

Manley Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY 2024 AT 6.00 PM
AT MANLEY VILLAGE HALL**

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

PCSO Neil Flanagan (for part of the meeting)

Parish Clerk - Gaynor Hawthornthwaite

Councillor Walton welcomed PCSO Neil Flanagan to the meeting, who is currently the local PCSO for the Frodsham, Helsby and Elton areas and is the responsible PCSO for any items relating to speed monitoring/community speed watch in the Manley area.

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. (See item 6.3)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies from Manley Parish Councillors Pam Brook, Jane Challoner, Colin Ford and Peter Sherlock.

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th JUNE 2024 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 10th JUNE 2024

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

Action – Clerk to circulate the approved minutes.

Public Speaking Time/Open Forum

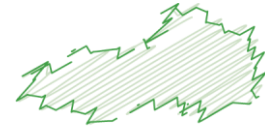
There were no members of the public in attendance.

4. SAFETY AND SECURITY

No items reported.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

No items reported.



6. HIGHWAYS

6.1 Tarvin Road – Dark Ark Lane Crossroads – review response from CWaC Highways (if received)

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.

This privately owned hedge at the junction needs cutting and the PC have been informed by CW&C that we should contact highways@cheshirewest.gov.uk on how to address the problems caused by overhanging trees and hedges which encroach on the highway.

Action: Councillor Walton to write to Highways to ask for advice.

6.2 Manley Lane – Yarangall Green section – review response from CWaC Highways (if received)

The PC has sent a letter to CW&C Highways detailing local residents' concerns about speeding, signage and visibility on areas along Manley Road and parts of the Sandstone Trail footpath.

CW&C are in the process of following this up and preparing a response.

The PC are continuing to review and follow up the signage in Manley to ensure that they are easily visible and in the right place; vegetation is cut back that is obscuring signs, and the repeater signs are in the right place along Manley Road.

The PC are to prepare a priority list of the roads in Manley that need to be improved and the potholes that require repair work. These are to be identified on a map of Manley and prioritised in terms of severity on a scale of High/Medium/Low.

Action – All to consider the roads that require improvement and the potholes that require repair work.

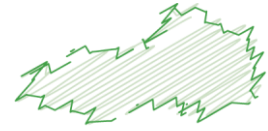
6.3 Speed Monitoring – discuss speed monitoring trial (scheduled for 29th June) and discuss and agree next steps

The speed monitoring trial with Neil that was scheduled for 29th June did not go ahead and is to be re-arranged to Saturday 24th August at 2 pm (meet at Manley Village Hall) for representatives of the Parish Council and volunteers from members of the community. High Viz jackets will be required for a trial speed monitoring on the stretch of road outside the Village Hall.

Neil mentioned that there were no reported incidents in Manley this month.

Wheeldon Copse, Manley Road – Alvanley

The PC and local residents are following up with the Woodland Trust the grass verge on Wheeldon Copse that is being used for car parking and resulting in big holes on the grass verge. Some of the parked cars are parked on the edge of the grass verge and onto Manley Road.



7. COMMUNITY

7.1 Village Hall update

Councillor Walton reported that:

- The Village Hall room bookings and finances are continuing to improve.
- The Village Hall Committee are continuing with the painting works.
- More volunteers are needed to join the Committee.

Events at the Village Hall:

- A successful football evening was held in the Village Hall, for the England against Switzerland match. The bar was open, and pies were served at half time. 50-60 people attended the event.
- 19th July – Music Night with barbeque
- 1st September – Artisan Market

7.2 Manley Fair (successor to Spring Fair) – discuss ideas to propose to the Village Hall, and ways of generating ideas and volunteers from the community.

The PC discussed ideas and format for an annual Manley Fair, which is to replace the Spring Fair and is to be organised by the Village Hall Committee. The aim of the event would be to bring community together, have fun activities as well as generating income for the Village Hall, with minimum volunteers. The Parish Field would be available for use and arrangements could be made for Manley Road to be closed if required.

Suggestions put forward included:

- An Artisan market with a family theme.
- Sub-contracting the organisation of the event – a project for a university course? If the event is not sub-contracted, volunteers would be required for the organisation

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There are no updates relating to the Pingot Lane planning applications.

Action - Councillor Walton to update residents.

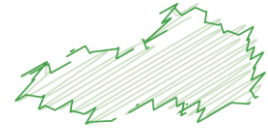
9. FINANCE

Review of Current Financial Position

The MPC bank account balance as at 31st May 2024, was £16,288.84.

Appointment of Auditor for 2024/25

It was agreed that JDH Business Services Ltd should be asked to complete the internal audit in 2024/25.



Action – Clerk to notify JDH Business Services Ltd

Approval of the following payment:

- Tax due on Clerk's Salary for Quarter 1 - Payable to HMRC £148.60 (due by 22nd July) was approved for payment

Community Saver Bank Account

Councillors Walton, Ford and Brook are following up the details of a Community Saver Issue 11 account higher with the Skipton Building Society and propose transferring half the reserves that are currently in the PC current account, leaving not more than a year's precept amount remaining.

Action – The 3 bank signatories to visit a Skipton Building Society branch to set up the account.

10. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The following Bulletins and Circulars had been received and circulated since the June 2024 meeting:

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- Weekly Bulletins and Member Briefings
- Cheshire West Volunteering Strategy (2025-2030) - consultation survey

11. DATE OF NEXT PC MEETING

It was agreed that the September 2024 Manley PC meeting (that was scheduled for Wednesday 4th September) should be changed to **Wednesday 18th September** and that the scheduled date for October of **Wednesday 2nd October** should be **cancelled**.

The two Manley PC Meeting Dates remaining in 2024 are:

- Wednesday 18th September
- Wednesday 6th November

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that there was a car accident at 11pm on Sunday 23rd June on Manley Road by the Yarangall Green junction.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm