

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL  
Meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.

**Open Forum** - two residents from Wisbech Road came to speak about their recent planning application which had been refused by Fenland Council.

**Apologies** were received from Mr.Hawkins and Mr. Smart. Mr Risbridger submitted a letter explaining he would not be able to attend the March and April meetings. This was accepted.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January were confirmed and signed.

**Matters Arising:**

*Highways* Chairman and Mr Cole met with Mr.Davies from Highways, some of the new 30 mph signs had been put in front of gateways and these have now been moved. Mr.Davies has promised "heavy vehicle" signs for Witcham Farm Drove and Fallow Corner near Mr.Hawes' gateway. It was reported that some of the new signs can only be seen from one direction. Concerning the new interactive signs - the one in Westfield Road has needed adjustment since it was on most of the time at under 30 mph. The one in Station Road only comes on nearer 40 mph than 30 mph - Clerk to report this one.

*Bottle Bank* has been emptied.

**Pit Negotiations** - Clerk has received e-mail from Mr.Costain saying he has finally spoken with Mr.Shelton of Environment Agency - unfortunately the valuation he said he had sent off to DEFRA before Christmas was still on his desk. Mr.Costain suggested this be sent off urgently - he will contact Mr.Shelton again to confirm this has been done.

**Street Lighting** Clerk has received e-mail from Mr.Hitch at Cambs County Council street lighting saying he will get the contractors to mend all the lights that are not working properly. It was reported a new column has been put at the top of Carpenters Close - this was not funded by parish council - at present it is not lit. Dark areas brought to attention were:

Near 39d Westfield Road; near 28 Park Road; near 25 Westfield Road and at the Pump Corner near 2 High Street. It was felt priority should be given to the one in Park Road because it is used by youngsters going to and from the playing field. Mr.Risbridger mentioned his part of East Street, but this is not an adopted road, and has no footpath.

**Memorials** Gary and Gordon Newell

**Planning**

**Approvals:** 3 bed detached house with garage, 2 semi-detached chalet bungalows with integral garages involving demolition of existing bungalow.

Site of old piggery in Westfield Road

3 dwellings - 12a Westfield Road

2 3 bed semi-detached south of Surgery in Cathedral View  
vehicle access at 32d Station Road

**Refusal** - land south of 2 Willow Drive, Wisbech Road

Withdrawn – erection of 2-3 detached dwellings – Fallow Corner Drove  
Revised proposals – 3 bed detached house with garage on plot 1 90 Station Road  
– wheel chair access now included

Letter from Fenland Council in response to Clerks letter last November about open space – confirming land in Williams Way is designated open space but nothing has been done since original developer went bankrupt. However on the application on piggery site in Westfield Road a variation of condition 06 allows for payment of a commuted sum to improve this area in Williams Way as a more strategic approach to public open space in Manea.

With regard to Thanet Rest Mr.Ollier has been contacted and we await his response.

The lights not working at Thanet Rest will be advised to Matthew Homes, the developers. The white lining at the junction has been done.

The application at 25 Station Road has been withdrawn, but if it is resubmitted it can be discussed again.

Mr.Jolley added to this saying that there may be persons interested in developing the brownfield site of Giles' garage and a play area will be incorporated within this larger development. A developer cannot be made to make any contribution towards play provision until 50% of the development has been completed, therefore it may be some time before any funding is available from the old piggery site development.

The Chairman raised the money already submitted by Matthew Homes to Fenland Council for play provision at Thanet Rest/Rutland Way and enquired whether this could be used for the Williams Way site. Mr.Jolley advised that there was a legal agreement to provide play equipment at Thanet Rest however he would look into whether or not this could be done. Mrs.Desborough said it had been agreed money from developments within the village should come into the village.

D & T Cole – erection of 27 houses on site of piggery rear of 7 Westfield Road – Mr.Cole, Mrs.Cole and Mr.Emery declared interests and left the room during discussion.

Mr.Barnes was nominated Chair for this application. After discussion it was agreed to support the application.

#### **Finance**

##### *Allocated and Unallocated Reserves*

The council has funding of £74,599 of which £58,000 has been designated for the purchase of the pit. There may be some legal expenses and some work may be needed on the pit when eventually it can be purchased. CALC advise that 18 months costs should be kept as a reserve fund. The Council is committed to funding one of the interactive signs and contributing towards the speed measures. We would need to retain the balance on deposit when the pit purchase has been made for emergency reserve funding.

There may be some income from rent of the pit but Clerk advised there will be an increase in insurance expenses. It was agreed grants may be available for

improvements to it. It was decided to look closely at what costs would be involved before a firm commitment is made to proceed with the purchase. Clerk advised the vacuum in the pavilion is broken. Mr.Barnes offered on behalf of the Youth Football to purchase a replacement. Thanks were expressed for this.

*Receipts*

Pavilion let fee £40.00

*Payments*

Fenweb - website	306.68	
EDF Energy - new light service	498.20	
Victim Support donation	25.00	Proposed:Mr.Emery
Citizens Advice donation	25.00	Seconded:Mrs.Cole
J.Waters salary	114.25	
M.Short new areas	43.92	
I,Cook salary less tax	<u>179.31</u>	
	£1192.36	

**Correspondence**

Cranbrook Drain/Welches Dam study - details of what strategy was preferred  
 CALC - various - including renewal subscriptions - to consider again at next meeting. In-house training offer 2 1 and half hour sessions cost £150 each session plus travel costs - to bear in mind for future.  
 FDC - invitation to opening of Customer First  
 Crime Task Group - April meeting date  
 CCC - electoral review confirmation

The Chairman suggested that perhaps an officer from Fenland Council could come to speak to councillors about various planning regulations. It was felt this would be of benefit but if councillors could have written information to take away and study at leisure this would also be of benefit. Mr.Jolley said he would see what he could arrange for the March meeting.

**Date of next meeting** - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. - Ms Karen Gee - Fenland/Parish Liaison Officer will be present.

Date ..... Signed .....

