Manston and Hammoon Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 6.00pm in Manston Village Hall**

**Present:**

Councillors – N. Frampton, K. Murphy, E. Clark, T. Morgan, A Bueno, C. Poë and P. Hunt

**In attendance:**

W Lewin (Parish Clerk)

6 members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Batstone (NDDC) sent apologises.

**2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests**

Cllr Morgan declared a pecuniary interest in item 8.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting 16th October 2018**

These were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Issues arising from the last meeting**

All items are on the agenda.

**5. Update from the Chairman**

The Chairman expressed many thanks on behalf of both the Parish Council and residents of Manston Hammoon to Cllr Peter Hunt who had stated that he would not be standing at the next elections.

**6. Democratic discussion period**

Mr Bernie Chiswell stated he had enlisted enough members to start the speed watch. He had invited PC Siddick who was otherwise detained. The Chairman moved a resolution to item 12.

**7. To receive reports from the County & District Councillors**

A report had been received and there were no comments.

**8. To receive a finance report and to agree action in response to proposals and payment approvals**

The following were authorised for payment:

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| PKF Littlejohn | 351 | 48.00 |
| MSA Bookkeeping Services | 352 | 183.42 |
| Terry Morgan | 353 | 100.00 |

**9. Bus shelter improvements**

Cllr Murphy stated his had requested 3 quotes but only obtained 1.

**The Council were happy that every effort had been made to acquire 3 quotes and so authorised expenditure up to £600 on the refurbishment of the bus shelter – the monies coming from the Village Furniture Reserve Fund.**

**Cllr Murphy was to lead on this.**

**10. Hedges and gullies along main road**

Concerns continued to be raised regarding the state of hedges and gullies within the Parish. The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken at length to the CHO who advised that clearing and drains or gullies would have a minimal effect on the flooding worry. The CHO suggested that individual drains or gullies must be reported via the on line service.

**It was requested that the Clerk speak again to the CHO about hedges whilst Councillors would report drains and gullies on an if and when basis.**

**11. Phones boxes in the villages**

The Clerk confirmed that the telephone box in Manston had been adopted by the Community Heartbeat.

**The Clerk was requested to contact Community Heartbeat to establish their plans for the box and at the same time ask for a refurbishment and paint.**

The telephone box in Hammoon was not to be adopted. However, the Clerk was asked if BT could tidy and paint.

**12. Speed watch**

Further to the public period the Parish Council fully supported the speed watch programme.

**A sum of up £400 was approved to purchase the equipment required for the project.**

**The funds to come from the Highways Precept budget.**

**13. Fingerpost(s)**

Cllr Poë had required a quote for the fingers posts.

**The Parish Council approved funds of up to £1000 for the finger post in Hammoon. The funds to be borne from the Highways Reserve Fund. However, it was requested that enquiries were made to see if any grants were available including from CPRE.**

For the fingerpost in Manston the Parish Council wanted to explore claiming on the insurance of the driver who crashed into it.

**The Clerk would make enquires with the PC, PCSO and CHO.**

**14. Warning signs by Manston Church Bridge**

Cllr Murphy expressed concerns as to the visibility of the hazard chevrons at this location after a couple of minor incidents.

**The Clerk would add this to the list of matters to discuss with the CHO.**

**15. Durweston bridge closure**

The Parish Council agreed to send a representative to this meeting on 06th February.

**16. Grants**

It was agreed to award a donation of £200 to the Dorset and Somerset air ambulance.

**17. Precept for 2019/20**

The Parish Council agreed to raise the Precept to £4350 which was an increase on the current £4305.

**18. New Parish Clerk**

It was agreed to advertise the post with the Village magazine and on the DAPTC website.

The interim Clerk would contact the local network.

It was agreed if Cllr Batstone would place the vacancy in her monthly update.

Cllr Bueno would contact the old Clerk to see if she wished to take on the post.

**19. Items for the next meeting**

Hedges and gullies

Speed watch

Fingerposts

Litter Pick

**20. Date of next meeting(s)**

The next meeting was agreed for **26th March 2019 starting at 1800 hours in Manston village hall.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1945hours.