

MINUTES OF THE MANATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM AT MANATON PARISH HALL

Present: Cllr W Boughey (Chair), Cllr N Beyts (Vice Chair), Cllr B Warne, Cllr C Frampton,
Cllr M Wylie, Mrs L Moorse (Clerk)

In attendance: County Cllr G Gribble

AGENDA ITEM	Action
ITEM 1 - To receive and approve apologies for absence. 1.1 Apologies received and accepted from Cllr C Keene and Cllr S Mount.	
ITEM 2 – Declaration of interest. 2.1. There were no declarations of interest	
ITEM 3 – Public participation 3.1 There were no members of public present	
ITEM 4 - County & District Councillor reports 4.1 No District Councillor report had been received. 4.2 County Cllr Gribble was welcomed by the Cllrs. He advised that he had been looking at the hedges in the area and also a missing signpost but awaiting clarity as to exactly its supposed location. In the meantime, he presented a Briefing Paper (dated 7 th September 2023), concerning the reinforced concrete (RAAC) situation in Devon's schools, together with an information and guidance report for Town and Parish Councils. Discussion then followed with Cllrs Beyts and Warne concerning other hedges that needed some attention. Cllr Gribble was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at 7.40pm	
ITEM 5 – To approve minutes of meeting on 11th September 2023 5.1 The Minutes having been previously circulated were approved and signed.	
ITEM 6 - Matters arising 6.1 The Mobile Library Service - Cllr Frampton advised that there had been some strong reaction to the proposal of ending this service and understands that there will be a further meeting. In the meantime, no further action from the Council is called for. 6.2 Cllr Beyts pointed out that there are still problems with Royal Mail deliveries. In some instances, some parishioners are receiving their post on a fortnightly basis and unfortunately others once a month depending upon where they are living in the parish. Cllr Warne suggested that a complaint should be registered especially in view of the costs of postage. Parish Clerk said she would look into Royal Mail's complaints procedure process and advise accordingly. It was noted that Cllr Wylie had sold some mugs at the Parish Hall market – giving a total sale to date of 50 – and it was confirmed that the remainder should be sold for £5 each.	Clerk
ITEM 7 - Finances, payments due, accounts and budget The Schedule of Payments was presented in relation to the invoices for Parish Clerk and Mr A Pascoe for authorisation and approval. These related to the Parish Clerk's expenses and the recent bridge repairs incorporating labour and material costs. The cheques were duly signed. The Parish Clerk confirmed that as the Bank Statement for September had been sent to Cllr Wylie and only received at the meeting, then the Accounts and Budget reports would be duly updated and distributed before the next Council Meeting. The change of address documentation for the Bank was duly signed by the Chair and Vice Chair, and Cllr Wylie confirmed that she would copy and hand deliver the completed form whilst visiting the Newton Abbot branch the following day.	LM
ITEM 8 – Planning Cllr Beyts presented his report (a copy of which is attached to these Minutes), as well as previously circulating a copy of the Barracott Planning Applications to the Cllrs, which does not require the Cllrs attention as the matter is between the applicants and the National Park Authority. He advised that he had still not received any acknowledgement nor up-to-date information concerning his emails regarding the Pony Sanctuary. After further	NB/WB/LM

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discussion it was agreed that Cllr Warne's suggestion of sending an official letter from the Manaton Parish Council should be adopted. Cllr Beyts undertook to prepare the letter and it was agreed that the Parish Clerk should sign on behalf of the Parish Council.	
ITEM 9 - Highways A report had not been received from Cllr Mount, but Cllr Frampton confirmed she had received the laminated copies of the large vehicle posters from Cllr Mount which she would put up. Cllr Warne reported that he had put up 20's Plenty notices and discussion then followed concerning where these were to be displayed to ensure that they are not on Devon County Council land. Cllr Frampton undertook to speak at a meeting the following day concerning the overgrown hedges on Beckaford Hill, as raised by Cllr Beyts.	CF
ITEM 10 - Parish Assets 10.1 and 10.2 North and South Cllr Warne reported that the Apple Day on the 1 st of October 2023 organised by Cllrs Frampton and Mount and himself had been a great success with over 25 local parishioners attending. Apple juice had been made and with regards to the apples left over they were looking into arranging to contact some local cider making people with a view to either borrowing the equipment or for them to carry out the task. Cllr Frampton said the actual day was fun and with no commercial aspect everyone felt it was a rather enjoyable village day. The Chair advised that in the absence of Cllr Keene he had carried out the monthly Childrens Playground inspection and passed the book to the Parish Clerk for safe-keeping. The Chair advised that the Half Moon post and chain have not yet been attended to although he had received confirmation from the National Trust that they would be removed (as reported under Item 15: Parish Council Meeting's Minutes dated 11 th September 2023). He advised that he would ask the National Trust to chase DNPA on this matter. With regard to the subject of bulb planting, the Chair confirmed that four bulb sacks would be obtained and then discussion followed concerning where they were to be planted on the Green between the trees in the first instance with other locations .to be considered for the future, dependent upon the results achieved from this year's planting. The Cllrs all agreed that this should be carried out very soon and would be seeking volunteers within the Parish.	WB
ITEM 11 To receive a report from the Council representative on the Games Court Committee 11.1 Cllr Boughey had nothing to report.	
ITEM 12 – To receive a report from the Council representative on the Parish Hall Committee 12.1 Cllr Wylie confirmed that she would be attending the committee meeting in November.	MW
ITEM 13 – Correspondence Received Parish Clerk advised that the Precept payment confirmation email had been received.	
ITEM 14 – Matters for information 14.1 None	
ITEM 15 -Date of next meeting 15.1 Monday, 13 th November 2023	
ITEM 16 - AOB 16.1 None.	
ITEM 17 - Matters for future consideration - Requests for agenda items from Councillors - None - Requests for agenda items from members of the public - None	

Close of meeting: The meeting closed at 8.22pm

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.....

Manaton Planning Applications as at 6 October 2023

Application Reference	Application Type	Location Details	Proposal	Community	Decision/ Deadline
DOC/0051/23 5678	Discharge of Conditions	Barracott, Manaton, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 9XA	Removal of corrugated metal sheet roof and installation of natural slate, all associated timber frame repairs required. Installation of rooflights. Installation of roof insulation and internal partition to allow for use as a workshop space	Manaton	24-11-2023 Linked to Planning application 0051/23 No objections on 18 Feb 23
DOC/0052/23 5678	Discharge of Conditions	Barracott, Manaton, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 9XA	Internal and external alterations to curtilage structure. Removal of corrugated metal sheet roof and installation of natural slate, all associated timber frame repairs required. Installation of rooflights. Installation of roof insulation and internal partition to allow for use as a workshop space	Manaton	24-11-2023 Linked to Planning application 0052/23 No objections on 18 Feb 23
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
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 <i>Legal advice being considered – decision expected shortly!!</i>

You will note that:

- Two new Barracott applications refer to the previous applications as shown
- Cat and Paul Frampton's application has yet to appear on the DNPA website.

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.*

Additional two emails sent to Chris Hart this month have drawn a complete blank – no response at all. I intend to go back at CEO level if I haven't heard anything by 9 October.

There appears to be some differences over the interpretation of the terms “imminent” and “Shortly”! I will continue