# MINUTES OF THE MANATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM AT MANATON PARISH HALL**

Present: Cllr W Boughey (Chair), Cllr B Warne, Cllr C Frampton, Cllr M Wylie, and Cllr S Mount (Taking notes)

| AGENDA ITEM | Action |
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| **ITEM 1 - To receive and approve apologies for absence**.<br>1.1 Apologies received and accepted from Cllr N Beyts, Cllr C Keene, Devon Cllr G Gribble, District Cllr Farrand Rogers, and Mrs L Moorse (new Parish Clerk). | |
| **ITEM 2 – Declaration of interest**.<br>2.1. There were no declarations of interest | |
| **ITEM 3 – Public participation**<br>3.1 No members of public present | |
| **ITEM 4 - County & District Councillor reports**<br>**4**.1 No County Councillor report received.<br>Cllr Wylie read out the District Councillor report and will forward to Parish Clerk for inclusion in the Minutes of the Meeting. | MW/LM |
| **ITEM 5 – To approve minutes of meeting on 10th July 2023**<br>5.1 The Minutes having been previously circulated were approved and signed. | |
| **ITEM 6 - Matters arising**<br>6.1 There were no matters arising. | |
| **ITEM 7 - Finance & Clerk's report.**<br>7.1 In absence of the new Parish Clerk, Cllr Wylie presented the Schedule of Payments for signature by the Chair, together with the applicable cheques for signature. It was noted that the TDC payment had to be paid at the Post Office.<br><br>7.2 Cllr Wylie also presented the accounts to the end of August 2023 and the budget to-date – both were approved.<br><br>**Mugs:**<br>It was advised that the free children's mugs are still to be collected. Cllr Mount advised she would chase this. It was confirmed that a total of 47 had been sold, and Cllr Wylie would sell any left over at the parish hall market for £6.00 each. | SM<br>MW |
| **ITEM 8 –Planning**<br>8.1 As Cllr Beyts would be absent for the meeting, he had submitted a report for inclusion in the minutes.<br>Cllr Frampton declared an interest in a planning application for her property, to replace roof and perhaps change porch and extend living room – however the application has yet to appear on the DNPA website.<br><br>The Parish Councillors present voted unanimously that they had no objection to the planning application for Sandy Meadow. | |
| **ITEM 9 - Highways**<br>**9.1** Cllr Mount advised that she had received two emails from parishioners concerned about the diversion of the road from Heatree Cross to Langstone Cross because the diversion route between Swallerton Gate and Ebworthy is narrow and in poor condition - she confirmed that she had emailed DCC requesting a different diversion route and awaited response. | |

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| 9.2 The Chair reported that most of the objects at the Mellowmead/Kestor crossroads had been removed. | |
| **ITEM 10 - Parish Assets**<br>**10.1 North**<br>The Chair confirmed that he had inspected the Playground – one sign is fading but all otherwise in good order. The matter of planting bulbs was raised and it was agreed to buy bags of daffodils and crocus. It was also suggested that a parishioner be approached for advice on this.<br><br>**10.2 South**<br>Cllr Warne confirmed that the bridge at Mellowmead had been completed. He confirmed that it was all within the budget and he will submit a materials invoice in due course.<br>He reported that more chicken wire will be required on the boards. Cllr Warne and The Chair to consider requesting a grant from Manaton Show and Fair to ask for help with the maintenance and extension of the boardwalks in Mellowmead.<br>Cllr Wylie advised that No.1 Boardwalk is very overgrown and may need cutting back.<br>Cllr Warne advised that he has left the grass cut in Mellowmead field this year for seed, to feed the field and cover for voles. He has left a triangle of Devils Bit Scabious uncut.<br>It was agreed to try to arrange an Apple Day to make use of the apple crop in the Mellowmead field – date to be confirmed but it is hoped in early October. (Sunday, 1st of October). It was confirmed that invitations will be sent to the children. Posters will be distributed and a request be made to borrow an apple press. | BW / MW |
| **ITEM 11 To receive a report from the Council representative on the Games Court Committee**<br>11.1 Cllr Boughey had nothing to report. | |
| **ITEM 12 – To receive a report from the Council representative on the Parish Hall Committee**<br>12.1 Cllr Wylie confirmed that she would be attending the committee meeting in November. | MW |
| **ITEM 13 - Traffic Speeding**<br>13.1 Refer to Agenda Item 9 A parishioner had reported having narrowly missed being hit by a speeding vehicle. | |
| **ITEM 14 - Mobile Library**<br>14.1 Cllr Frampton advised that notification has been received that DCC and TDC are considering ending the mobile library service. Cllr Mount confirmed she would email parishioners using the MPH and put-up posters, along with the notification about the closing of ticket offices – these will provide information on how objections can be made to these proposals | SM |
| **ITEM 15 - Half Moon**<br>15.1 The Chair confirmed that he had received confirmation from the National Trust that the posts and chain will be removed and a revised boundary marked on the ground. It was confirmed that an article would be placed in the next bulletin. It was agreed that all the relevant paperwork to this should be carefully stored in case of future queries. | |
| **ITEM 16 - Correspondence**<br>16.1 The Chair advised that an email from the TDC Citizen's Advice Bureau had been received asking for a grant as they are struggling to fund all the service. He will look into the matter as to if the Parish Council have power to do this. In the meantime, it was noted that there was no budget for such an item in the current year's budget. | WB |
| **Item 17- Matters for information**<br>17.1 None | |

