

**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2005.**

**Visitor** - Sarah Clements, Fenland Service Development Manager spoke to councillors about her role and sheltered housing in Fenland. She gave background details about changes which occurred in 2003 and explained about a new scheme just set up in Wimblington. It should be known within 6 months how the scheme is proceeding. She will be attending the Golden Age Fair in October and will come to a meeting in the new year to update councillors on the responses gained at the Fair and how the Wimblington project is progressing.

**Apologies** were received from Mr.Smart. Mr.Smith was absent- all other councillors were present.

**Minutes of** the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July and the extra meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2005 were confirmed and signed.

**Matters Arising**

*Playing Field* - Clerk had met with Wicksteeds. They say the wear to the safe surfacing is caused by climate and shrinkage. They have submitted an estimate in the sum of £627 for supplying fixative, to mend the gate closures and labour. This was felt excessive. Councillors will have a look at the surfacing and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting. Since the gate repair parts alone are £140 it was agreed to ask Mr.Oliver to have a look at the gates.

Estimate from Mr.M.Oliver in sum of £145 each for two new litter bins.

Proposed Mrs.Cole, seconded Mrs.Desborough we accept this.

Front fence - Clerk/Chair will meet with Mr.Phillips of Hazelmere Homes on 24<sup>th</sup> August to discuss our requirements. Chairman asked if letter of thanks for quotes be sent to two firms who submitted them for the fencing.

*Pavilion roof* - estimate from Haylocks for removal and disposal of asbestos. The total for the new roof will be in the region of £3500. It was agreed to speak with Mr.Phillips to see if he can assist with funding. Since nothing has been heard about the grant funding applied for to speak with Mr.Jolley to see if he can find out if it has been considered yet.

*Golden Age Fair* - ladies have confirmed for refreshments as has Mr. & Mrs.Short for photo display. The Surgery will be in attendance giving flu injections at the same time.

*Clerk's hours* - Clerk gave details of the hours worked last month - a total of 40 hours 15 minutes. It was agreed to confirm the original proposal made on 2<sup>nd</sup> August of 35 hours per month at point 21 on the salary scale. This was made by Mr.Barnes, seconded by Mr.Hawkins, to be backdated to April 2005. It was agreed that when the time comes to appoint a new Clerk, pension provision should be offered to that person.

*Manea Station* letters from Strategic Rail Authority and One Railways confirming Manea Station will not close. Chair suggested letter could be sent asking for 4 more request stop trains could be considered on a trial basis, since we have proved there is a need for the service. If there is a take up for these it could become a permanent fixture.

*Highways* Copy letter from Mr.A.White to Traffic Engineer was read to the meeting, as was the reply from Mr.Davies to Mr.White. A copy of the survey letter sent to residents in High Street was circulated. Mr.Hawkins felt the whole village should be consulted since the petition was from the whole village in the first place. It was agreed to ask Mr.Davies if this could be done throughout Manea instead of just the High Street.

The interactive sign in Station Road still does not work properly. One reason could be it is obscured partly by an overhanging tree. Clerk to write.

Highway Supervisor - has arranged for Park Road to be tarred/chipped - Clerk to thank him for this and to remind him of the state of the East Street footpath again.

**Cemetery** - It is understood Mr.Savage has the earth removal in hand. Mr.Cole reminded meeting that it had been agreed to put earth at the left hand side of the front of the cemetery to build up a low part. It was hoped this could be done shortly.

Clerk reported details of a burial this week where an Undertaker has not been employed - the relatives wishing to dig the grave themselves. Since this is to be a double depth concern was expressed about health & safety and the possibility of an accident. It was agreed the council could not allow the grave to be dug except by an experienced gravedigger, and this was formally proposed by Mrs.Cole, seconded by Mr Hawkins. Clerk and Mr.Barnes together with Mr.Waters will meet the relatives to explain the situation.

Mr.Smart had sent e-mail about Exclusive Rights of Burial - Clerk explained at Manea a book is kept of all Rights of Burial given and purchasers of graves are given a Deed giving them burial rights in a grave for 99 years. She has checked with Fenland and this is the correct procedure.

**Memorial** Christopher Sears

## **Planning**

### *Approvals*

Plot 25 Charlemont

Sears - Watering Hill barn conversions

7 East Street

### *Refusals*

16 High Street

Extension - Rose Cottage, High St.

*Applications* - S.Attrill - 3 bed dwellings both North and South of 74a Station Road. Mr.Emery declared a non-pecuniary interest.

A site meeting had been held and councillors commented the site for both applications is very small to accommodate the proposals. They felt if the old

house 74a were to be demolished, this site together with the two application sites would be more suited to two dwellings rather than three squashed in together. Mr.Cole mentioned the close proximity of the pig farm next door. An amended location plan had been received for 14a Station Road – councillors still feel the entrance is too narrow and there is some doubt about ownership of the roadway.

Amended plans concerning siting, design and access road had been received for 15 houses on land rear of 29-33 Westfield Road.

E-mail from a P.Eden concerning a project requiring involvement of hinterland parishes – Clerk to ask for more details before consideration since it seemed aimed at Chatteris town rather than the parishes.

### **Finance**

Clerk gave notice that the audit had been successfully signed off. Notice will be posted to this effect.

Half yearly review was considered by councillors – Mr.Cole mentioned the salaries paid to Playing Field and Cemetery Caretakers.

allotment Details of these were given.

It was agreed not to increase either Burial charges or allotment rent this year..

Mrs.Desborough proposed the review be accepted, seconded by Mr.Cole.

#### *Payments*

Hutchinsons spray	96.17	
Vikings - ink and stationery	100.28	
M.Short - extra hours	45.20	
J.Waters salary	117.25	Proposed Mr.Emery
I Cook, salary virus,post	235.46	Seconded Mrs Cole
R.Yardy pav elec repairs	118.56	
Moore Stephens audit	164.50	
Powergen - sports area	12.92	
S.Emery - chain - Town Lots gate	<u>12.50</u>	
	<u>902.84</u>	

### **Correspondence**

e-mail D Allen Gala Treasurer – saying application for funding for roundabout/pavilion roof would be considered at September meeting.

Vitalise – thanks for donation

CCC – bus infrastructure upgrade details

FDC – streets ahead newsletter

CCC – Environment letter

Norfolk CC – mineral extraction booklet

Fenland Community newsletter

Task Group notice of next meeting

Malcolm Moss – re pit negotiations – saying he would be writing to DEFRA again for a response about the purchase

Mr.Emery said Sue Beal had spoken to him about transport for youngsters.  
There are various after school clubs which younger members have difficulty  
getting home from – perhaps assistance could be given for this providing funding  
was available. Mrs.Beal says Manea is a priority in this respect.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005 - 7.00 p.m.

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