

Minutes of a Meeting of **Manuden Parish Council** held in the **Community Centre** on **Thursday 28th February 2019** at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr K Hardy (Chairman)
Cllr J Archer (Vice Chairman)
Cllr S Hannington
Cllr J Tresadern
Cllr F Womack
Cllr R Dale- Cooke
In Attendance: Mr C Bartram(Clerk)
4 Members of the public
Apologies D Cllr J Loughlin
C Cllr R Gooding, Cllr J Kershaw

There were no Disclosures of Interest.

Minutes of
Previous
Meeting
Matters
Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

There was little to report **planning application No: UTT/19/0022/OP**.(see below), the cut-off date for consultations has now passed and the determination date is set for 5th April.

Sophie Winter and Paul Rhodes, two representatives from **Gigaclear**, contributed to the meeting by discussing all the problems that had arisen with their previous work programme and the effects that it had not only on Manuden but on surrounding villages as well. They said the programme would begin again on Monday 4th march and their new sub contractors had been thoroughly briefed in order to minimise the problems as much as possible.

There was nothing to report on the **Kerbing** situation, the clerk will contact Rissa Long for an update and Cllr Hannington was pleased to report that the problematic hedges had now been very tidily cut by **Green Matters**.

The Council decided to see if Steve Sausage is still available to provide the **entertainment for the Christmas party** and the possibility of incorporating some live theatre into the day was discussed and would be followed up. There was then some discussion about the **Village website** which is now 20 years old and whether it needs to be freshened up a little in order to accommodate recent technological advances.

Other issues

The **signs on the green area near the Village sign** were discussed and it was agreed that, even if they are for a village event or for a village interest, they should not be too large or left for too long. Despite some investigations no one was clear why a **Barbed wire fence** had been placed in woodland near the top of Butt Lane. It was agreed to try and pursue the matter. The **Village Clean-up is set for 23rd March** and all are welcome.

The Parish and District **Elections** will be taking place on **2nd May**, the clerk distributed the nomination packs that he had collected. The important dates by which they needed to be returned to UDC were then discussed.

The Council were in full agreement in their opposition to the devastating **hedge cutting on Mallows Green Road**, which a member of the public thought was illegal. The Council did not believe it was illegal as the local farmer said he had been instructed to cut it by ECC however they were very concerned over the dangerous state of the debris and the likelihood of it affecting the drainage system in a section of the village that is prone to flooding..

Since the meeting a full and comprehensive answer to these concerns has been received from Anne Hooper Arboriculture Consultant for ECC and she is satisfied with the hedge cutting. More information can be found at the following www.hedgeline.org.uk

Sub
Committee
Reports

Open Gardens the latest musical mayhem production had been a great success with over £1000 profit being made this meant that £500 was donated to Pancreatic Cancer, £50 to Grove Cottage, £100 to MVCC with the remainder being put towards a new projector / sound system.

Footpaths a large tree that was blocking Dark Lane has been removed

Fun Run is set for 6th October

Scarecrow Trail plans are on schedule despite concerns regarding the Gigaclear works in the village.

Plans

Plans Applications received

Outline application with all matters reserved except access, for up to 22 dwellings, including 40% affordable units. Provision for children's nursery/pre-school (Class D1), with associated car parking. Creation of vehicular and pedestrian access from The Street. Provision of public open spaces, play area, landscaping and Resource Centre. Provision of balancing pond and associated drainage infrastructure.

Land To The North Of Stewarts Way Manuden

Ref. No: UTT/19/0022/OP Received: Fri 04 Jan 2019 Validated: Fri 04 Jan 2019 *Status: Awaiting decision*

Retention of work - removal of internal slave wall.

49 The Street Manuden CM23 1DJ

Ref. No: UTT/18/3382/LB Received: Thu 06 Dec 2018 Validated: Tue 15 Jan 2019 *Status: Awaiting decision*

Proposed erection of new 4 bedroom dwelling and detached garage

Planters The Street Manuden CM23 1DS

Ref. No: UTT/19/0135/FUL | Received: Fri 18 Jan 2019 | Validated: Mon 28 Jan 2019 |*Status: Awaiting decision*

Applications determined

Conversion of garage to playroom and raising roof of garage to add a study and shower room (alternative scheme to that approved under planning permission UTT/18/2451/HHF) 22

Stewarts Way Manuden Bishops Stortford CM23 1DR

Ref. No: UTT/18/3337/HHF | Received: Mon 03 Dec 2018 | Validated: Mon 03 Dec 2018 *Status: Approved*

2 no. Dormer Windows. The Longhouse 4 Battles Hall Barns Maggots End Maggots End Road Manuden Bishops Stortford Hertfordshire CM23 1BJ

Ref. No: UTT/18/3136/HHF | Received: Sat 10 Nov 2018 | Validated: Mon 10 Dec 2018 | *Status: Refused.*

Finance

The Council authorised the following cheques:

Ace of Spades	£270.00
K. Hardy for printing costs.....	£36.00
C. Bartram (transfer to Petty Cash).....	£125.00

This leaves a balance of £12275.64 in the accounts

Items of Interest

Cllr Archer reported that as a result of the History Society receiving a grant of £550.00 towards the War Memorial restoration, the Council may receive a re-imburement of some monies that were paid towards the project.

The Chairman reported that she had been contacted by a Mr Colin Grantham who has a silver cup that was won by a relative in 1964, which he would now like to return to the village. The cup had been donated by a Mr Furze for a “flower and vegetable “competition. The Council said how nice this was and started thinking what competition it could now be used for.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 10.20 pm

Date of the next meeting **4th April**