

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Monday 25th April, 2005.

Apologies were received from Mr.Risbridger, Mr.Barnes and Mr.Smart. All other councillors were present, together with Mr.Jolley, FDC and PC Nick Braines.

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March, 2005 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways – letter from Mike Davies concerning the traffic issues – he notes the council wish to see the “build-outs” in the High Street completed and is hopeful funding will be found for these. More consultation is needed before these measures can be introduced. The provision of the sign for Witcham Farm will depend on the reinstatement of his budget for these items. In the meantime SLOW marking have been put here to help the situation.

Mr.Emery said he believed the funding for all the build-outs had been available and where had it been spent if it was not now available? The parish council would like the project completed.

Letter from Mr.A.White detailing his concerned about the “build-out” near his property in High Street. Mr.Jolley said that these were for speed restrictions, not narrowing the High Street. He said no nearby residents had been consulted in accordance with agreed procedures. He said the Church also had serious reservations about the bollards. Mrs.Cole said that she had attended the recent Annual General meeting of the PCC and nothing had been said.

PC Braines said these measures were used in other villages and they did slow down the traffic to a certain extent.

It was agreed to write to Mr.White saying that whilst we sympathised with his views, over 400 people had signed a petition wanting speed measures and that this was also part of the parish plan. The parish council had gained funding and taken full advice on what measures would be best and the current measures put in place were as a result of this consultation.

If the project had been completed as originally planned, the other “build-outs” in the High Street would slow the traffic down before it reached the Church.

Clerk to write to Mr.Davies concerning the completion of the project and the funding issue.

Letter from Mr.T.Emmett, Traffic Management Team concerning the proposed waiting restrictions in Westfield Road. He said residents were concerned about vandalism on cars parked at the rear of the properties. He also mentioned dropped kerbs in the front of the houses. To implement double yellow lines would mean a TRO would have to be made which could take some 12- 18 months. In his opinion it was wrong to proceed with the proposal, especially as the planning permission on the opposite side of the road might be developed at some time in the future. He is taking advice about the possibility of dropped kerbs. Discussion took place on the contents of this letter and it was agreed to ask him to meet with councillors on site to discuss this further.

Letter from Highway Supervisor concerning the spoil on the Station Road verge.

Clerk has also heard from Mr.Heading of Manea & Welney Drainage who says he will send a tractor and machine to spread the spoil as soon as he is able.

The Chairman has been contacted by a resident from Annabelle Avenue and a Mr.Lancaster from Swallow Court concerning the adoption of this part of Annabelle Avenue and the walkway between the two roads. Mr.Emery spoke to Mr.Jolley about this and Clerk had been in contact with Mr.G.Barnes, Road Agreements Engineer who is looking into why and how soon this road and walkway can be adopted. There have been problems with vandalism and horses using the walkway. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting to see if the matter has been resolved by then.

A Petition signed by 6 residents from Wisbech Road asking for a footpath and better lighting, and also complaining about the surface water filling the dyke near the new chalet bungalow has been received. It was agreed to send this to Mr.Marshall at Highways.

Mrs.Cole said the hedge in Westfield Road near 96 Westfield Road is overhanging the footpath – Clerk to write to owner.

Police Report

PC Brained said that unfortunately he will be leaving as Community Beat Officer in May, his replacement has yet to be appointed.

He said there have been 6 vehicle related crimes in Manea recently.

Mrs.Desborough reported the motor cycles are back on the school playing field again.

Dog Fouling – Clerk has met with animal Welfare Officer – she will send notices out to clerk. There will be a new by-law in July whereby people can be prosecuted by photograph and statement. Mr.Jolley said he will try to get dog bins for the village to be sited in Westfield Road, near the School and near the playing field.

Cavalier Bus - letter giving a phone number to contact if bus does not arrive. Clerk has put notices in village with this information.

PA Equipment check ACE communications will contact chairman shortly to look at this.

Pit Negotiations Clerk has received a e-mail from Mr.Costain saying DEFRA had rejected the sale, however on contacting Mr.Shelton of the Environment Agency he does not know about this. It was agreed it should be a priority to get this matter settled before the end of this year.

