

Minutes of a Meeting of **Manuden Parish Council** held in the **Community Centre** on **Thursday 7th. September** at 7.30 pm

Present:

Cllr J Kershaw (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

7 Members of the public

Apologies Cllr J Archer (Vice Chairman)

There were no Disclosures of Interest.

Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising Michelle Gardiner from the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) explained the differences between **Community led plans** and whether it would be more appropriate for the Council to consider adopting a Parish Plan, a Village Design Statement or a Neighbourhood Plan, and whether there was a need for any of them.

Two members of the public then explained their feelings towards a notice placed in the Parish News regarding traffic on Mallows Green Road. They explained the needs of the farming community, the development of larger vehicles and how strict the training is for the operators of these vehicles. They explained the difficulties of operating on narrow lanes and how much they appreciated the cooperation of most members of the community however they did comment that there were some members of the public who are less than cooperative.

Stephen Graley from Foundations Children & Family Service explained the plans to open a children's home in **2a Mailers Lane**. It would be for up to 5 traumatised children between the ages of 8 and 18. The company have applied for an Ofsted registration. The Council as well as Fiona Gardiner from UDC Social services, the District Councillor and the County Councillor all expressed their concerns with the project and debated whether a small village such as Manuden, with its lack of transport connections, is the most suitable place for such a company as well as the perils and dangers of placing a home of this type in the community.

The Council recognised there has been some improvement in the state of the garden of **4 Mailers Lane** and decided to monitor it over the next month, the **Overhanging branch from the Donkey Field** has now been dealt with, thanks go to Anne Hooper from ECC and the **Damaged drainage grill** on The Street has now been repaired and has been working effectively with the heavy rain. It was decided to ask the Highway Rangers to repair the **2 bollards and a bin on the Village Green**.

There was insufficient time to **discuss** all the effects of the **Roadworks in the area**

Other issues and the frustrations and difficulties being caused, particularly with the closure of Rye Street. It was reported that **Gigaclear** have not only made a donation of £400 towards the sponsoring of the Fun Run but are also asking local farmers if they can store their equipment on their land, hopefully they will soon be producing their plans for the village.

Sub Committee Reports
Open Gardens will be happening in 2018 and the Mama Mia film will be shown after a licence to do so has been obtained.
Footpaths A few damaged posts have been reported and are being attended to.
Fun Run is on schedule, more volunteers would be appreciated and the contactors for Affinity Water are being very cooperative in the arrangements.
Play Area/ Scarecrow Trail A new picnic table has been delivered and more fencing completed.

Plans

Applications Received:

42 The Street Manuden Ref. No: UTT/17/2466/TCA Fell 2 no. Western Red Cedar and reduce and re-shape Cherry Tree *The Council made no comment on this application*

Mallows Green Farm Mallows Ref. No: UTT/17/2272/HHF Demolition of existing rear extensions and rebuilding to form kitchen extension, single storey rear and side porch extension. Demolition of existing pool house and replacement with new pool house. Erection of detached garage/car port *The Council made no comment on this application*

Mallows Green Farm Ref. No: UTT/17/2273/LB Demolition of existing rear extensions and rebuilding to form kitchen extension, single storey rear and side porch extension and associated internal alterations *The Council made no comment on this application*

Applications determined

10 Mailers Lane Non Material Amendment to UTT/16/3163/HHF - Change garage to a living room. Change first floor flat roof window to a dormer window. *Status: Approved*

Barn Near Saucemeres Farm Application to discharge conditions 4 (Contamination Assessment) and 5(Remediation Scheme) attached to UTT/16/2936/PAP3Q dated 21.11.2016 *Status: Decided*

The Orangery 61 The Street Demolition of existing greenhouse and construction of orangery on existing foot print and a small bathroom to be installed. *Status: Refused*

26 Mailers Lane Construction of 1 no. 3 bed dwelling on the land adjacent to and within the site boundary of 26 Mailers Lane *Status: Approved*

Hill House 12 Carters Hill First floor garage loft conversion with flat roof dormer and main house fenestration alterations *Status: Refused*

Hill House 12 Carters Hill Main house fenestration alterations and internal wall removal *Status: Approved*

22 Stewarts Way Manuden Erection of first floor rear extension
Status Approved

Finance

The Clerk informed the Council that the external auditor had approved the financial accounts for 2016-17 without comment..

The Council approved the following cheques

The History Society to help pay for the restoration work on the War Memorial
.....£550.00

D Honour and Sons Landscaping £1954.69

Ace of Spades (for the Church grass cutting) £270.00

Ace of Spades for general grass cutting£180.00

Essex and Herts Air Ambulance (donation) £300.00

J. Archer for repayment of Fun Run expenditure£360.00

After these cheques are cleared there will be a balance of £11696.49 in our accounts.

Items of
Interest

There was a query over missing **drain covers on Maggots End road** but it is believed they have been replaced to aid road resurfacing measures. The Chairman expressed her regret over the death of **Miss Rhoda Bird** who was a lovely, eccentric lady who will be sorely missed in the village community. The Chairman will place a notice in the Parish News and would appreciate information from anyone who new Miss Bird.

There being no further business the meeting ended at **10.30 pm**
Date of the next meeting **19th October 2017**