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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2024 AT 6.00 PM
AT MANLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Councillors: Ian Walton (Chairman), Kate Birkenhead, Colin Ford, Jane Challoner and John Gilding

Councillor Hugo Deynem: Ward Member – Cheshire West and Chester Ward Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/NON-ATTENDANCE

Manley Parish Councillors: Peter Sherlock. Pam Brook, John Bunting

Parish Clerk - Gaynor Hawthornthwaite. In the absence of the Clerk, Councillor Walton acted as Clerk to the meeting.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None declared.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE COMING YEAR

Councillor Ford was elected as Vice-Chair for 2024/25. This was unanimously agreed. Councillor Ford accepted the position of Vice- Chair.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST MAY 2024

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

Public Speaking Time/Open Forum

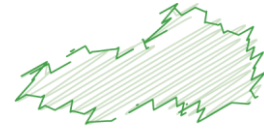
There were no members of the public in attendance.

5. SAFETY AND SECURITY

Update on hand-held speed camera. PCSO Neil Flanagan agreed to support a trial session for members of the Parish Council (and any others from Sandstone Ward) to test the equipment and procedures for speed monitoring. This will be held at 2pm on Saturday 29th June on a stretch of Manley Road just north of Manley School.

If the trial is successful, the Parish Council will decide how best to proceed with future speed monitoring.

Action – Councillor Walton to invite others from Sandstone Ward



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6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

No items reported.

7. HIGHWAYS

Manley Road – Councillor Birkenhead has drafted a letter to CWaC Highways (with input from local residents) outlining our concerns and asking for support from CWaC Highways.

Action – Councillors Walton and Birkenhead to agree on the final text of the letter and send to CWaC Highways.

8. COMMUNITY

7.1 Village Hall update

Current planned events at the Village Hall are:

- 19th July – Blues – Rock Music Night with QDOS
- 10th August – Family Music afternoon with BBQ
- 1st September – Artisan Market
- TBC in November – Wine Tasting
- 24th November – Christmas Artisan Market

No Parish Council support for these is anticipated.

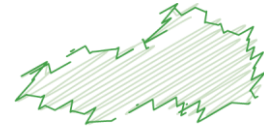
9. PLANNING

The Parish Council have received a response to a request for information on a revised GTAA, following the Planning Inspector's criticism of it at the Inquiry in April.

Basically the partnership authorities (Cheshire West, Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington) have had preliminary discussions about undertaking a new GTAA and these discussions are ongoing. Currently there is no agreement or timetable in place so CWaC will need to carefully consider the pros and cons of waiting for a formal agreement across the partnership or proceeding with a new GTAA limited to Cheshire West and Chester only.

In the meantime, CWaC is looking at ways in which they can better protect the borough from unauthorised development, particularly in the Green Belt where such a strong presumption against development exists. They are seeking the advice of an experienced legal counsel to investigate all other options available to them with further meetings to take place soon.

The situation is complicated by the (previous) government's stated intention to revise the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). When the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) document was revised in December 2023 the Government stated it intended to review the approach to Traveller policy and case law in 2024 but there are no details of this. This is a situation CWaC will have to continue to monitor during 2024.



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Furthermore, if a new government takes over after 4th July, any further changes in planning law will add an additional layer of complexity.

Action: Councillor Walton to write to local residents to update them on the GTAA and the current status of the developments at Pingot Lane.

10. FINANCE

Approval of the following Payments:

- Completion of Internal Audit for Year ended 31/03/24 – JDH Business Services Ltd - £343.20
- Road Closure Manley Spring Fair on 6th May 2024 – Blue Arrow Traffic Management Ltd - £540.00

The Approval of the Annual Return was not discussed and instead it will be the subject of an EGM on Monday 10th June at 6pm.

Action: Councillor Walton to advertise the EGM on the PC's website immediately after this meeting.

11. DATE OF NEXT PC MEETING

The date of the next regular meeting is **Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 6.00 pm.**

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the hedge on the corner of Tarvin Road, Dark Ark Lane and New Pale Road is overgrown and creates a hazard for traffic turning off Tarvin Road into Dark Ark Lane and New Pale Road.

Action – Councillor Walton to check if any planning applications refer to the maintenance of the hedge, and then to ask the residents of the property in question to trim it back.

It was noted that car parking charges have been implemented at Mouldsworth Station, leading to some cars parking outside on the main road (opposite the Goshawk).

Councillor Birkenhead mentioned that a footpath has been ploughed up in a field near Claim Farm.

Action - Councillor Birkenhead to consult the CWaC PROW Officer for advice.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.