Playing Field three quotes for the electrical testing had been received:

Elecheck - £2.40 per item for portable appliances

£345.80 for periodic inspection report

R.Yardy - £5 per item for portable appliances

Cannot undertake the other inspection

Electrical Installation

& Appliance Testing - £1.25 per item for portable testing

£285.00 for the periodic inspection

It was proposed by Mr.Hawkins, seconded by Mrs.Cole we accept the quote from Electrical Testing.

Mr.Emery reported the CCTV near the sports area has been damaged again.

Mr.Yardy has had a look and two cameras need repair – he may be able to make one good one out of these two and we would then need a new one. The wires are exposed and it is dangerous and needs attention. In view of this it was proposed by Miracle, seconded by Mrs.Desborough we ask Mr.Yardy to do the repairs as soon as he can. To also ask him if anything can be done to stop future damage to the cameras.

Mr.Emery said he had been approached by Mr.Barnes to see if the council would be willing to sell him a small corner of the playing field, near the conifer hedge.

Mr.E,Barnes would like to extend his house and this would be made easier if the entrance to the back meadow field could be moved slightly which would need to take this part of the corner of the playing field. It was decided to look to the deeds first to see if the council could sell the land. Mr.Barnes will pay all valuation fees and pay the price agreed at valuation for the land. It was agreed to look at this corner as soon as possible and the matter would be on the agenda for the next meeting, In the meantime Clerk to check with the deeds.

Burials - J.Moore – cremated remains – also memorial tablet application

R.Hawes – burial M.Beeken - burial

A.Scotney – cremated remains burial

Planning

KMR Developments – application in Park Road – following a site meeting the parish council amended their observations to incorporate concerns about overlooking at this site. At the FDC planning committee it has been indicated it would be refused in its present form and a resubmitted application with amendments would be made.

Hazelmere Homes – letter with drawings showing details of the open space provision – asking to meet with councillors for discussion – suggested Saturday 30th April.

FDC – letter giving further details of the open space provisions within the village. Mr. Jolley will look into the Thames Rest site to see about the agreement for funding the play provision here.

Rights of Way - Mrs. Desborough has looked into the documentation which is currently in consultation form only.

Finance - Clerk gave notice of audit for 1st July. All accounts will be with the internal auditor for most of May.

New Contract of Employment for Clerks – as per the National Association, also new salary agreement – it was decided to send copies of both to all councillors for their consideration – to be discussed again at next meeting.

Receipts

Hawes 2 x graves	360.00
Risely – 1 grave	180.00
Scotney 1 D/D ashes plot	150.00
3 allotment rents	455.00
Beeken burial	60.00
VAT reclaimed	<u>615.37</u>
	1820.37

Payments

Ridgeons mend notice board	17.37	
S. Emery “ “	25.00	
Norfolk copiers – toner	26.79	
FDC cemetery rates	123.32	Proposed: W. Cole
Mill Hill petrol	23.85	Seconded G. Hawkins
Hutchinsons – spray	25.56	
J. Boardman cleaning	33.90	
Bank of England loan	95.40	
M. Short new areas	56.50	
J. Waters cemetery	118.75	
I. Cook salary and phone	<u>211.55</u>	
	757.99	

CALC – Clerk asked about paying their subscription for coming year. Following discussion it was proposed by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs Desborough we do not review this for the coming year but review it again next time.

Correspondence

Fenland Arts letter

Notices of Election for 5th May

Cambs Local Access Forum

Cambs ACRE affordable housing – clerk to quote last years reply

Probation Service leaflet

Play Equipment leaflets

FDC – hotline number

DEFRA – quality councils

Crime Task Group
NSPCC – asking for donation – Mr.Hawkins proposed £25.00 seconded by Mr,Emery
New Section Police Inspector letter
CALC - various

Clerk mentioned that the street light leaning in Station Road had been brought upright by EDF energy.

Date of next meeting – Annual General Meeting – Monday 23rd May 2005 at 7.00 p.m.

SignedDated