

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING 22nd March, 2004.

Present: All nine councillors, together with Mr. Jolley, District Councillor were present.

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Parish Plan Mr. Barnes explained that the committee formed had met three times and hoped an information sheet would be produced and circulated around the village shortly. Grants are being sought for funding and Mr. Barnes asked if the council could support the committee with a grant to set up their bank account. Mr. Hawkins proposed £25.00, this was seconded by Mr. Smart. It was suggested they approach the Gala Committee for funding also.

Highways the Chairman had met with Highway Officers that morning and they hope to be able to put a footpath between 5 and 17 Park Road. They may also have funds to continue past 21 to the gravel path in the playing field and also to resurface the front of the field up to the grass area.

They will look into the yellow lines outside the school and be in touch with council again.

Concerning the speed reduction measures and the grant of £15,000, it is hoped this will be available in the new financial year. Council will write asking if the 30 mph signs could be moved to include new housing in Wisbech Road, and also in Park Road, and Westfield Road. The council would also hope to be included in all negotiations concerning any reduction measures to be put in the village.

Letter saying the potholes in School Lane would be repaired.

Verge Cutting – a quotation has been received from Wayside & Wildlife for £625 for five cuts and also £50 each additional cut in the centre of the village. They also mention that they are prepared to price cutting back the hedge in Westfield Road. This is the property of M. Crouch Growers. It does need cutting back – Clerk to write to them again asking if this could be done and saying that council could get it done for them and giving price for this work. The grass in the centre of the village to include the seat area in Orchard Way.

It was felt that another quotation should be sought. Clerk to obtain for next meeting.

Cemetery the overhanging trees were discussed – Mr. Cole and Chairman will attend to this.

The damaged toilet sign has been replaced but the light bracket has not been done yet. Clerk to write reminder.

Trees Mr. Smart reported 25 trees had been planted in the wood. However the wood needs attention – some of the fallen trees need removing and rabbit guards need taking off. Clerk to write to County Land Agent.

Mr. Cole mentioned the Christmas trees in Mrs. Field's garden saying he thought they had a disease. He and Mr. Emery will have another look.

Mr.Emery said the Gala Committee had offered to buy a permanent tree for use at Christmas, and Mr.Smart gave permission for this to be planted in his front garden.

Street Lights new light has been put down Wisbech Road.

Police letter from Mr.Wilson Fenland Housing Officer concerning the bad behaviour of some youngsters with motor cycles. He and PC Baines have been to see some parents.Things do seem to have improved slightly. Anyone seeing incidents should keep reporting them to the police – they have attended the village on several occasions. Mr.Cole mentioned an incident with the youths down the Five Hundreds when Mr.Riseley called the police and they came and dealt with the matter.

Pit Negotiations – letter from Mr.Shelton saying pit had been valued at £68500 however without prejudice he proposed it could be sold to council with special considerations at a reduced value of £58,000 as agreed in 2001. Four stipulations were given:-

It must remain in trust for the parish of Manea

Must not be disposed out without approval of Environment Agency

If council did wish to dispose of pit EA would be entitled to 15.4% of current open market value at time of sale

Council to manage land for public access and recreation and foster conservation value of site.

He said he would come to next meeting to discuss this further – this was agreed.

He has to put this to Flood Defence Committee for approval.

Planning

Approvals 8 dwellings 96 Westfield Road

B1 and B2 change of use – 61 Station Road

5 High Street – Pressland

Notice of appeal against refusal from N.A. and J Goude – land at Dairy Yards,Manea

A.C.Canessa – erection of 7 3 bed houses with garages demolition of existing warehouses – Station Road, Manea – since this application falls outside the building line – council has policy of not supporting such applications

Mr & Mrs.Crout – extensions to dwelling Colony Lake – Old Bedford Bank,Welney – supported although this is outside the village.

Mr.Smart reported on the recent planning training he had attended. He gave details of some of the key areas and said one or two useful things had come of out the training.

Mr.Barnes enquired about the proposed development at 25 Station Road the appeal has been lost therefore some open space has to be left – Mr.Barnes wondered who would be responsible for this when the developers had gone – it was felt this would fall to either the District Council or they would ask the parish council to take over its upkeep.

Playing Field Groomfields contract for cutting the field this year is for £64.40 per cut. Mr.Cole proposed we accept, seconded by Mrs.Desborough.

Letter from Gala Committee putting forward the proposal they would like to apply for grants to put a new building on the playing field. Councillors agreed to support this project.

Finance & Cheques

Concurrent Functions 04/05

Cemetery	1640
War Memorial	54
Public Convs	200
Play Equip	215
Car Park	125

Additional items - one new light £680.

Receipts

Allianz Cornhill - claim for vandalism on sports area	837.64
Cricket Square damage	<u>2636.70</u>
	3474.34

Payments

Shaws - new account book	52.74
Staples - stationary	59.02
Cambs CC school hire	81.00
Stadia - cricket square damage	2636.70
FDC election costs	53.68
Cem rates <u>111.72</u>	165.40
Mill Hill - petrol	18.52
McAlpine - light Wis Rd	432.40
NI s monitor	109.27 Proposed Mr.Hawkins
J.Boardman cleaning	47.72 Seconded Mrs.Cole
M.Short new areas	47.72
J,Waters cemetery	110.00
I.Cook salary	174.51
Inland Revenue tax	147.63
Powergen - pav elec	163.17
Anglian water field/cem	<u>49.05</u>
	4284.85

Correspondence

Police Consultation Group information

Letters of thanks for grants given last meeting

Peterboro City Council - adoption of waste plan

CALC - liaison meeting and training information

FDC rapid response teams

County Councillor's newsletter

Drug Policy for young people in Chatters and meeting in May information

CALC - VAT on village halls

Boundary Commission electoral review - Mr.Harper,County Councillors asks we support the new Forty Foot Division - this was agreed

CCC bus timetables

Standards Board – local investigations into misconduct- meaning any Enquiry will be locally dealt with now.

Manea & Welney – retirement of Mr.Noble, Clerk

Fens Intelligence Unit – post has been discontinued

FDC Rural Sports meeting – Mr.Barnes indicated he might be able to attend

HSE asking if we had any planned fairs for village

Defra – concerning rolling out broadband in rural communities

FDC – Comprehensive Performance Assessment – Audit Commission inspection – meeting on 30th March – Mr.Hawkins indicated he would be attending

Date of Annual General Meeting – Monday 26th April at 7.00 p.m.

Mr.Sheldon of Environment Agency to be invited

Signed Dated

