

Minutes of the Meeting of Manaton Parish Council Held at the Parish Hall

7.30 p.m. Monday 9 September 2013

Present:

Councillors: J. Tope (Chair), R. Drysdale, M. Eveleigh, G. Everitt-White, L. May, K. Pascoe, D. Rogers.

District Councillors: G. Gribble. M. Jeffries.

Clerk: A. Troup.

Apologies for absence:

Councillors:

District Councillors:

SUBJECT

1. **Minutes of the MPC Meeting of 15th July 2013.** It was proposed by Cllr Drysdale and seconded by Cllr Everitt-White that the minutes represent a full and accurate account of the meeting and be adopted. This was accepted unanimously. The minutes were signed by Cllr Tope.
2. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting**
 - a. **County and District Elector Fund.** Cllr Drysdale reported that the information brochure had been distributed and that extra copies were available.
 - b. **Trees on the Green - Dieback.** The Chairman confirmed that he will speak with Max Beales regarding this matter.
 - c. **Mellowmead car park hazel tree.** Mike Baker has agreed to proceed with the coppicing of the tree.
 - d. **Lower bus shelter.** It was confirmed that a letter of thanks had been sent to Manaton S&F regarding the donation towards the bus shelter restoration.
 - e. **Affordable Housing**
 - (1) Over 40 questionnaires have been returned; a summary, which indicates a 56% rejection of the proposals, is enclosed.
 - (2) In view of the response, the Council decided that it could not proceed in supporting the developers' proposals to build on Council owned land, thereby representing the majority feeling in the village against any such development. One of the major reasons given was the perceived lack of need.
 - (3) A summary of the returned responses will be posted in the village and will be used to brief TRAND, the developers, at the next MPC meeting on Monday 7th October.
3. **Councillors' Reports**
 - a. **Planning (Cllr Everitt-White)**
 - (1) **New Applications**
 - (a) Cleave Hill. The Council had no objections.
 - (2) **Reports to DNPA.** None.
 - (3) **Approvals by DNPA.**

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- (a) Manwood.
- (b) 4 Mellowmead.
- (c) 2 Water Cottages.

b. Highways (Cllr Eveleigh)

- (a) **Neadon Road village sign.** This has been repaired.
- (b) **Mellowmead Road.** The restricted visibility along the road past the Mellowmead houses was raised as concern and the Clerk was asked to contact land-owners opposite the houses to request them to keep their hedges as trimmed as possible.

c. Parish Assets (Cllr Rogers)

- (1) **Playground Safety Inspection (External).** 'Playsafety' has submitted a report and Cllr Rogers will brief any issues arising to the Council at the next meeting. It was agreed to pay Playsafety their fee of £78.

Proposed: Cllr Everitt-White. Seconded: Cllr Drysdale.

(2) Mellowmead Wood & Surrounds

- (a) After some discussion it was decided that a site visit take place on 22nd September to finalise the invitation to tender for maintenance work in the area.
- (b) The Clerk will deliver the appropriate Land Registry documents to Cllr Rogers before this date.

- (3) **Village Green.** The Clerk will deliver the appropriate Land Registry documents to Cllr Rogers before 22nd September.

(4) Wooden benches

- (a) Mr Mathews, the benefactor of two of the village's wooden benches, recently informed the Council that he will pay for their maintenance. This will complement the Council decision at the March meeting for the expenditure of up to £150 on bench refurbishment and it was agreed that this sum could be spent on the benches generically, not just for a single bench as previously specified. It was noted that a sum of £100 p.a. was agreed as payment for regular upkeep of the benches in the form of an annual contract (Ben Warne was suggested).
- (b) Cllr Rogers had agreed to arrange for any necessary repairs to all the village wooden benches (2 on the Green, 1 on the cricket pitch and 1 at Mellowmead).

4. Clerk's Report

a. RFO Update

- (1) **Deposit Account balance:** £1497.39.
- (2) **Current Account Balance:** £5567.26 (projected 3947.26).
- (3) **Annual Return & Audit.** Some supplementary questions from the external auditors remain and the Clerk is dealing with the matter. Indications are that they are minor points.

(4) Orders for Payment

- (a) **Payments Received**

(i) MM Advert. JMV - £120.00.

(c) Payments Made

(i) Moor print for MM No 38 - £220.00.

(ii) Cllr Everitt-White for APM Expenses - £38.00.

(iii) Ron Hudson for Lower Bus Shelter (final payment) - £1800.00.

(b) Payments Due

(i) Playsafety for Playground Annual Inspection - £78.00.

Proposed: Cllr Eveleigh. Seconded: Cllr Drysdale.

b. Clerk's Diary

(1) Manaton Green Charity Annual Return. Due in September.

5. Correspondence. Nil.

6. Any Other Business

a. **MPHC Donation.** It was agreed to donate £50 to the Parish Hall towards the opening of their new porch on 12 October.

Proposed: Cllr Tope. Seconded: Cllr Everitt-White.

b. **Rural Aid Grant Fund (2012/13).** Following submission by the Council, £2134.00 has been awarded to the MGCA for refurbishment.

c. **Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB).** CAB has applied for a donation from the Council which would come from the Rural Aid Grant Fund (2013/14). It was agreed to delay a decision until the next meeting; meanwhile, Councillors would ascertain whether other contenders for this grant may be more applicable to the Parish.

d. **Project Congregate appeal for funding.** Carol Harvey on behalf of Project Congregate has appealed for £50 from the MPC. After careful consideration it was decided that the bid was not appropriate for a donation. The Clerk will notify Ms Harvey and suggest that she tries the Church Council or Manaton S&F as there are obvious denominational links.

e. **More Than Meets The Eye Community Workshop.** The Clerk advised that a workshop was being held on 28 September should any Councillor wish to attend.

f. **DNPA Local Development Framework (LDF).** This year's LDF has been received and is accessible on the DNPA website.

g. **Annual Conference for the Community Council of Devon.** The Clerk advised that this was to be held on 12 September should any Councillor wish to attend.

h. **Public Notice Boards.** The Council discussed the matter and clarified that a new public access notice board will be fitted on the back of the Lower Bus Shelter wall. No other notice boards will be erected.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday 7th October 2013 at 7.30 in the Parish Hall.

Councillors are asked to bring diaries with them.