

MANEA PARI SH COUNCIL
Meeting - 23rd August, 2004.

Apologies were received from Mr.Smart.

Visitor - Ms Karen Gee, Assistant Chief Executive FDC was welcomed.She spoke briefly and gave an update on the customer first programme. She said the One-Stop shop in March would be situated in Broad Street. No sites have been confirmed yet for Chatteris and Wisbech. The telephone response scheme will begin in September.

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th July, 2004 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

Highways - cars parked in Westfield Road - Clerk has spoken with Mr.Wilson of the Housing Dept and Mr.Hawkins also explained about the parking arrangements for the tenants. Only half the houses are now tenanted, the rest being privately owned. Although all have space and access to parking at the rear of their properties this cannot be enforced. Security for their cars is a problem they have identified. It was felt another letter be sent to Mr.Wilson saying the council still feel there should be a solution to the problem.

Letter from Mr.Davies - Traffic Management informing council Paula Cuthbertson had now left the Dept, and enclosing the details of the speed management programme agreed with her before she left. Plans were available showing the proposals. All agreed with what was shown.

Letter from Highway Supervisor concerning outstanding hedge cutting - Mr.Cole informed meeting Mr.Crouch's hedge has now been cut. Mention was made of the weeds in footpaths and the gullies which need clearing out. It was agreed to ask for the road sweeper. Because of the recent very exceptional heavy rain there have been instances of gardens being flooded. Mr.Bridgement in Station Road reported such an incident,also in School Lane near 22, Mr.Woodham reported flooding. Clerk has spoken with Highways and they will inspect the village.

Mrs.Desborough reported there is an overhanging dangerous branch in the garden of Falcon Cottage in Station Road - Clerk to write to owner.

Play Equipment - Chairman has fitted all the new bolts and covers. Mr.Hawes has indicated he will paint the play equipment and charge for his time taken. We are still awaiting a response from Mr.Oliver concerning the large swing unit.

Cemetery Gates - Mr.Oliver has submitted his quote for this repair for £820.00 - Clerk has sent both to Mr.Melnyck at Groomfields - He has indicated he would accept the first quotation from Mr.Ringer in the sum of £682 + VAT accepted. This has been done.

Memorial/Ashes burial - Mr. & Mrs.French

Pit Negotiations - nothing has been heard from Environment Agency or Go East. Following discussion it was decided we should write to Malcom Moss MP to ask for advice on what complaints procedure is available to council.

There is an abandoned car in the pit area – Clerk has informed Environment Agency and their Ely office has been asked to deal with this.

Planning

Approvals – land opposite Llamedos, Wisbech Road
4 bed dwelling and nursery in Straight Road
Extension at Wavesley Cottage, Westfield Road
2 East Street – demolition and replacement + 2 3xbed dwellings.

Chairman asked if there were chalet bungalows. Mr.Hawkins and Mr.Jolley declared their interest in this application. It was confirmed they are 2 semi-detached chalet bungalows.

Mr.& Mrs.Robinson – extension to Hilltop-Fallow Corner Drove – supported
Cardsuit Ltd – 3 detached houses 2 x 4 bed and 1 x 5 bed plots 4,5, & 6 land NW of 90A Westfield Road, - supported

AC Canessa – erection of 7 3xbed houses with garages involving demolition of existing warehouse – Station Road – although the letter indicated this is live-work dwellings there is no indication of any workplace units on the plans submitted. In view of this and council's policy of not supporting applications outside the development area if they had no business connection – the application was not supported.

D J & V Cole – variation of condition 07 concerning visibility splay site of piggery rear of 7 Westfield Road. Mr.Cole declared his interest and left room, as did Mr.Emery. Mrs.Cole also declared a non pecuniary interest and took no part in discussion. As there was no Chair – Mr Barnes nominated Mr.Hawkins take the position for this item, seconded by Mrs.Desborough. There was a letter indicating the variation was because the renewed permission gave the wrong measurements of 45m x 90m for visibility splays, this should be 45m x 60m – application was supported.

FDC – letter concerning upkeep of grass at 25 Station Road –saying 106 agreement was not signed by Fortuna Developments – site has now been taken over by Hazelmere Homes and their application has not been approved yet, therefore there is no condition yet attached concerning upkeep of land. The two Horse Chestnut trees have been cut down – it was agreed to look at all the trees in the village to see if preservation orders are needed.

