

Minutes of a Meeting of **Manuden Parish Council** held in the **Community Centre** on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at 800 pm

Present: Cllr J Archer (Chairman)  
Cllr F Womack, ( Vice Chairman)  
Cllr R Dale-Cooke  
Cllr L Eustace  
Cllr L. Fox

In Attendance: Mr C Bartram(Clerk), C Cllr R Gooding,  
Apologies Cllr N Millward, Cllr E Croker, D Cllr J Loughlin,  
0 Members of the public

There were no Disclosures of Interest or items of Public Interest  
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

### **Matters Arising**

**Traffic Measures** Despite the efforts of the PC there was nothing to report on the request for a survey to be carried out. .CCllr Gooding said he would be in consultation regarding the amount of proposed road closure and the effects on local minor roads. He said there was money available for repairing pot holes and that these should be reported for a more speedy repair rather than waiting for the Highways general inspection.

**Dog Poo bags** Councillors failed to understand why people deposit their poo bags anywhere other than in the bins provided but some do.!

**Christmas party 2026 entertainer** After some debate it was decided to continue with Steve Sausage and Cllr Eustace was asked to contact him to see if he is still available.

### **Other Issues**

**Village Clean up day** ....Saturday 7th March The Clerk reported that it was all arranged and several councillors said they would be attending.

**4 Mailer's Lane** The Council were amazed with the responses that DCllr Loughlin had received from the UDC Housing Officer especially with the responses made regarding the tenant's availability for the officer to visit.

**Berden First Aid Course** The Clerk reported that four villagers have replied saying they wish to be included.

**Defibrillator pads** Cllr Dale-Cooke reported that a new battery had arrived and that he had installed it in the defibrillator at the Tew Tree Inn

**Town twinning** No member of the village had reported an interest to the and the Clerk was asked to reply declining an offer to investigate a town twinning proposal with a Spanish town.

### **Sub Committee reports**

**Open Gardens** There appears to be a struggle to have enough gardens available for this year and therefore a few doubts as to whether it will go ahead.

**Footpaths.** The footpaths representative is in need of a hip operation and therefore will concentrate mainly on admin duties. Cllr Fox reported that a working group met and had repaired and installed new post.

**Manuden Cricket Club** The Chairman reported that the Club has a good number of fixtures for the new season and would be continuing with fundraising in order to install a new net and purchase a new mower.

### **Planning**

**Ref. No: UTT/26/0184/TPO**

Removal of major deadwood attached to 1 no. large Lime as requested under Section 154 (2) of Highways Act 57 The Street Manuden **Status: Allowed.**

**Ref. No: UTT/26/0115/OHL** · Received: Thu 15 Jan 2026

Notice under the Electricity Act 1989 - The Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England & Wales) Regulations 2009 - Replacement of an existing electric pole at its current location under an existing overhead line. Battles Hall Farm Maggots End Maggots End Road Manuden Bishops Stortford **Status: Decided**

**Ref. No: UTT/26/0392/LB** · Remove existing 'modern' tiles, floating timber floors and screed from kitchen, utility room and study area of main dwelling. Replace with new liquid/flow screed (including underfloor heating pipes), new tiles and flooring. Remove existing modern radiators and associated pipework. Pond House Upp End Mallows Green Road Manuden Bishops Stortford CM23 1BT **Status: Awaiting decision**

**Ref. No: UTT/25/3400/FUL**

Construction of 1 no. new self-build infill dwelling and ancillary carport/home office building and associated development. Clock House 17 Butt Lane **Status: Approved**

**Ref. No: UTT/26/0263/FUL**

Full planning application for 9no. self build and custom bungalows  
Land North Of Narley Field Road The Street Manuden  
The Chairman agreed to draft a reply

**Status: Awaiting decision**

### **Financial report**

The Council approved the following payments:

Ace of Spades ....Grass cutting the Churchyard	£307.20
RCCE .... Subscription .....	£85.80
UDC .. Weekend Garden Waste collection for 2025 / 26 ...	£1740.00

After these are paid there will be a balance of £13021.76 in the accounts

There being no further business the meeting ended at **22.22** pm

Date of the next meeting **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026**