Gaynor Hawthornthwaite

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/NON-ATTENDANCE

Manley Parish Councillor John Bunting.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2023

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

Public Speaking Time/Open Forum

Members of the public were in attendance to express their concerns about the progress and the expected timescale for a resolution to be reached at Manley Road/Pingot Lane.

Action – Councillor Walton to follow up a response to residents’ concerns with Councillor Deynem and CW&C.

4. SAFETY AND SECURITY

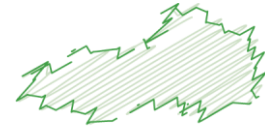
No items reported.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

No items reported.

6. HIGHWAYS

6.1 Update on actions on broken road surfaces etc reported at the last meeting. Decide on next steps.



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There has been no update from CW&C Highways about the clearing of the footpath near to Manley Knoll, opposite the school gates or the following outstanding highways issues, which had all been logged using the CW&C Highways reporting tool:

- the tarmac is broken up at the T junction of Moss Lane/Manley Lane
- there is a large pothole on Moss Lane
- the pavement on Manley Lane, going down to the railway bridge, is slippery
- Pothole on Sugar Lane

Action – Councillor Brook to continue to monitor and follow up with CW&C Highways.

7. COMMUNITY

7.1 Discuss and agree actions on a request from Juliet Compston to support the re-establishment of Manley Gardening Club

The PC had been asked to provide financial support for initial operating expenses of a gardening club. The PC considered this request and agreed that the PC only provided support for capital expenditure items, and not for revenue items. Furthermore all other clubs and societies are self-funding, so the PC did not feel that they could support this request.

Action – Councillor Walton to reply to Juliet Compston.

7.2 Review Manley & Mouldsworth Pre-school's request for community support and discuss and agree how the Parish Council can assist

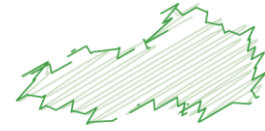
Representatives from Manley and Mouldsworth Pre-School Committee (a charity based organisation) were in attendance to provide the PC with information about the Pre-School and to enquire whether the PC could assist with a donation towards repairs or to help promote their fundraising campaign to local residents.

As a newly formed committee team there are several urgent challenges they are facing, which is mainly addressing the repairs to the roof of the building, which is leaking and making approximately quarter of the classroom unusable.

A Go Fund Me page has been set up to try to raise significant funds for it to be replaced and £900 has been raised so far. A number of other fundraising events are scheduled and the aim is to try and raise £2500 for the repairs for a quarter of the roof. It would cost £5000 for the whole roof to be replaced.

The PC considered ways in which they could assist the Pre-School Committee and suggested that the Pre-School may be able to use the Village Hall, free of charge, (subject to approval by the Village Hall Committee) to hold fundraising events as a way of publicising and getting local people involved.

The Village Hall Committee are in the process of considering plans for a Manley Coronation event and it may be possible to combine a Pre-School fundraising event on the designated day.



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The PC agreed to put an article in the next Manley News in April to help raise awareness of the Pre-School and their campaign for fundraising events and to include the details of how donations could be made.

There was a suggestion about approaching other Parish Councils in the catchment area for financial assistance and whether a donation could then be split between the parish councils.

The Pre-School agreed to keep the PC updated with their fundraising events.

Action – Councillor Walton to include an article in the next Manley News and to discuss room hire for a fundraising event and the possibility of having a joint Coronation event with the Village Hall Committee

7.3 Neighbourhood Pride Scheme Quotations – review quotations and decide on expenditure for:

Further to the quotations that had been obtained for the expenditure that 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, these had been circulated prior to the meeting and the following were approved:

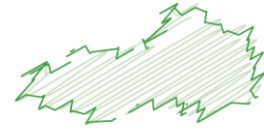
1. Improved accessibility access from the disabled parking bays and the Village Hall itself (initial estimate £1000) and relaying of perimeter flags – (initial estimate £1000) – Approved – Quotation from Dave Lee, Ashton Hayes Garden Services £1400
2. Three 6m x 3m gazebos for pop-up shelter at £350 each (initial estimate £1050) – 2 gazebos to be purchased and one bench – the proposal was to buy two gazebos and a new bench to go by the side of the lawn to replace the old one that is rusted - to be approved outside the meeting.
3. Four A frame wooden picnic tables at £250 each – (initial estimate £1000) – Approved - Amazon – Bracken Style table for 6 people at £203 each; 4 tables for £812
4. LED floodlight – (initial estimate £500) – Approved – KDE Ltd £1,261.25 + VAT

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

Councillor Brook had inspected the ivy that is growing on the oak tree and agreed to cut back the ivy sometime in the Spring.

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.



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8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

The PC await further information on the current planning applications.

9. FINANCE

Review of Current Financial Position

The MPC bank account balance as at 1st February 2023 was £13589.55 and the Spend to date is £5047.71.

10. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

CW&C

- Cheshire West and Chester Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation- closing date 12 March 2023
- Standardised School Year Consultation - Town Parish Councils

Chalc

- Weekly Bulletins and Member Briefings
- Training courses
- ChALC Report - Climate Change Survey
- Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund Re-opens for Applications with 3 March Deadline
- West Cheshire Town and Parish Council Conference Thursday 2nd March 2023 5.15pm
- Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill - Amendments supported by NALC and its President

- Delamere Forest February Update

- PCSO February Update

11. DATE OF NEXT PC MEETING

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 6.00 pm**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Sherlock mentioned that the Birch Trees on Moss Lane have now died.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm