

**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING – 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2004.**

**Apologies** were received from Mr.Smith. Mr.Barnes was absent. All other councillors, together with Mr.P,Jolley Fenland District Councillor were present.

**Visitor** - Ms Paula Cuthbertson attended, she gave councillors a brief background to the speed management proposals for Manea and what proposals she had for help alleviate the speed management for the village. Councillors were in agreement with her proposals, but concern was expressed about the cars parked in front of the council houses in Westfield Road – although this did help curb speeding here it was obstructive to road users. Yellow lines would help to stop this but would not find favour with the residents. Ms Cuthbertson's proposals included some parking bays interspersed with yellow lines. Clerk to write to the Housing Dept at Fenland Hall to ask if they could make their tenants aware that council was in negotiation concerning speed management and they could have yellow lines put outside their council houses if they did not park more sympathetically. There was adequate parking facilities for all these houses at the rear of their properties. Ms Cuthbertson gave details of the timetable for the project saying she hoped it would be in place before Christmas.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June were confirmed and signed.

**Matters Arising**

*Highways* letter from Highway surveyor saying he would write to the residents concerning their overgrown hedges. However since it has been noted nothing has been done to cut back these hedges, clerk to write again

Letter asking if we wished to participate in the jointly funded items – it was felt we should put forward a bid for another interactive sign near the playing field – and to support this by agreeing to put 60p per elector to the scheme.

In the meantime it was decided to ask if we could have new signs depicting “play area” just before the playing field which might help curb speeding in Park Road.  
*Street Light* - Wisbech Road – has at long last had the service put to it and it is working.

It was reported there is a light on all day in Westfield Road near the secondary school bus stop.

*Playing Field* - Clerk had prepared an action plan for the repairs to the play equipment. Mr.Tweed sent a letter saying he had filed off the bolts on the rocking horse and roundabout. Concerning the painting of the rocking horse and old swings – it was suggested asking Mr.Maurice Hawes if he would like to undertake this work. The missing bolt covers and nuts for the loose slats in the arch bridge have arrived and Chairman will fit as soon as time permits.

The toilets have been repaired by Mr.Short.

The CCTV, lights and faulty alarm have all been repaired by Mr.Yardy. It was reported the switch on the storage heater near the fridge in the pavilion is faulty – to ask Mr.Yardy if he could mend for us.

The Chairman asked if councillors had given any thought to the proposal for building new toilets in the field. It was felt that in the present climate with the old ones being vandalised on a regular basis this was perhaps not the best place for new toilets. However they are used on a regular basis by visitors to the village and consequently there is a need. There was the suggestion that perhaps they could be incorporated in the new village hall – Chairman will bring this up at the next meeting of that committee.

A new litter bin has been erected outside the playing field – thanks were expressed to Mr.Jolley.

*Warden Scheme* Mrs.Desborough gave an update on this saying Sue Beal has spoken with her and it would seem this could be incorporated with the Fenland

Council scheme – there was an item included in the Manea Newsletter and there had been some response from this. Progress is very slow but Mrs.Desborough will keep council informed.

*Car Park* Mr.Cole asked if this could be sprayed again – Clerk to ask Mr.Waters.

**Memorials** – Jack Pauley; Ray Taylor; Harold Fields

**Cemetery** – the operator of the gang mowers has run into the main cemetery gates. This has caused extensive damage to the right hand side gate. Clerk has spoken with Groomfields and they have accepted liability and it will be an insurance claim. Two names have been given to clerk by Groomfields and one estimate is to hand in the sum of £630 plus VAT for taking away and repairing the gate to match the existing. It was also suggested that at a cost of £50.00 repairs could be carried out to the old gate, and the hand gate so that they close properly. Mr Emery had asked Mr.Oliver for an estimate but this has not yet been received. Mrs.Desborough proposed we wait for this and to fax both through to Groomfields, seconded by Mr.Hawkins.

**Pit Negotiations** – letter from Environment Agency saying the purchase is far more complicated and difficult than they had imagined. DEFRA has raised more questions and they have to get the District Valuer to value the pit at market value and they ask if the council has the funds to purchase at full market price. Concern was expressed at this letter and the way the whole thing has been dealt with by the Environment Agency. It was decided to write to Go East, the Government Agency who gave permission for the allotments to be sold to fund this purchase in the first place over 4 years ago, asking how the council stands in the light of the lack of progress and whether we should continue to pursue the purchase.

Letter to be sent to Mr.Sheldon at Environment Agency saying we await further information but are seeking further advice.

### **Planning**

*Site Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July to discuss applications which had to be returned by due date* Mr.Emery,Mr.Smart,Mr.Risbridger,Mr.Cole, Mr.Hawkins and

Mrs.Desborough attended.Applications discussed were:

A.Hilton – erection of 2x3 bed semi detached houses 38 Westfield Road – supported  
M.Robinson – conservatory on 39 Station Road – supported.

Broadway Ltd substitution of larger workplace home plot 45 Charlemont Gardens.

Site meeting held here – provided this is used as a workplace and continues to be so used application was supported.

Two refusals of recent applications were noted:

55 Station Road – Mr. & Mrs.Dennis outline permission for dwelling

2 Storey dwelling with garage East of Rose Cottage, Fallow Corner Drove

Revised plans omitting the carpentry workshop for M.Bishop at Straight Road had been received – the application has been approved on this basis

J.Wells – 5 bed house with double garage on land south of 43 High Street – supported

J.Rutterford – 3 story extension on 4 Station Road – supported

FDC – letter concerning planning training for councillors – with suggested format for session – and asking if councillors would be interested in attending and would be prepared to contribute towards costs. Mr.Cole proposed we would be willing to contribute, seconded by Mrs.Desborough. Councillors would also like to attend any such training.

FDC – reply to clerks letter concerning Local Development Framework and new local plan, saying they will be organising formal consultation with parish council in autumn but informal submission could be made now. However in Manea unless there were special circumstances development was likely to be limited to infill and small housing groups of 8/10 dwellings. It was agreed we should suggest the land between 55 and 57a Station Road, and also that from “Two Hoots” Westfield Road to the corner to complete the housing on both sides of the road in both above instances. There is

also a site adjoining the Matthew Homes Development where a small development would complete the site. There is also one plot at the bottom of School Lane which could be considered infill and would complete the developments here. Mr.Jolley has offered land for up to 10 dwellings which could be built by a Housing Association and these could be let only to local residents with the Parish Council nominating. Linked to this could be a play area, which could utilize the funding already allocated for play equipment by the Matthew Homes Development. Mr.Hawkins proposed we support these projects and submit them to Fenland for inclusion in any new framework plan, seconded by Mr.Smart.

**Finance** – there was discussion on a donation to be given to the internal auditor for his work. Mr.Hawkins proposed £150 be donated to Mr.Cundell, seconded by Mrs Desborough.

Contributions towards pavilion expenses to be on agenda for next meeting since Mr.Barnes was not present to say whether the youth football would be willing to contribute as well as the Manea UFC.

*Receipts*

Pope memorial	50.00
Pauley, Taylor,	
Wildeggar, Lilley memorials	170.00
Verge cutting	<u>889.75</u>
	1109.75

*Payments*

Mill Hill petrol	7.00
J.Waters spraying and salary	155.47
D & M Pest Control moles pl field	39.50
Hutchinsons spray	24.50
I Cook salary and phone	208.16
J.Boardman cleaning	21.36
M Short half yr caretaking and new areas	389.40
B.Cundell donation audit	150.00
R.Yardy repairs	<u>227.40</u>
	1222.79

Proposed: Mr Emery  
 Seconded Mr.Hawkins

**Correspondence**

BT telephone kiosks in Manea – letter saying loss making kiosks would be removed – therefore the one at Fodder Fen will be taken away. Letter from FDC also concerning the same subject asking if councillors had any comments. It was agreed the one in Station Road and in High Street did get used quite regularly and since these were to be retained it was acceptable.

FDC – rural sports forum minutes

FDC rural sports details of basketball and multi sport sessions during school holidays.

CCC family link carers were needed

CCC – revenue support grant leaflet given out

East Cambs & Fenland Health Forum – consultation events to be held – Doddington Hospital to be discussed – leaflets had been put in post office by Chairman

Environment Agency questionnaire concerning future of Welches Dam Pumping Station had been circulated to all – it was agreed the only option acceptable was that the station be renovated completely and retained for the foreseeable future – Clerk to submit this.

Fraziers – change of licence to cover extension at Ship Inn, Purls Bridge

FDC – letter about protocol

Cambs Police – information asking if this could be put in village newsletter

EDDA booklet

Chairman expressed thanks to Mr.Jolley for keeping the grass tidy at 25 Station Road, Manea, also Mr.Cole for cutting it in the first instance.  
The grass area around the seat in Orchard Close has not been cut – clerk to contact Mr.Bennett

**Date of next meeting** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August in pavilion on playing field

Signed ..... Dated .....

