

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 25th July, 2005,

Apologies were received from Mr.Barnes. All other councillors were present.

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th June, 2005 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways Clerk, Mr.Emery & Mr.Cole met with Mr.Davies to discuss the traffic measures in High Street. Mr.Davies has replied to Mr.White saying he is drawing up a plan showing the existing and 2 further “build-outs” in High Street and will then consult with all residents in the street and following this a decision on what can be done will be made.

Minor Bids letter – it was agreed to submit a bid for speed humps in Park Road for a road safety measure – to try to stop speeding traffic near the children’s play area.

Letter from Highway Supervisor concerning the hedge in Westfield Road. Mrs.Cole said that the problem now was the overgrown vegetation near Dunvegan, Westfield Road which almost completely overhangs the footpath. Clerk to write.

Mr.Cole reported there had been an accident at the junction of Glebe Close/Westfield Road recently because of the obstructed view with parked cars. Clerk to write to Mr.Emmett about this.

Parking outside school - The School has initiated a survey of traffic movement at the start and end of school by the Education Road Safety people with a view to the possibility of a “lollipop person”. A petition has been received from some residents asking for double yellow lines. It was decided to hold this until a response is received from the Education people.

Post Office letter received saying the branch would be moving to 2 Park Road in the Autumn despite council’s misgivings about parking.

Visitor – Mr.Michael Phillips from Hazelmere Homes attended. He spoke about his development in Station Road. Mr.Phillips made a suggestion about parking outside the school and said why could the cars not use the village hall car park, he would then put in a walkway from the car park to Station Road. It was suggested he put this to the village hall committee, since in the past they had not agreed to parents parking at the village hall.

Mr.Phillips said his company would put a new fence up in front of the playing field. He asked if there were any other things the council could suggest that he would be prepared to consider assisting with. A list will be sent in near future.

Mr.Phillips went on to speak about his second development in Manea in Westfield Road. He said he hoped to put an element of social housing at the rear of this site, under the exception planning regulations since this part of the site was outside the building line. He offered to build a new village hall at cost just beyond the social housing scheme. It was felt he should put this suggestion to the hall committee.

Mr.Phillips agreed to keep the council fully informed about developments on both estates.

Annoymous letter – concerning trees at Bearts Farm. Letter from Mr. Risbridger confirming he had liaised with Fenland Tree Officer about taking down diseased elm trees at Bearts Farm and also the tenant of the farm. He had replaced these with new trees and bushes and was keeping the site tidy. Chairman remarked the situation seemed to have grown out of all proportion.

Playing Field Mr.Barnes has arranged for a mobile skate park to visit for the youngsters during the holidays.

Letter from Mr.Short thanking councillors for their assistance at the field during his recent illness. It was decided to advertise locally and in Manea Connects for an assistant caretaker/groundsperson – hours and pay negotiable.

Follow up from inspection – an action plan has been drawn up. All items included are being dealt with. Safe surfacing – chairman is able to re-glue those under the large swings. Clerk is in negotiation with Wicksteeds about responsibility for the surfacing under the cradle swings. They will repaint all equipment under the “Wicksteed Promise”

Roundabout – Mr.Sharman says it will cost £350 to repair top bearing, to do both if deemed necessary will be £500. Discussion following on whether it was worth spending this amount of money on the roundabout which is now some 15+ years old. Decided to ask gala committee if they would pay for the repair or whether they would consider funding a replacement for the ageing item.

Pavilion - clerk has written for grant funding towards new roof and replacement toilet block. Estimate for the roof will be sent to Fenland together with the first estimate for the new toilets. We are awaiting an estimate to remove the asbestos from site. It was agreed we should include replacement toilets as a request item for Hazelmere Homes to consider.

Cemetery - Mr Savage has not yet removed the earth.

Letter from Mrs Scotney concerning the plaque on her husband's ashes plot. She does not like the concrete slab put down by Kents. To advise her that it is not council policy to have marble plaques put on concrete slabs and if she wishes she can have it taken up.

Memorial – Herbert and Ruth Trower

Golden Age Fair - meeting held with Mr.Cotterell - fair will be on 26th October 5 – 8.00 p.m. To ask ladies to prepare refreshments. Councillors to deliver flyers nearer the time. Clerk will write to ladies and also Mr.P.Short asking him if he would put on a table top display of old photographs.

Warden Control Unit - Chairman had requested this item on agenda – it was agreed to undertake a survey to see what need there is for this in Manea.

Mr.Hawkins will take this to Fenland Housing to gauge feasibility – report back. To ask Mr.Phillips if this could be possibly considered just beyond the social housing part of the Westfield Road development.

Planning

74a Station Road – development withdrawn

Approval – extension 28 School Lane

Extension to farm buildings – Bonds Farm

Mr & Mrs.Perry – extension – 6 Westfield Road – supported

P Baxter – extension 35c Westfield Road – supported

M Philpott – dwelling on land S of 16 High Street- came just after last meeting – unable to discuss between meetings – Fenland Planning refused application on 22nd July.

Mr. & Mrs.Morris – annexe on 100 Westfield Road – Mrs. Cole declared a non-pecuniary interest, living in Westfield Road. Council happy with annexe but are confused about site which originally had agricultural permission then this removed – as original outside building line – surely annexe will be outside development boundary also.

Mrs Newton/Mr.Barnes – dwelling on land NE of 14a Station Road – this is resubmission – council held site meeting about this earlier – various letters of objection from resident of 10 Station Road concerning the ownership and use of shared roadway leading to site – trees/bushes have been taken down near 16 to make roadway wider. Council to repeat earlier comments to add we understand there has been some controversy about the roadway – to send letters and plans from resident at no 10 to planning dept.

Finance - acknowledgement of audit documents

Clerk's contract – will be discussed at meeting on 2nd August.

Receipts

P Allen – ashes plot	100.00
Sports area hire	<u>81.00</u>
	181.00

Payments

Vialise – donation	25.00	
Powergen sports area	14.04	
Ridgeons playing field items	42.54	
Gala committee paint	55.74	
Mill Hill petrol	20.56	
Cambs CC school hire	108.00	
Shaws minute file	77.49	Proposed:
Cambs CC interactive sign	3500.00	Mr.Hawkins
M.Short half yr pl field + extra hrs	401.00	Seconded:
J.Boardman cleaning	11.30	Mr.Emery
I.Cook sal + phone calls/internet	199.10	
J.Waters sal	117.25	
Londis – cleaning items	72.12	
J.Waters spraying	<u>28.25</u>	
	4672.39	

Correspondence

CCC – changes to library routes – not affecting Manea

BT – phone box in Station Road to become cashless

Network fund – grants to go to Manea Connects

Football Club – letter of complaint about cleaning – saying paid £240 but it is actually £40 per quarter = £160 pa. The have had to arrive early to clean before using pavilion – Agreed cleaning has not been up to usual standard. Clerk to write to football club saying we will address cleaning issue but reminding them of their offer to contribute towards this. Also to write to cleaner- sensitive letter!

CCC – lorries using local roads leaflet

Central Trains – acknowledgement of first letter –

FDC – dog fouling new laws – to put in Manea Connects

Date of next meeting – Monday 22nd August at 7.00 p.m.

Signed

Dated