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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MANLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st MAY 2024
IN MANLEY VILLAGE HALL AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Councillors: Ian Walton (Chairman), John Bunting and Kate Birkenhead

Parish Clerk - Gaynor Hawthornthwaite

Before the Annual Parish Council meeting commenced, Councillor Walton welcomed PCSO Neil Flanagan to the meeting, who is currently the local PCSO for the Frodsham, Helsby and Elton areas.

Neil provided the PC with information relating to hand-held speed monitoring equipment and the one-hour training course that is available so that volunteers can use the equipment. To use the battery-operated equipment, in areas that had been assessed by the PCSO, there would need to be three volunteers present when using the equipment. Once trained the volunteers would be supported by the PCSO.

Contact details for Neil: neil.flanagan@cheshire.police.uk and the Sergeant for the area is: James Dingsdale: james.dingsdale@cheshire.police.uk

The PC agreed to follow up with Councillor Deynem whether there is any funding available for a hand-held speed monitoring device that could be shared with other Parish Councils in the Sandstone Ward, from the Member's Budget (see item 6 below).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from CW&C Ward Councillor Deynem, and Manley Parish Councillors Colin Ford, John Gilding Pam Brook, Peter Sherlock and Jane Challoner

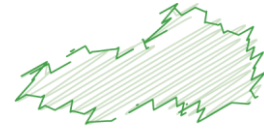
2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR

Councillor Walton was elected as Chairman for 2024/25. This was unanimously agreed. Councillor Walton accepted the position of Chairman.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Ford be nominated as Vice-Chair. As Councillor Ford was not in attendance at the meeting it was agreed that this item should be carried forward to the next PC meeting.

Action – Clerk to note for the next PC meeting.



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4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None declared.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd APRIL 2024

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

Action – Clerk to circulate the approved minutes.

Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

6. SAFETY AND SECURITY

The PC will ask other Parish Councils in the Sandstone Ward if they have a hand-held speed monitoring device that we could borrow, and if not, the PC will follow up the possibility of purchasing a hand-held speed monitoring device that could be used by Parish Councils in the Sandstone Ward, possibly with support from the Ward Member's budget.

Action – Councillor Walton to contact Sandstone Ward PCs and Councillor Deynem to see if we could borrow or purchase a hand-held speed monitoring device

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

7.1 Wildflower in Your Ward – discuss and agree actions.

The PC considered the 4 options that are available and how the PC could get involved and identify and create some potential wildflower sites in Manley.

It was agreed that as Councillor Brook is following up the possibility of Community Orchards for part of the Village field, opposite Manley Village Hall, the wildflower sites and the criteria for identifying sites, could be linked to this project.

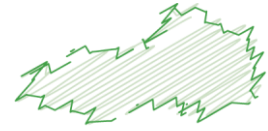
Action – Councillor Brook to follow up potential wildflower sites in Manley.

8. HIGHWAYS

8.1 Update on Manley Road conditions

The PC are continuing to monitor and log with CW&C the outstanding Highway issues in Manley. There has been some repair work to some of the potholes along Manley Road.

Councillor Birkenhead is preparing a letter to be sent to CW&C Highways relating to local residents' concerns about speeding, signage, road markings and visibility on areas along Manley Road and parts of the Sandstone Trail footpath.



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9. COMMUNITY

9.1 Village Hall update; discuss possible uses for the former tennis courts.

Councillor Walton reported that the tennis court posts have now been removed from the Village Hall grass tennis courts and the benches have been put to one side so that the former courts can now be used for five a side football. The Village Hall have purchased five a side football nets, so that the area can be hired out for five a side football. The grass area will need to be maintained if it is to be used for football.

9.2 Confirm attendance at the Spring Fair road closure and agree any other help required.

The Parish Council are to assist at the Spring Fair on Monday 6th May. All the arrangements are now in place for the assistance required at the Spring Fair with the road closure and help at the barbeque stand.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.1 Update on actions arising from the Pingot Lane appeal decision and agree PC involvement.

The appeal inquiry for the Pingot Lane planning applications commenced on Wednesday 3rd April, and ran for 3 days.

The Planning Inspector has now issued his decision which grants temporary (5 year) personal planning permission to the applicants. There are certain planning conditions which must be adhered to, and these are detailed on pages 12 and 13, which can be found on the PC website.

The PC will continue to monitor and discuss at the Sandstone Ward meetings.

11. FINANCE

- **Review of Current Financial Position**

The PC account balance carried forward to 1st April 2024 was £16014.00.

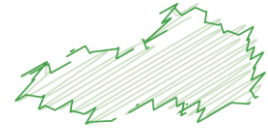
The following were approved for online payment:

- Insurance Renewal from 1st June 2024 - £182.21
- Payroll for last 3 months - £60.00

The Data Protection fee of £35 is automatically renewed by a direct debit payment on or before the 28th May 2024.

The PC has not yet received the annual subscription request from the Mid Cheshire Footpath Society.

12. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE



The following had been received since the April 2024 meeting:

CW&C

- Annual Sheriff of Chester's Charity Breakfast 15 May 2024 - Invitation

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- Weekly Bulletins and Training Courses
- Delamere Forest Neighbours' Newsletter May 2024

13. DATE OF NEXT PC MEETING

The next PC meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 6.00 pm**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm