

Minutes of a Meeting of **Manuden Parish Council** held in the **Community Centre** on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026** at 800 pm

Present: Cllr J Archer (Chairman)  
Cllr R Dale-Cooke  
Cllr E Croker  
Cllr L Eustace  
Cllr L. Fox  
Cllr N. Millward

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

Apologies D Cllr J Loughlin,  
Cllr F Womack,

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

### **Matters Arising**

**Costs breakdown between the PC and MVH&ST** The Council agreed that a payment of £2500.00 should be made to MVH&ST in May each year.

**Traffic Measures** There was a great deal of discussion regarding a diversion along Mallows Green Road, Dogden's Lane and then Butt Lane caused by the repair of a water main pipe on The Street. This has caused a major amount of damage to the roads especially on the Mallows Green road / Dogden's Lane junction. The closure of The Street probably also caused a considerable loss of revenue to businesses in the village. The Council also appreciated that Cllr Gooding pursued the matter with Essex Highways to speed up the necessary road repairs much to the relief of all. The added concern is that more repairs, investigations and diversions are being scheduled in the near future .... The Chairman has already written to Essex Highways expressing our concerns and asking their officers visit the village to walk the diversion route .

**Dog Poo Bin** The new bin has been installed on Dogden Lane, it has been emptied and is well used.

**Christmas Parties 2025 and 2026** The December party was another great success and was very popular with residents. The Council then decided to have a similar style party on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2026 with the main decision being whether to ask Steve Sausage to return or whether a change may be preferable. .... councillors agreed to consult their village contacts.

**Precept 2026/27** This was set at £15500.00 for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.

### **Other Issues**

**Berden First aid course** The Clerk had received details from Berden Parish Council regarding a whole day First Aid Course that they are holding in June. The Council agreed to circulate details and to subsidise the costs for up to 6 parishioners.

**Green Waste Skip approval for 2026** These dates have been circulated and the Council agreed to continue the payments expected to be in the region of £2000.00

### **Sub Committee reports**

**Open Gardens** This will be held on Father's Day .... 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**Footpaths** The Footpath's representative had received correspondence regarding Footpath 14 to which he has responded. He also had made a resident aware of his responsibilities regarding a fence in regards to the path.

**Manuden Cricket Club** Winter nets are being used and there are fund raising activities being planned for a coach.

### **Applications received:**

**Ref. No: UTT/25/3417/TCA** Received: Mon 22 Dec 2025 Validated: Mon 22 Dec 2025 *Status:*

*Awaiting decision No comment was made*

Crown reduce by one third a row of Ash Trees. Reduce 1no. Norwegian Spruce by 4 metres in height and reduce its laterals to create shaping.5 Watts Yard The Street Manuden Essex CM23 1DN

**Ref. No: UTT/25/3400/FUL** Received: Thu 18 Dec 2025 Validated: Thu 18 Dec 2025 *Status:*

*Awaiting decision. No comment was made*

Construction of 1 no. new self-build infill dwelling and ancillary carport/home office building and associated development. Clock House 17 Butt Lane Manuden Essex CM23 1BN

**UTT/26/0011/TCA** 30 The Street Manuden Bishops Stortford Hertfordshire CM23 1DQ *Status:*

*Awaiting decision. No comment was made*

Removal of 1 no. Cherry and replacement with 1 no. Beech hedge

### **Financial report**

The Council approved the following payments:

Ace of Spades ..... grass cutting Carter's Hill and Play Area .....	£576.00
Ace of Spades .....grass cutting Churchyard .....	£307.20
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Cllr Eustace .....Christmas party expenses .....	£128.67
C Bartram .....Salary for the financial year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March ....	£4000.00
MVCC .....Room hire for 2026 .....	£176.00

After these payments have been made there will be £14562.19 in the Parish accounts.

**Other information** It was noted that information had just been received that UDC have refused permission for a solar panel farm at Pelham ..... but that an appeal is likely.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9:45 pm

Date of the next meeting **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**