Minutes of the Manuden Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th May 2013 at 9.45 pm

| Present | Cllr L. Atkinson (Chairman)  
|         | Cllr J. Archer (Vice Chairman)  
|         | Cllr J. Ellis  
|         | Cllr J. Kershaw  
|         | Cllr F. Womack  |

In Attendance:  
Mr C Bartram(Clerk)  
D Cllr J Loughlin  
C Cllr R Gooding

One member of the public attended the meeting.

| Apologies for Absence Disclosures of Interest | Cllr C. Forster  
|                                              | Cllr S. Hannington |

There were no Disclosures of Interest.

| Minutes of Previous Meeting | The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.  
|                             | **Councillor J Ellis** was formally co-opted to the Council by signing her Declaration of Interests and Acceptance of Office documents.  
|                             | It was proposed by Cllr F Womack and seconded by Cllr J Kershaw that Cllr Atkinson should be re-elected as Chairman; Cllr Archer’s re-election as Vice Chairman was proposed by Cllr Kershaw and seconded by Cllr Womack. Both were unanimously agreed.  
|                             | The Chairman commented that he was very pleased with the manner in which the Council had again worked as a team during the course of the last year. There were a few amendments made to the **Allocation of Councillor Responsibilities document** due to the resignation of Cllr Holmes which The Clerk agreed to amend and circulate.  
|                             | C. Cllr Gooding announced that Manuden had been top of the returns in Essex of those people expressing the need for a **Superfast Broadband** link for their villages. Cllr Womack agreed to write to the Chief Information Officer of ECC in order to maintain the pressure for our needs.  
|                             | Cllr Archer said that the **Village Emergency plan** is still ongoing. There followed a debate following a question regarding who has the responsibility for infirmed Villagers at the times of a power cut. Cllr Archer had been informed by Linda Lipscombe of UDC that the responsibility would lie with the power companies and that the villagers must ensure that they, or their carers, contact the power companies in order to make them aware of their needs.  
|                             | Cllr Womack said that she is contacting as many agencies as possible in order to raise funding for a **Defibrillator**, it was suggested that a note be placed in the Parish News to see if any parishioners wished to make a contribution. Cllr Womack also said that she is still waiting for more information from the various village organizations for material to go in the **Newcomers Pack**. |
Cllr Archer said that he had collected a piece of children’s play equipment called “Mezzo” which we had been assigned by UDC and which he hoped to install in the Play Area at the Playing Fields soon. There then followed a discussion over the **Green Waste Skip Collection Times** the Council was very irritated and annoyed by the manner in which changes being implemented by UDC are being made without any consultation with us. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Barker at UDC regarding the matter and to request that the changes are not implemented, one of the main reasons being that the proposed times which coincide with church services. The Clerk was asked to complete a **Salt Survey** sent by ECC. The Chairman agreed to write regarding the proposed **Boundary Changes**, which the Council found to be totally unacceptable. The proposal is that the Stort Valley Ward should be increased by the inclusion of Stansted North and represented by three councillors. The rural identity and homogeneity of the Stort Valley Ward would be lost as would the single, uncompromised voice speaking for us in the Council Chamber.

Mr Pratley passed the information that four of the five **almshouses** are now empty. Progress is being made towards providing new almshouses in Manuden and efforts to recruit new trustees are now progressing well; the outlook therefore is brighter.

### 1. New Applications Received

**UTT/13/1074/TPO. 57 The Street. Crown lift over drive to 3.5 metres and reshape 1 no. Yew.** *PC agreed not to comment*

**UTT/13/1086/TCA. 57 The Street. Re-prune and 30 per cent crown reduction 1 no. Cherry, remove 1 dead limb from 1 no. Poplar, reduce overhanging branches 2 no. Beech, reduce overhanging branches 1 no. Oak* *PC agreed not to comment*

**UTT/13/1041/FUL Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) on application UTT/0692/12/FUL re plot 6 (no. 6 Langlands)** *PC agreed not to comment*

**UTT/13/0995/DC. 12 Stewarts Way. Retrospective application for air source heat pump** *PC agreed not to comment*

### 2. Applications Pending

**UTT/13/0762/HHF. 26 The Street. Erection of single storey rear extension.** *At last meeting PC agreed not to comment.*

**UTT/13/0668/HHF. 41 Carters Hill. Erection of detached garage.** *PC has submitted objection.*

**UTT/13/0654/HHF and others similar at Battles Hall Barns, Maggots End. Proposed garage doors attached to existing car port.** *At last meeting PC agreed not to comment.*

**UTT/13/0628/HHF. Tylers Cottage 1 Mallows Green Road. Retrospective**
Financial Report

application for retention of 4 no. rooflights on the east roof slope of detached garage/outbuilding. *PC has submitted objection.*

UTT/13/0513/HHF. The Old Maltings 40 The Street. Proposed garden room extension and alterations to rear of property. Demolition of existing boundary wall and part demolition of outbuilding to form new vehicular access with associated parking. *PC has submitted objection.*

3. Applications Decided

UTT/13/0714/LB Broom Cottage Mallows Green Road. Demolition of existing workshop/store and erection of replacement garden building. Erection of detached studio/home office/annexe
*Application Approved*

UTT/13/0415/HHF 9 The Street Manuden *Approved with Conditions*

UTT/13/0748/LB. 85A Mallows Green. Demolition of internal wall *Approved with Conditions*

UTT/13/0747/LB. 85 Mallows Green Mallows. Retention of stud and plasterboard wall *Approved*

The Council approved the following cheques:

Wilby & Burnett (for MC&SC) .......... £4860.00
Zurich Municipal (for Insurance) .......... £243.80
Manuden PCC (grant for 2012-13) ........ £800.00

The Clerk had received a cheque for £4860.00 from MC&SC and this leaves us with a balance of £8314.27 of which £6030.25 is in the Treasurer’s Account and £2284.02 is in the Business Account.

Any Other Business

D. Cllr Loughlin expressed her disappointment and annoyance that UDC Planning Committee had, on a deciding vote by the Chairman, not made a site visit before approving planning application UTT/13/0714/LB Broom Cottage Mallows Green Road. She commented that she felt that it was very wrong to disregard the wishes of the Parish Council, and herself, especially as the Planning Committee had made a site visit only 3 miles away in Clavering. The Chairman confirmed that as agreed at the last meeting he had written very critically in response to UDC’s draft *Statement of Community Involvement* in planning matters complaining that the Planning Committee currently shows complete disregard for the views of Parish Councils; “Community Involvement” has become a joke.

The Meeting closed at 10.50 with the date for the next meeting as 27th June 2013.