

Minutes of a Meeting of **Manuden Parish Council** held in the **Community Centre** on **Thursday 18th October** at 7.30 pm

Present:

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

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

Apologies

There were no Disclosures of Interest.

Minutes of
Previous
Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

Matters
Arising

Cllr Hardy has applied to the Local Highways Panel for some **Village signage** for the Community Centre and Cllr Womack has a pdf version of the previous **Village Welcome pack**. There was nothing to report on the **Kerbing at the northern end of the village**

Other issues

The Council were extremely happy as they had just received the prestigious **EALC Council of the year award**, they received a plaque, a mounted certificate and £200 to be spent on Training courses.. There then followed a discussion regarding the **Village meeting and PC response to planning application UTT/18/2258/OP** (please see attachment).

Cllr Hannington said that she was surprised and thrilled to hear that she had been nominated for the **UDC Community achievement award** The Chairman said that this was thoroughly deserved for her many years of actively organising and supporting Village events . Vice Chairman Archer and the Clerk said they would be delighted to accompany her and her daughter to the awards ceremony.

The Council then discussed the outbreak of a **Car theft and other petty thieving** that had suddenly occurred and asked everyone to be careful and watchful . It was decided not to purchase **Defibrillator child pads** as it was felt that their usage may be confusing, especially at a time of high anxiety. It was pointed out that the present defibrillator pads can be used, under direction by the ambulance service, on children by placing one pad on the child's back.

Sub
Committee
Reports

Open Gardens. Another highly successful **Musical Mayhem** showing made a profit of £650.00. This again allowed a donation to the **Pancreatic Cancer and Grove Cottage** charities as well as helping in the fundraising by MVCC towards purchasing,, with various grant aids, a **Screen** to be used at future events.

Footpaths Cllr Hardy had received various complaints regarding the reinstatement of several footpaths after the summer ploughing, she had approached the farmers and was pleased to report how cooperative and helpful they had been. Mr Pratley was thanked

for his efforts in strimming footpath 19 which is now much better.

Fun Run This again proved to be very successful with a large sum being donated to various charities and village organisations, although participating numbers were slightly down, cost savings made the event very successful.

Scarecrow Trail The next event will take place on the weekend of **31st May to 2nd June** with the theme **Best of British**

Plans

Applications Received:

Ref. No: UTT/18/2579/HHF Single storey side/front extension, first floor rear extension, replacement of windows and construction of a detached outbuilding for incidental use only. 7 The Street Manuden CM23 1DD

The Council had no comment but pointed out the listed building properties

UTT/18/2866/HHF Proposed single storey front extension 6 Mailers Lane Manuden CM23 1DP *No comment was made*

Applications determined

Detached Garage

8 The Street Manuden CM23 1DE

Ref. No: UTT/18/1983/HHF *Status: Approved*

Finance

The Council approved the following cheques:

Manuden Hall and Trust (hire of Community centre).....	£26.00
J Archer (to reimburse Fun Run payment)	£288.00
Running Imp Limited	£281.98
Ace of Spades Landscaping (various grass cutting).....	£498.00
J Kershaw (printing costs for Village meeting)	£12.60

After these cheques are cleared there will be a balance of £16088.00 in the accounts.

Items of Interest

The **Chairman informed the Council** of the sale of her property and the facts **of her move to Stansted Mountfitchet**. The question of the need for her to resign her position was discussed and Cllr Hardy was nominated, seconded and unanimously elected to stand as interim Chairman should the need arise. There was a question whether a **Village** or a **Neighbourhood Plan** would be beneficial in opposing planning applications such as UTT/18/2258/OP . The Council took the position that it would not but perhaps parishioners need to be made aware what each one entails. Two of the councillors had visited the **Yew Tree Inn** since their re-opening, they had both eaten there , they had enjoyed the food and wished them every success . None of the Councillors had any recent information regarding the progress of **Gigaclear** where everything has gone very quiet.

DCllr Loughlin informed the Council of the **retirement of Barbara Bosworth**, and the resignation of another conservation officer that leaves that department very short handed.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 10.10 pm

Date of the next meeting **Thursday 6th December.**