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| **ITEM 18 – Date of next meeting**<br>18.1 Monday, 9th October 2023<br><br>**ITEM 19 - AOB**<br>19.1 Cllr Frampton mentioned Oxygen Conservation and their claim to be organic in their statement for the AGM. She advised that she had more correspondence on this matter and would distribute. | CF |
| **ITEM 20 - Matters for future consideration**<br>• Requests for agenda items from Councillors - None<br>• Requests for agenda items from members of the public - None | |

Close of meeting: The meeting closed at 8.33pm

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…….

## Agenda Item 4.
## District Councillor's Report

Report about Teignbridge District Council, September 2023
Recently, the Council passed a motion about the closure of train ticket offices, since many people could be affected by this in different ways. This was unanimous. I proposed an amendment to it, asking the Council also to write to the local MPs about this. This was accepted and passed as part of the motion. One thing I am worried about is the pressure to move to a cashless society, since many people would struggle with this. At the following meeting, I tabled a question, and we were informed that there are 11 services operated by Teignbridge DC where they do not accept cash payments.
I also tabled a question regarding the state of the car parks in Moretonhampstead. Residents had complained and the parish council had passed these comments on to TDC several times. Apparently there is a programme of maintenance work, but TDC does not make parish councils aware of it. They said that the last time Teignbridge carried out any work in the Court Street car park was 16th April. The MPC clerk was unaware of this, and nobody had noticed any difference…. It looks as though more questions are needed…
Over the last two years many Teignbridge residents have taken Ukrainians into their homes but this scheme is coming to an end. The Government has set up a fund to help local authorities provide housing for Ukrainians refugees. TDC are purchasing 18 properties for the Ukrainians and ultimately the houses will become Teignbridge housing stock.

John Farrand-Rogers
11 September 2023

## Agenda Item 8.
## Planning Report - Cllr N Beyts

Manaton Planning Applications as at 10 September 2023

| Application Reference | Application Type | Location Details | Proposal | Community | Decision/ Deadline |
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| 0351/23 | Section 73 | Sandy Meadow, Manaton, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 9UN | Variation of condition 2 of approved planning ref: 0360/22 for replacement dwelling and garage | Manaton | 27-09-2023 |
| 0284/23 | Full Planning Permission | Heatree Activity Centre, Heatree House, Manaton, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 9XE | Replacement roof | Manaton | **Grant Conditionally** |
| 0004/23 | Full Planning Permission | Sandy Meadow, Manaton, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 9UN | Construct three additional timber stables, change of use to equestrian includes the adjacent field. | Manaton | Withdrawn 07-08-23 |
| 0583/20 | Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use | The Old Barn, Devon Horse and Pony Sanctuary, Manaton, TQ13 9UW | Use of land as an equine sanctuary and associated building works | Manaton | 28-02-2021 *Legal advice being considered – decision expected shortly!!* |

You will note that:

- Application 0004/23 for Sandy Meadow stables has been withdrawn, but 0351/23 is new since our last meeting – details in sub para d below.
- Also, Cat and Paul Frampton's application has yet to appear on the DNPA website.
- Heatree has been approved with 3 conditions.
- 0351/23 for Sandy Meadow is a new application requiring an approval/objection by the 27th of Sep. **Planning Portal Reference: PP-12252880 Please state why you wish the condition(s) to be removed or changed**: *Following the grant of conditional planning permission: (0360/22) Variation of Condition 2 attached to planning decision (0446/21) on 12/12/2022 the garage was unchanged and thus did not reflect the material changes from granite to timber boarding at the upper level to the house facades. The walls to the garage were proposed to be clad in granite. This was deemed too expensive and not in keeping with the house. Therefore the client wishes to match the house by cladding the garage predominantly in timber boarding with a granite plinth.* **If you wish the existing condition to be changed, please state how you wish the condition to be varied**: *The walls are to be predominantly clad in timber boarding in lieu of granite, whilst retaining a granite plinth to the perimeter.* Please let me know if you have any comments for me to put to the DNPA – I do not foresee and objections from the Manaton PC. If there are none, I will respond.

**Holwell Soil Dumping**
We are still awaiting a statement from the Planning Authority on the status of the huge soil dumping on Holwell. This is another case of 'a statement will be made imminently'!! Nothing heard since May 23, and I doubt we will.

**Pony Sanctuary**
No update since imminent decision given before May 23 meeting this year and a similar promise in 2022!! Query Emails sent on 29 Aug and 7 Sep 23 – holding response from Chris Hart on 7 Sep: *Apologies for the delayed response to you – your email arrived at a particularly busy period. I will investigate further and respond to you as soon as I have further information.*
There appears to be some differences over the interpretation of the terms "imminent" and "Shortly"! I will continue to pursue.