

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 20th September, 2004.

Apologies were received from Mrs.Cole, Mr.Risbridger and Mr.Smith. All other councillors were present, together with Cllr.Jolley from Fenland District Council. The expected Visitor from FDC Housing Dept was unable to attend and has re-arranged for November meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August, were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways - cars parked in Westfield Road letter from Mike Davies Traffic Engineer suggesting short length of double yellow lines – perhaps in the middle of the length which would serve as a pull-in. He sent plans and suggested a councillor make 4 random visits evenings/weekends to the site and draw on the plans the positions of the parked cars .Mrs.Desborough offered to undertake this task. Mr.Hawkins suggested having the double lines put at each end rather than in the middle as this was where most cars seem to park. It was agreed to send the plans with Mr,Hawkins' suggestion back to Mr.Davies as soon as the were completed.

Letter from Mr.Wilson, Housing Officer saying he had spoken with Paula Cuthbertson and giving a brief history of the properties in Westfield Road.

Letter from Highway Supervisor saying investigations will take place concerning all the flooding sites. The village will be checked again for weeds on the footpaths.

Miss Eade has cut the overhanging branch from her garden.

Chairman reported the road surface in Wisbech Road is getting bad – Clerk to write.

Playing Field hedge cutting – two estimates were to hand Eastern Landscape Service in the sum of £2900 + vat and Peterborough Tree Services in the sum of £900 + VAT Following short discussion it was proposed by Mr.Smart, seconded by Mr.Cole we accept Peterborough Tree Services estimate.

Sign for slippery surface – clerk received several complaints tile surfaces had become slippery during wet weather – sign to be put there now and clerk to obtain second one for sports area. Mr.Barnes offered to erect.

Burial – Cremated remains Mr. & Mrs.French

Pit Negotiation – letter from “Go East” saying they appreciate council's worried but this was internal matter for Parish Council and would be inappropriate for Government Office to have any involvement in it.

Letter from Malcolm Moss MP saying he would write to DEFRA to see if he could speed matter up.

It nothing is heard by next meeting to write again to Environment Agency.

Planning

Approvals – 25 Station Road 10 dwellings

4 Station Road – extension

Refusal – 43 High Street – rear of Cathryn House

Applications – C.Wilson – extension and garage with workshop The Sycamores, Colony Farm, Bedford Bank – supported.

P.Gumbley – change of use of land to garden land – 96 Westfield Road – supported

Broadway Ltd – workplace home plot 45 Charlemont Gardens – supported.

C.Barnes – 7 4 x bed chalet bungalows land SE of 9-15 High Street – Mr.Barnes declared his interest, signed the book and left the room during discussion.

Councillors still have reservations about visibility on the left hand side of the access looking up the High Street towards the Church.

M.Baxter – change of use of garage to pet grooming saloon – supported but council asked that business be restricted to 6 days per week 8 – 5.00

p.m.because of possible noise nuisance to neighbours

Site meeting held concerning:

M.Philpott – erection of dwelling north of 16 High Street – Mr.Emery declared a non pecuniary interest – supported but dwelling must be in keeping with neighbouring properties

Mayflower Construction – erection of 10 x 3 bed semi-detached houses land south of Williams Way – concern was expressed that a block paved roadway is shown with no indication of street lighting or whether this would be adopted.

Council asked if road be in keeping with remainder of estate roads ie tarmacdam. Concern was also expressed about sewerage capacity if more development takes place.

A.Last – erection of house and garage on land NW of Waresley Cottage, Old Dairy Yards – application is not supported – outside boundary development line; backland development; no permission sought to use Dairy Yards roadway for access from present owner residents; uses private roadway for access to development site, without seeking permission from owners.

Trees recommended for preservation orders:

Trees around Playing Field, Park Road

In front of the Church

Horse Chestnut in Georgina Close

Park House, and 15 High Street

Clerk to write to FDC Tree Officer asking him to look at above.

Finance

Letter from Moore Stephens Auditors – asking for explanation of high reserves and detailed breakdown of income and expenses. It was agreed to reply £65,000 was ear-marked for pit purchase and legal expenses. £10,000 was targeted to be used for improvements, safety measures and matched grant funding.

Powergen – suggesting Business Electricity Plan to suit council's needs – clerk to look into this

Receipts

Mem – French £50.00

Payments

Mill Hill – petrol	8.00	
W.Emery flowers Betty	20.00	
R.Yardy repairs to heater	40.00	
St.Nicolas PCC donation	100.00	
J.Waters salary + car park	123.73	Proposed Mr.Emery
M.Short – sports area	43.92	Seconded Mr.Hawkins
J.Boardman cleaning	19.47	
Inland Revenue – tax	155.67	
I Cook salary + sign	<u>189.31</u>	
	£700.10	

Correspondence

Thank you card from B.Mawby for flowers
CCC Passenger Transport Team – agreed to pass on to Manea Connect Committee
FDC Licensing Act 2003 – new details
Electrical Testing – re new payment details
Kents – removal of gravestone for renovation
Cambs ACRE – affordable housing – Clerk to reply mentioning site put forward by Mr.Jolley
Networking East newsletter
County Councillor’s bulletin
Clerk’s draft Code of Conduct
Street Naming – new development Purls Bridge Waterside Close/Riverside Close
Cambs Police new website
FDC community grant launch invitation
FDC – sports information – funding available – to pass to Manea Connects for inclusion in magazine.

Chairman said he had recently attended a Calc Workshop for Chair’s. From this it was mentioned Chair and Councillors should undertake no paid work for council. However he had spoken with Mr.Jolley and taken advice from Mr.Eighteen at FDC and in an emergency this can be done, provided 2/3 councillors are contacted in advance and if possible two estimates obtained.

Date of next meeting – Monday 25th October, 7.00 p.m.

Signed Dated

