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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 6.00 PM
AT MANLEY VILLAGE HALL**

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

PCSO Deborah Netherton attended at the end of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/NON-ATTENDANCE

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor Hugo Deynem and Parish Clerk Gaynor Hawthornthwaite.

2. NOMINATION OF CLERK FOR THE MEETING

Councillor Walton agreed to deputise as Clerk for the meeting.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No disclosures were reported

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th JULY 2023 AND THE EGM HELD ON 7th AUGUST

These were unanimously approved as correct records and will be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting.

5. Public Speaking Time/Open Forum

There was one member of the public in attendance, Kate Birkenhead, who had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and was able to observe the Parish Council meeting.

6. SAFETY AND SECURITY

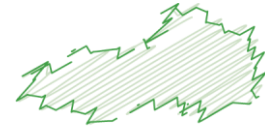
No items reported.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

No items reported.

8. HIGHWAYS

8.1 Car accident at Manley Rd - New Pale Rd – Dark Ark Lane on 23rd August – update and agree course of action with Highways.



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The incident has been reported to Highways with a request to improve the road surface, repaint the road markings and repair the damaged warning chevron on the bend. Discussions focussed on additional warning measures such as an accident black spot warning (if the frequency of accidents allows it) and transverse lines to slow the traffic. PCSO Netherton agreed that the road marking were in a poor state and could have been a contributing factor.

Action: Councillor Walton to contact Highways with these additional points

9.

COMMUNITY

9.1 Village Hall update

The Village Hall finances are still weak in the wake of rising utility prices and falling usage. This situation will be worsened by the impact of a £2000 bill to repair a broken drain under the Village Lawn. The Parish Council will endeavour to get two further quotations, and will review how to support the Village Hall with short term financing.

Action: Councillors Walton and Ford to obtain two further quotations for the repairs.

The option of exploring grant funding via Cheshire West was suggested.

Action: Councillor Walton to consult Councillor Deynem about CWaC funding.

A further idea was sponsorship from local businesses, who could contribute in return for signage at the Village Hall. RSK in Helsby was given as an example.

Action: Councillor Walton to write to RSK

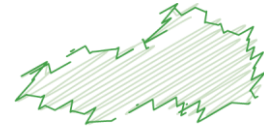
Action: All to suggest ideas for possible sponsors

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.1 Pingot Lane appeals. The Parish Council's statement, prepared by Alyn Nicholls & Associates, and part funded by contributions from local residents (as agreed at the EGM on 7th August) has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The appellant and defendant statements have to be submitted by 15th and 20th September for the two cases, and we can only wait and see if we are allowed to view the statements that are submitted.

10.2 23/01075/FUL (Alvanley PC). This is an application by the owners of Cheshire Saffron on Commonsides to erect up to 6 holiday cabins as dual use facilities for letting out in the summer and saffron production in the winter. The PC agreed that the business case for this is weak and the erection of holiday cabins is excessive when compared with other enclosed spaces for saffron production.

The Parish Council will submit a comment to this effect.



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Action: Councillor Walton to write a comment for submission to the CWaC Planning Portal

Action: Parish Clerk to submit the comment on behalf of the Parish Council

11. Finance:

The following payments were approved:

- Reimbursement - A combination lock for the Parish Field gate (£29), Replacement defibrillator pads for the defibrillator at the Village Hall (£47.99) and Domain Renewal (£8.39) totalling £85.38 - Councillor I Walton
- Payroll for last 3 months - £60.00 – Invoice No: 08256 - Rose Rowland and Co Limited
- Room Bookings – Parish Council Meeting 5th July and Sandstone Ward Parish Councils Meeting – 21st June - £60 – Manley Village Hall
- Preparing representations on behalf of the Parish Council in respect of planning enforcement appeals for Gypsy and Traveller use on land at Pingot Lane, Manley, Frodsham. Liaison with Cheshire and Cheshire West Council and Ms Constanzie Bell of Counsel - £5100 - Invoice 93770 (R) - Alyn Nicholls and Associates.

12. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

No items listed for the meeting

13. DATE OF NEXT PC MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 6pm in Manley Village Hall.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to send a message of thanks to Jonathon Roberts, who has resigned from the PC. In particular we recognised Jonathon's valuable expertise with the maintenance of the Parish Council website, and for providing IT support for all councillors.

Litter on the Parish Field remains a problem, and we need to remind football players to place rubbish in the bins by the Village Hall when the bin on the field is full.

Action: Councillor Walton to contact the Sports and Social Club

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm