

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MANATON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30 PM AT MANATON
PARISH HALL ON Monday 9th March 2020**

Present: Cllrs: N Beyts *Chairman* B Warne W Boughey F Smith M Eveleigh S Lewis

In attendance: M Wylie (Clerk) D Cllr Jeffery

AGENDA ITEM	Action
ITEM 1- To receive and approve apologies for absence.	
1.1 Apologies were received from C Cllr Gribble & Cllr J Baker and approved.	
ITEM 2 – To receive declarations of interest.	
2.1 None received.	
ITEM 3 – Public participation.	
3.1 None present.	
ITEM 4 – Reports from County and District Councillors.	
4.1 D Cllr Jeffery reported that Council tax would rise along with car parking charges throughout the district including Sunday parking.	
ITEM 5 – Minutes of the previous meeting.	
5.1 The minutes of the previous meeting which had been previously circulated were approved subject to one change regarding the species of tree on the green.	
ITEM -6 Matters arising	
6.1 None that would not be covered in agenda Items.	
ITEM 7 – Finance & Clerk’s report.	Clerk
7.1 The Clerk presented the payments due being the Clerk’s salary and payment of the Clerk’s annual expenses allowance - approved.	
7.2 The Clerk presented the accounts to the end of January together with the budget turnout to date; both were approved by the council.	
ITEM 8 – Planning	NB
8. Cllr Beyts reported that DNPA had attended the Horse Sanctuary to discuss reported works being carried out – no developments conducted contravened any planning requirements and/or restrictions. The owners had reported to the Chairman that the extra fencing and security being fitted were for the safety of the area and staff employed. The fortress style fence and gate were due to be replaced by designs similar to those at the entrance to Becky Falls.	
ITEM 9 – Highways.	ME
9.1. Cllr Eveleigh reported that he had cleared several blocked drains in the Parish. The pothole repairs throughout the village had been of poor quality and had already started to break up again. This was considered to have been a waste of council taxpayer’s money. Cllrs Eveleigh and Warne were to prepare a letter to D Cllr Gribble regarding the matter. The Chairman thanked Cllr Eveleigh for all his efforts as the Highways representative and all the work he personally undertook in clearing run-offs and ditches around the parish.	
9.2 It was reported that dog fouling had become an issue again on the highway and green spaces around the village – principally at the Northern end. See ITEM 15.	
ITEM 10 – Parish Assets.	SL/BW
10.1 South: Cllr Warne reported that the bridge across the stream for the second boardwalk was still delayed due to the very wet weather. A tree had fallen on part of the boards. It was reported that a tree beside the road 50 metres past the Mellowmead car park was leaning on, and being held up by telephone wires. It was assessed that the tree would soon break the telephone wires. Cllr Warne agreed to examine the situation. This issue had been reported to Openreach some time ago, but no remedial action had been taken.	
10.2 North: Cllr Lewis had nothing to report.	
ITEM 11 - Games Court Committee	WB
11. Cllr Boughey reported that the games court had been cleaned at a cost of £560.00.	
ITEM 12 - Parish Hall Committee.	FS
12.1 Cllr Smith reported that the floor of the hall would be skimmed and the court lines repainted at the end of the month. It was also reported that some campers/kayakers had used the hall overnight recently. There was concern from the Council over whether this was a legitimate use of the hall as the ablutions were lacking and also whether the insurance covered such events. It was reported also that this incident had caused some annoyance and irritation to some parishioners. The Clerk to draft a letter to the Chairman of the hall committee covering these issues.	
12.2 Cllr Smith tendered his resignation from the Council with immediate effect. The Chairman thanked him for his support during his time on the Council and wished him well. The Clerk would produce the required notices notifying the requirement for a replacement councillor.	
ITEM 13 – Manaton Bulletin..	JB
13.1 Cllr Baker reported that the work to produce the next edition was underway and the Clerk said she had several people who would like to advertise.	
ITEM 14 – DAAT	MW
14.1 Mary Wylie reported that, at last, the project was going forward to the next stage of planning. The pole could be moved further towards the Pavilion but not next to it for operational reasons. A report for the next Bulletin had	

been prepared to update the village on the current position. It was reported that a number of people had complained that the project had been delayed for so long.	
ITEM 15 – Correspondence 15.1 A letter had been received from a Parishioner regarding dog fouling around the village, especially on the cricket field and on local roads from the Green to Mill Farm. It was agreed that the Council would keep under consideration sending letters to those identified. As an interim measure warning notices would be placed beside the road and on the cricket field gates.	Clerk
Item 16 Matters for information only 16.1 None.	
ITEM 17 – Date of next meeting. 16.1 The meeting will be held on Monday 20 th (the third Monday of the month due to the previous Monday being Easter Monday)	All
ITEM 18 AOB 18.1 It was reported that a trailer was parked on the side of the highway beyond Little Silver and before the gate to Crosshill. This had created an obstruction and obstacle to passing vehicles and horse riders. The Clerk to draft a letter to send to the owners.	Clerk
ITEM 18 - Matters for future consideration. 18.1 Cllr Boughey gave his apologies for the April meeting.	Clerk

Close of meeting: 8.53pm

These minutes remain in draft form until they are approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman below.

Approved by Manaton Parish Council and signed by the

Chairman.....