

Minutes of a Meeting of **Manuden Parish Council** held in the **Community Centre** on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017** at 7.30 pm

Present:

Cllr J Kershaw (Chairman)  
Cllr J Archer ( Vice Chairman)  
Cllr S Hannington  
Cllr K Hardy  
Cllr E McLean  
Cllr F Womack  
Cllr R Dale- Cooke

In Attendance: Mr C Bartram(Clerk)  
D Cllr J Loughlin  
C Cllr R Gooding  
1 Member of the public

There were no Disclosures of Interest.

Minutes of  
Previous  
Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

Matters  
Arising

Cllr Archer said that most of the paperwork is now complete and that the aim is to have the restoration work on the **War Memorial** completed by November 2018, he also said that it has now has a Grade 2 listing. The forms for the application for **Road Signs at Maggots End** have now been completed and are ready to be sent. There was then further discussion on the needs for more and better signage for the community centre. As well as repeater signs and the zig zag lines at the school

There was nothing further to report about **Ultrafast Broadband** and the Chairman thanked everyone, especially the children, who took part in the **Village Clean up**, attendance was very good and a large amount of litter was collected.

Our entry for the **Essex Village of the Year Competition** has been acknowledged and we are waiting to hear whether we get through the first round of judging. The Parish Council church display for the **Manuden Village Picnic on 6<sup>th</sup> May** was then discussed with a group of councillors agreeing to meet on 5<sup>th</sup> May to complete the display.

Other issues

Cllr Hardy presented an interesting report about a **Planning Course** that she had attended, the main discussion that followed was whether there is a need for a Neighbourhood Plan, or not. The Council agreed to revisit the discussion.

The Council were informed of a dispute with **Sutcliffe Play** over a payment for “downtime” during the construction of the extended Village Play area. This has led to a County Court Order for payment being issued on behalf of Sutcliffe Play ... the Council were unanimous in deciding to defend this.

The Council wish to thank Mr Dennis Bonney for **Varnishing the Notice Boards and Diana Seat** and discussed a **letter from Miss Bird** regarding the dog mess on the playing field and the need for new bins. The Council then expressed their concerns and worries over the **Road Closures** around the village and the serious impact this is having on the road surfaces, as well as the congestion, with the increased volume of traffic.

The Clerk was asked to contact **Zurich Insurance** to ensure that we have public liability cover for the Scarecrow Trail as well as for the Open Gardens biannual event. Complaints had been received about a large amount of **noise from a recent home party**, this was discussed and it was decided this was more an issue for the Environmental Health department at Uttlesford DC rather than the Parish Council.

Sub  
Committee  
Reports

**Open Gardens.** The date of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 was fixed for the next event and a reminder of the Mama Mia singalong evening on 11<sup>th</sup> November was made.

**Footpaths** Cllr Hardy had met with Mr John Burton of Berden Parish Council and discussed a P3 agreement over various footpaths.

**Fun Run** There had been a fire near a storage container that had seriously damaged Fun Run

equipment that will need to be replaced.

**Play Area/ Scarecrow Trail** Help and involvement is requested for the Scarecrow Trail on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Plans

**Applications Received:**

Ark End Mallows Green Road, Ref. No: UTT/17/0824/HHF Two storey extensions to front and rear elevations and internal alterations. *No Comments were made on this application*

30 Butt Lane Manuden Bishops Stortford CM23 1DL Ref. No: UTT/17/0631/HHF Demolition of conservatory and carport. Erection of side and rear extensions and replacement roof. *No Comments were made on this application*

Beeches Upp End Mallows Green Road Manuden 1BT Ref. No: UTT/17/0557/FUL Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian. Erection of barn and formation of all-weather arena, hard standing area and grazing *No Comments were made on this application*

Former Village Hall The Street Manuden Ref. No: UTT/17/0985/LB Conversion of Village Hall (formerly Methodist Chapel) to dwelling. *No Comments were made on this application at the present time.*

**Applications determined**

1 David Collins Drive Manuden Ref No. UTT/17/0164/CLP *Status Approved*

Finance

The Council approved the following cheques:

Ace of Spades Landscapes .....	£540.00
Japers (Web hosting).....	£72.00
Friends of Historic Essex .....	£12.00
C Bartram (payment for D Bonney).....	£25.00
CPRE .....	£36.00
EALC .....	£200.50
D Honour and Sons (Landscapes) Ltd.....	£699.24
NBB Recycled Furniture .....	£420.00

The Clerk reported that the end of year balance on 31<sup>st</sup> March was £6842.28 and since then we have received a VAT repayment of £7954.77. .... This will leave a present balance of £12792.76 He said he would be circulating a financial report that he asked Councillors to check ready for the AGM in May.

Items of Interest

Cllr Hannington agreed to represent the Council on 5<sup>th</sup> May at the **Stansted Parish Council Meeting** It was noted that The **Yew Tree Inn** is now under new management and everyone wished them success. Concern had been expressed over overhanging branches from a **tree in the “donkey” field**, The Chairman agreed to contact Anne Hooper at ECC to ask her to investigate. We again have problems with kerbing which Cllr Maclean agreed to report to ECC and DCllr Loughlin reported that we will soon be receiving our New Homes Bonus, which this year will be £500 ... the Chairman expressed thanks for this and said that it will be well spent.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 10.25 pm

Date of the next meeting the **APM and AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> May which will start at 8.00 pm**