

Minutes of a Meeting of **Manuden Parish Council** held in the **Community Centre** on **Thursday 19th April 2018** 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

5 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.

The meeting began with guest speaker **Sally Austin** explaining the role of the **Community Agent in Manuden and throughout the Uttlesford district**. She explained how the agents are able to visit the elderly and help them complete many tasks whilst in the safety and familiarity of their home environment.

The Council found the talk to be very informative, asked many questions and considered how the service could be of benefit to our parishioners.

Matters
Arising

Despite being contacted twice there was nothing to report on the **Foundations Children & Family Service** home and the results of their Ofsted Inspection (immediately after the meeting the Council heard that the owners have been on holiday and are still waiting to hear from Ofsted). Several Councillors then explained, to a member of the public, the reasons why The Council decided not to place an article in the Parish News about the home following the initial presentation by FCFS in September 2017, which was reported in the PC minutes.

Following this agenda item, all but one member of the public left the meeting.

Uttlesford officers are still working with the occupant of **4 Mailers Lane** to try to improve the state of the property. The only news that we have on **Gigaclear** is that there are now many applications for roadworks around the village so we are hoping that work will begin in the near future.

The Chairman thanked everyone who had taken part in the **Village clean-up** it was a great success, with a good turn out on the day. Many other villagers who could not be there on the Saturday were still keen to help and participated by cleaning a section of the village either before or after the allotted time. All were to be thanked. The Council were also keen to support the **Village Picnic** that will take place on the 12th May and will prepare a flower display for the church.

There is still no solution regarding the notice about parking restrictions on the **School Zig zags** and Cllr Gooding said he would try and help. The Council agreed to pay for a **First aid course** which Cllr Hardy is hoping to organise in June and irritations with the lack of progress were again expressed regarding the **Village signage for MVCC**. There was nothing to report on the **War memorial lettering**. The Council then agreed to pay for a free copy of the **Parish magazine** to all households in the village with details to be finalised with the publishing team

Other issues

Operation London Bridge was discussed and various ideas for it were proposed and considered The Council are supporting the local History Society in their plans for the **100th Year Anniversary of the ending of the First World War**. The Chairman agreed to represent the Council at a reception being held by Stansted Parish Council and Councillors were saddened to hear that the Mobile Library will no longer be visiting the village. Councillors then considered the possibility of entering the **Essex Village of the Year** competition following our good effort and success in 2017 and decided that perhaps we could do so.

Sub
Committee
Reports

The **Open Gardens subcommittee** reported that things are looking very positive for this year's event with three more gardens being on show.
ECC no longer have a statutory requirement to repair **footpath signs** but councillors were very pleased to record their thanks to the **Battlement Trust** for their help in replacing signs on the footpaths on their own land and the offer to help with equipment to replace signs on other footpaths.
There is a lot of interest being shown for this year's **Scarecrow Trail** but the organisers would like to hear from more families wishing to provide the actual scarecrows !

Plans

Applications Received:

UTT/18/0958/DOC | Application to discharge conditions 3(materials) 6 (detailed plans) and 8(plans of boundary treatments) attached to UTT/17/0985/LB dated 13.09.2017 | Manuden Hall The Street Manuden CM23 1DY *The Council made no comment on this application*

Proposed conversion of existing agricultural barn to residential dwelling, including demolition of modern extension with erection of cart lodge and parking.
Barn At Peyton Hall Clavering Road Manuden Hertfordshire
Ref. No: UTT/18/0731/FUL | Received: Wed 14 Mar 2018 | Validated: Thu 15 Mar 2018 | *The Council made no comment on this application*

Application to discharge condition 3 (historic building survey report) attached to UTT/17/0984/FUL dated 13.09.2017
Manuden Hall The Street Manuden CM23 1DY
Ref. No: UTT/18/0728/DOC | Received: Wed 14 Mar 2018 | Validated: Fri 23 Mar 2018 *The Council made no comment on this application*

Removal of existing boundary hedge and extension of existing flint boundary wall.
62 The Street Manuden CM23 1DS. Ref. No: UTT/18/0713/HHF | Received: Tue 13 Mar 2018 | Validated: Wed 21 Mar 2018 *The Council made no comment on this application*

Applications determined

Application to discharge Conditions 4 (roof tiles) and 5 (roof lights) attached to UTT/15/0499/LB dated 1 May 2015. 85A Mallows Green Mallows Green Road Manuden Bishops Stortford CM23 1BS Ref. No: UTT/18/0688/DOC | Received: Fri 09 Mar 2018 | Validated: Fri 09 Mar 2018 | Status: Decided

Conversion of garage loft space and addition of 2 conservation roof windows
Hill House 12 Carters Hill Manuden CM23 1DB
Ref. No: UTT/18/0250/HHF | Received: Wed 24 Jan 2018 | Validated: Tue 30 Jan 2018 | Status: Approved

Finance

Councillors approved the following cheques:

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| CPRE affiliation fees | £36.00 |
| Zurich Municipal for insurance | £257.60 |
| EALC affiliation fees | £200.32 |
| Ace of Spades for church grass cutting | £270.00 |
| EALC (Data Protection course training)..... | £150.00 |
| J. Archer for web hosting provision | £73.26 |

After these cheques are cleared the Council will have a balance of £10259.08 in its accounts.

Items of
Interest

It was suggested that the Council could look into setting up a Freedom of Information Policy
There being no further business the meeting ended at 10:04 pm

Date of the next meeting **AGM at 8.00 pm on Thursday 17th May**