Finance

Clerk gave a half yearly finance review indicating the costs would probably be more than the precept applied for because of increased costs for insurance, vandalism repairs etc . A draft precept for 2005/2006 was given this would need to be in the region of £12605 to meet expenses.

Mr.Barnes said we may be able to let our football pitch and facilities to gain revenue. It would need to be advertised next early Spring. We would need to find out how much other places charge for such letting. Mrs.Cole advised we would also need a risk assessment undertaken. It was agreed to discuss this again.

The hedge will need cutting this year – Clerk to obtain estimates for this. To write to Mr.P Barnes for permission to cut his side of the hedge.

Allotment Rents – Clerk asked if council would be increasing these from £70 per acre. Mr.Barnes said we were in line with the Oddfellows rent and spoke about the changes in farming and the viability of small allotments. In view of the present economic farming climate it was proposed by Mr.Hawkins we leave them as they are for this year and look again next August, seconded by Mrs Desborough.

Burial fees – since these have not been increased since 2002 it was decided to increase them as under. This would give revenue which would mean we could submit a lower precept of £12000.

The fees set out below apply where a person to be interred was an inhabitant or parishioner of the Parish of Manea for 6 months immediately before his/her death. In all other cases the fees will be doubled. Exceptions may be considered at the discretion of the Parish Council.

INTERNMENTS

For the purchase of the grave space and the exclusive right of burial therein for a period of 99 years.

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| 1. the body of a still-born child or child not exceeding one month old | £50 |
| 2. The body of child whose age at death exceeded one month but not 12 years | £65 |
| 3. The body of an adult whose age exceeded 12 years | £180 |
| 4. The nominal fee for opening of gave where one internment has taken place | £60 |
| 5. The purchase of double depth grave space | £275 |
| 6 The internment of cremated remains in gave where exclusive right has already been purchased | £50 |
| 7. The internment of cremated remains in specified plot allocated by council | £100 |
| 8. The internment of cremated remains in complete grave space | £180 |

GRAVESTONES AND INSCRIPTIONS

For the right to erect or place on a grave where the exclusive right of burial for 99 years has been granted

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| 1. Headstone not exceeding 3 feet to include vase | single | £75 |
| | double | £150 |
| 2. Tablet on allotted grave space for cremated remains | | £50 |
| 3. Additional inscriptions | | £50 |

NO JAM JARS OR OTHER UNSUITABLE RECEPTACLES TO BE PLACED ON ANY GRAVE

The fees indicated for various memorials include the first inscription – additional inscriptions on memorials £50 is payable.

The above increases were proposed by Mrs.Desborough and seconded by Mr.Smith – to be implemented immediately.

Pavilion expenses - The football club usually contribute half the costs for the upkeep of the pavilion - since this is now used by youth football and cricket clubs Mr.Barnes indicated they would be willing to make a contribution towards these costs in the sum of £100 each. Since the expenses are in the region of £1070 - half being £535 it was agreed to ask the football club for £335 the remainder coming from the youth teams.

Receipts

French ashes burial	150.00
Field memorial	<u>50.00</u>
	200.00

CALC pay awards now available and implemented

Payments

Mill hill - petrol	18.00
Powergen - pav	108.94
Sports	<u>22.88</u>
	129.82
B. Short toilet repairs	112.00
J,Waters sal and arrears	114.25
I Cook sal,anti virus,stamps + arrears	248.11
M.Short sal and arrears	<u>49.32</u>
	671.50

Proposed: Mr.Emery

Secoded Mrs.Cole

Correspondence

S.Misson - concerning disabled handrails to two St.Nicolas Church entrances - asking for donation towards costs of £860. From the Chair Mr.Emery proposed £100 as this is our village Church, seconded by Mr. Risbridger. All in agreement.

FDC sports programme - inviting representative to evening event - Mr.Barnes indicated he would be able to go.

Peterborough City Council - waste plan published

CALC bulletin and training information

Crime Task Group minutes and meeting date

Citizens Advice AGM

FDC - housing - letter asking if Mr.Horn could come to speak about Fenland Scheme - Clerk to invite to Sept meeting

Mr.Emery said that Mrs.Betty Mawby of "Bettys Shop" has retired after many, many years, and the shop is now closed. A letter to be sent to her and it was agreed a bouquet of flowers to accompany thanking her for many years service to the people of Manea.

Date of next meeting - Monday 20th September at 7.00 p.m.

