

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MANATON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30 PM AT MANATON
PARISH HALL ON Monday 12th December 2022**

Present: Cllrs: W Boughey *Chairman* N Beyts, B Warne, S Mount and C Keene

In attendance: M Wylie (Clerk)

AGENDA ITEM	Action
ITEM 1 - To receive and approve apologies for absence 1 Apologies received from C Cllr George Gribble, D Cllr Mike Jeffery, and Cllr Brian Warne accepted.	
ITEM 2 – To receive declarations of interest 2 None	
ITEM 3 – Public Participation 3 None	
ITEM 4 - Reports from County and District Councillors 3.1 None 3.2 None	
ITEM 5 – Minutes 5 The minutes of the meeting on 14 th November 2022, which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
ITEM 6 - Matters arising 6 The Clerk was asked to contact Rupert Baker for a date for the tree survey.	Clerk
ITEM 7 – Finance & Clerk's report 7.1 The Clerk presented the payments due being the Clerk's salary, EDF (DAAT Lights), C Boughey (Bulletin printing) and A Taylor (boardwalk) 7.2 The Clerk informed the Council that no updates were available as the bank statements had not been received owing to the postal delays 7.3 The Chairman asked if online banking could be arranged. The Clerk to take this forward.	Clerk
ITEM 8 - Planning Cllr Beyts reported as follows, following an update from DNP: 8.1 Holwell: Negotiations are "still to be finalised" 8.2 Swinedown: There had been a change in the responsible officer at DNP – the new officer (Jo Rumble) is reviewing the case 8.3 Pony Sanctuary: The decision is now 23 months overdue 8.4 Sandy Meadow: The building had been demolished. Jo Rumble had been asked to keep the Council informed on both the Pony Sanctuary and Sandy Meadow 8.5 Jenny May Cottage: An application for a certificate of lawfulness had been made. A similar application had been refused relatively recently. It was agreed that the Council would not object to the application, but would draw attention to the earlier decision.	
ITEM 9 – Highways 9 Two road closure notices had been received and circulated, one relating to drainage on the gated road from Swallerton Gate. One new pothole had been reported. The "narrow road" sign at Sandy Meadow had been broken. The Parish sweeper had attended to some areas in the village. There are bags of grit in the lower bus shelter. Cllr Mount to check the state of the roadside bins and who is responsible for filling them.	SM
ITEM 10 - Parish Assets 10.1 North: The playground had been inspected, no problems. The gas cylinder was still leaning against the playground fence – she will again contact the responsible person 10.2 South: Volunteers have started replacing the original wire mesh on the newer western boardwalk sleepers (which had not lasted) with heavier duty weld mesh, but more work remains to be done. A quote had been received to build the bridge across the stream. This includes materials which it would be preferable for the Council to purchase and obtain a VAT refund on. It was decided also to seek a second quote. Further investigation is required in relation to the complaint about the tree adjoining the garden of 1 Mellowmead.	CK BW
ITEM 11 - Games Court 11 The AGM of the Games Court committee had been held on 23 November. Income for the year was £380, representing a net loss of two members. Provision of £200 for minor running expenses was made. The committee recommended that the fees remain £15 p.a. per household and £2 per session for non members. This was agreed by the Council. It will be necessary to resurface the court soon and the possibility of grants is being looked into.	
ITEM 12 – Hall 12.1 No meeting had been held. Cllr Keene volunteered to take over as Council representative on the hall committee and this was agreed.	
ITEM 13 – Council Vacancy 13.1 There had been no applications. The Clerk reminded the council that there would be Parish and District Council elections in May 2023. The Clerk to put up notices regarding this in the new year to encourage applications.	Clerk

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ITEM 14 – Council information storage 14 OneDrive is working. The Clerk will provide the Chairman with past material to upload to OneDrive and in the future update the Chairman monthly with any new material, to be added to OneDrive.	Clerk/WB
ITEM 15 – 2023 Coronation 15. Ben Baily had offered to organise a cricket match. The Council agreed that this should be supported and would be receptive to a request for funds if required. The Chairman to so confirm to Ben Baily. The idea of commemorative mugs (as with the 2022 Jubilee) was discussed and it was agreed that something similar but perhaps not identical should be considered – the Clerk to investigate what the Jubilee mug supplier was offering.	WB Clerk
ITEM 16 – Correspondence 16.1 David Pirkis had ordered the plaque to make the slate for the jubilee tree plaque, but delivery will be about 18-20 weeks plus 2 weeks Christmas shutdown. 16.2 The National Trust had responded that its Central Mapping team would be instructed to attend site when the first phase of works had been completed. The Council would be informed of the date with a view to meeting on site and agreeing the boundary and meanwhile the existing post and chain should remain in position.	
ITEM 17 - Matters for information 17 None	
ITEM 18 - Date of next meeting 18 January 9 th 2023	
ITEM 19 - AOB 19.1 The Clerk reported that invoices for Bulletin advertising had been sent out 19.2 Thanks were sent to Clare Boughy for help with the Bulletin. Plenty of volunteers had come forward to help with delivery.	

Close of meeting: 8.15pm

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.....