MINUTES OF THE MANATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12th OCTOBER AT 7.00 PM AT MANATON PARISH HALL

Present: Cllr W Boughey (Chair) Cllrs P Martin, C Frampton, S Mount, B Warne and M Wylie. DCC Councillor: Sally Morgan Clerk : Rachel Hooper
Apologies: Cllr J Kidner

The meeting commenced at 7pm

AGENDA ITEM	Action
1. The Chair to open the meeting and receive and approve apologies for absence Cllr J Kidner sent his apologies	
2. Declarations of interest - none	
3. Public participation - no public in attendance	
4. To receive reports from County and District Councillors –The Chair welcomed DCC Councillor Sally Morgan to the meeting. DCC Cllr S Morgan advised that Manaton is now included in the extended pothole repair scheme. This means when a pothole is reported and repaired, DCC will repair other potholes within a 500m radius.	
5. To approve minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 14th September 2026 - the minutes were approved	
6. Matters arising – The Clerk advised that following the email to BT regarding a phone box, no reply has been received. The Chair will contact the parishioner who raised this issue. - Works have started on the Clam Bridge. - Cllr Mount to write to DHAPs as per last meeting, even though there had been no reports of punctures since the offending rock had been painted white.	WB SM
7. Policies - to approve the Financial Regulations and IT policy, in order for them to go on the website – the policies are now on the website.	
8. Finances, payments due, accounts and budget 8.1 To agree and approve the Schedule of Payments and Receipts since the last meeting - the schedule was agreed 8.2 The bank reconciliation for September was agreed 8.3 The accounts and budget up to 30th September were agreed	
9. Parish Council Matters **Update on the Parish Council's website** - Cllr Martin advised the policies are now on the website. The Chair enquired whether the number of visits to the website was known – Cllr Martin did not have this information – it is probably available somewhere. He will look into CloudNext, an IT service that helps parish councils with website and email issues.	PM
10. Planning To note planning applications, comments, and decisions since the last meeting Cllr J Kidner reported that he had had no response from DNP about DHAPS, Yarner Wells and the Hay Barns. He hoped to meet the new CEO of DNP next month and to raise the issue then of lack of response from DNPA. Cllrs noted that parishioners were free to raise concerns about planning matters directly with DNPA and if they were to do so, this might prompt DNPA to take action.	
11. Highways - To receive a report from the responsible Councillor The position about the protruding rock near DHAPS had been noted under item 6. Cllr Mount had sent an email to Scott Riddell at DCC, to advise one of the warning posts by side of the road near Hound Tor has disappeared (the posts alert drivers to the danger of driving into the stream if they leave the tarmac). She noted that the extended pothole repair scheme appears to be already in operation in the Manaton area.	
12. Parish Assets **Assets North** : Cllr Martin: - nothing to new to report apart from the big tree in the play ground should be coming down in the next month. No news on the blocked drain mentioned last month. **Assets South :** Cllr Warne: The roadside hedge was not trimmed last year but looks like it needs doing, which he will deal with. There are a couple of small branches on the telephone line which he will deal with if possible, otherwise he will report back with a view to arranging a contractor. Cllr Frampton will look at the Mellowmead apple trees, to see if it is worth organising cider-making or inviting parishioners to pick apples for their own use	BW CF
13. Games Court Committee – Chair: the committee is looking at possibly locking the court.	
14. Parish Hall – Cllr Wylie: had a meeting recently and advised the following events- Harvest festival 18th October, 20th October a market, 22nd October showing of The Peoples Emergency Briefing which is free to watch and on at 7pm – 9pm. November 14th Christmas fayre-asking if anyone can contribute any raffle prizes. 26th November showing of Derick vs Derick. 27th November wreath making. The Chair will write to the hall Chair regarding the new defibrillator replacement at the Village Hall.	WB
15. Correspondence received –	

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15.1 None received	
16. Date of next meeting : Monday 9th Nov.	
17. AOB – Cllr Frampton reported she was on Farming Today to talk about the SFI payment and also held a meeting about it with representatives of various interests and including the farming minister and DEFRA representatives. The SFI budget was £253 million, which had all been allocated within 5.5 hours. The application and allocation system had been a mess.	
18. Matters for future consideration Requests for agenda items from Councillors – Requests for agenda items from members of the public – none. Councillor Frampton will look at parameters and find out more information about the 30 by 30 scheme (30% of the country to be committed to nature conservation by 2030)	CF

Close of meeting: The meeting closed at 19:53pm

Approved by Manaton Parish Council and signed by the Chair …… Date:…….