

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MANATON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30 PM AT MANATON
PARISH HALL ON Monday 11th October 2021**

Present: Cllrs: W Boughey *Chairman* B Warne S Mount C Keene J Baker

In attendance: M Wylie (Clerk) C Cllr Gribble and D Cllr Jeffery

AGENDA ITEM	Action
ITEM 1- To receive and approve apologies for absence. 1.1 Cllr Beyts	
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 C Cllr Gribble had attended a meeting on climate Change which had lasted from 1.15pm -7.15pm. There had been some problems with the autumn hedge cutting in the area. 4.2 D Cllr Jeffery The council met at the racecourse again this time, although there are now no restrictions regarding safeguarding Corona virus there are still recommendations from HSE and it is the duty of the council to uphold this. There were a number of questions from members of the public which were asked in writing to the council and replied in writing by the leader. Most of these questions related to the actions of the council during the virus period. The main emphasis on this was, why did the council shut down small business when larger businesses could stay open, the leader replied it was a directive from various departments of government, this was not accepted by the questioners. Another question was why is the councillors allowing young people to be vaccinated when the vaccine has not yet been proven, councillors were accused of genocide and were they happy with that ?. The leader replied it is up the individual whether they allowed their children to be vaccinated, he also insisted the disgusting accusations of genocide be withdrawn but the questioner would not withdraw this remark. Work is needed on the council chamber and other parts of the building, this is due to take place starting in December and should last until end of March. It is said the council meetings will move from mornings to 4pm, this does not suit all councillors who have children so a discussion took place for a 6pm start. A question from a councillor was who authorised this as it was discussed by a small group of councillors. This led a heated argument by one councillor who was asked to end his quotations by the chairman, he would not and approached the chairman still shouting, he was restrained by another councillor. The restraining councillor is now being accused of assault, the chairman adjourned the meeting. A discussion has been going on about why we have to use outside premises for full council meetings. A small number of councillor's seem to think we should not need to distance ourselves with the new government directives. It has been pointed out that although it is a government directive it is still the responsibility of parish, district and county councillor's to interpret these rules. An item recommended by the Procedures Committee regarding planning at TDC was whether a ward councillor should be allowed to vote on an applications in their ward, after a short discussion this was not carried, other minor recommendations were approved. This does not really affect our ward as we are in the Dartmoor National Park who have their own planning rules.	
ITEM 5 – Minutes of the previous meeting. 5.1 The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed.	
ITEM -6 Matters arising 6.1 There was still an issue regarding the EDF charges regarding the DAAT lights. The company regarded this as a business and had not responded to the letter of complaint. The Clerk to research other sites electrical costs and also contact EDF again.	Clerk
ITEM 7 – Finance & Clerk's report. 7.1 The Clerk presented the payments due being the Clerk's salary and Gallagher Insurance fee, approved. 7.2 The Clerk presented the accounts to the end of September and also the budget turnout to date, both were approved by the council.	Clerk
ITEM 8 – Planning 8.1 Pony Sanctuary: Cllr Warne had not been happy to be mentioned in their latest report. 8.2 Half Moon: There was a query regarding the usage of the building, would it be a holiday let then open to other uses? It was agreed that it needed upgrading. The council were concerned about parking and access of vehicles during the work needed. It was felt that the response should highlight the need for any damage to the access road to be repaired by the contractors. The council supported the application. 8.3 Sandy Meadow: Still processing at DNP	NB
ITEM 9 – Highways. 9.1. No report.	
ITEM 10 – Parish Assets.	CK/BW

10.1 South: Cllr Warne reported that boards had been delivered to Mellowmead field for the upgrade of the boardwalk bridge. Help was needed to put them in place then volunteers to be approached to build a handrail. A tree on the roadside needs attention. 10.2 North Cllr Keene had produced the playground inspection report. She mentioned that the grass would need a final cut. The Clerk to contact the contractor.	
ITEM 11 - Games Court Committee 11. No report	WB
ITEM 12 - Parish Hall Committee. 12.1 Cllr Mount reported that the hall roof was in need of repair and quotes were being obtained. The next hall committee meeting will be on the 14 th October.	CK
ITEM 13 – Councillor Vacancy 13.1 There had been no applications. The Clerk had updated the notice board information. It was suggested that a notice could be put in the Kestor Inn. (the Clerk to ask them), and in the Manaton Bulletin.	Clerk
ITEM 14 –DNP draft proposals to amend bye laws. . 14.1 It was reported that this included the flying of drones. The council is concerned about the misuse of the moor, but had no comment on the proposals	
ITEM 15 – Queen’s Jubilee 2022 15.1 It was reported that the Church and the WI will have plans. It was suggested that a party on the village green would be an appropriate way to celebrate the occasion.	
ITEM 16 – Correspondence 16.1 None.	
ITEM 17 – Matters for information. 17.1 None.	
ITEM 18 –Date of next meeting. 18.1 Monday 8 th November	
ITEM 19 AOB 19.1 Cllr Mount reported that she was looking into the setting up of a Facebook page for the village. ITEM 20 Matters for future consideration. 20.1 Facebook, Broadband issues and the ownership of the top of the green.	

Close of meeting: 8.35pm

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.....