

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 24th October, 2005.

Apologies were received from Mr.Smith. Mr.Barnes was absent, all other councillors were present, as was Mr.Jolley, Fenland District Councillor.

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September, 2005 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways – letter from Mike Davies, Traffic Engineer with results of High Street survey. This shows residents do not support the installation of “build outs” in High Street or the new locations proposed. Discussion followed on the options available to the council since there is funding for this project still outstanding for Manea. It was decided to survey the whole village to ascertain views on the way forward.

Mr.Emery reported the footpath on the right-hand side, around the “S” bends to Westfield Road is very slanted and causes problems with motorised invalid vehicles. There is also a large puddle on the surface of the opposite side of this part of the road. Clerk to write.

Annabelle Avenue – Mr.Jolley said there is movement to solve the problems here, however there is a weed problem which needs spraying. The situation will continue to be monitored.

Letter from Highway Supervisor saying funds will be made available for emergency repairs to East Street footpath.

Letter from School Crossing Patrols Officer saying a survey had been carried out, but unfortunately there was not the volume of traffic to meet the criteria for a crossing patrol person.

Playing Field - ideas for a replacement for the roundabout will be brought to the next meeting – Mr.Cole offered to look into these.

Letter of thanks to be sent to Gala Committee for their offer of contribution.

Mr Emery reported Mr.Barry Short had had to repair a toilet, and an electrical fault had been investigated by Mr.Yardy but all was in order.

One of the lights around the sports area is out – Clerk to report to Mr.Yardy.

The Under 10’s Football team is using the pavilion on practice nights – a donation will be made.

The safe surfacing in the play area near the swings has been taken up, cleaned and re-glued.

Pavilion roof - Cleaner has reported a fresh leak – it was felt the new roof work should be done before the winter despite the fact that there has been no grant funding yet.

Mr.Jolley suggested sending all paperwork to Mr.Steve Garratt, Portfolio holder for Young People at Fenland. Mr.Smart proposed we get the work in hand, seconded by Mrs Desborough – Clerk to write to all contractors asking them if they could begin as soon as they can.

Golden Age Fair - it was agreed councillors presence will be staggered so that there is someone there for the whole evening. Mrs.Desborough, Mr.Risbridger offered lifts if necessary. It was agreed Clerk will purchase three bouquets for the “tea ladies” thanking them for their work.

4 Glebe Close Cambridge Housing Society said they would inform successful applicant and arrange a viewing – they would also inform unsuccessful people. Since nothing has been heard it must be assumed the applicant accepted the tenancy.

Cemery - earth at the bottom has been moved, although the low spot still needs making up.

Burial - Moss Young and Harold Short **Memorial** Megan Wayman

Mr. Miller has not responded to letter asking for remainder of money for grave purchase. Clerk to write giving him to next meeting to pay, or deposit will be refunded and grave allocated to someone else.

Street Lighting - to report back to next meeting with sites for new light.

Planning

M Baxter continued use of garage as pet grooming salon – supported

Dr. Hirson – extension to Surgery – supported although comment was made about the limited space for parking now the village is growing.

Mr & Mrs Fitzgibbon – change of use of garage to retail shop. Mr. Emery declared interest and left room during discussion – application supported

Mr. R Rimmer – erection of dwelling on land S of Witcham Farm Cottage – this application is outside the village development boundary and cannot therefore be supported by council.

Refusals - S. Attrill – both applications at 74 Station Road

Extension to Rose Cottage, High Street

FDC – letter saying application for plot 3 at rear of 9-15 High Street withdrawn

FDC – letter about naming of road at 25 Station Road – saying objection raised to Poplar Close or Poplar Tree Close because of similarity to Poplar Farm. Poplar House, Poppyfields, Poppyfields Avenue. Developers made no other suggestion but wished development be called Jolley Close as they had received an award for the development. Letter says developers can appeal if their name is rejected and although notes say streets named after prominent persons should generally be avoided any rejection of Jolley Close would be hard to defend legally. The matter was decided upon by the Portfolio Holder for E-Government and Jolley Close approved. Mr. Cole felt a reply should be sent saying that in all correspondence to this council it was suggested that it was against Fenland Council policy to name developments after prominent people but it would appear that in this case this procedure has not been followed. This council has made suggestions for street names in the past after local people but these have been rejected. It was felt this was giving out mixed messages about procedures.

Finance

Receipts

M Young burial	180.00
Allotment rents	595.00
FDC 2 nd half precept	6000.00
FDC recycling credit	<u>144.24</u>
	6919.24

Payments

Poppy wreath	19.00
S. Emery/D. Cole safety tile cleaning	410.00
M Oliver – playing field repairs	931.89
Bank of Eng loan	95.40
Mill Hill petrol	22.11
Ridgeons – tile glue	78.73
J. Waters salary	117.25
M Short extra areas	45.20
J. Boardman cleaning	45.20
I Cook – sal + phone	275.64
Cambs CC school hire	<u>72.00</u>
	2112.42

Proposed: Mrs. Cole

Seconded Mr. Hawkins.

Mr.Hawkins expressed his concern about the safety tile cleaning work and said he was worried the council may have breached the code of conduct. It was acknowledged that, in retrospect, the two councillors concerned agreed they should have left the meeting during discussion. At the end of the debating, Mr.Smart said that in future in any such cases, all councillors with any interest at all should leave the meeting during discussions. This was agreed by all.

Correspondence

- Cambs Fire Authority – Risk Management plan
- East Cambs DC – statement of community involvement
- Cambs Council for voluntary services information
- CCC – Parish Path Partnership sheet
- CCC draft Customer charger information which is available on website
- Performance at March Art Centre advertisement
- Post Office – move effective from 27th October
- Victim Support – asking for donation – Mr.Hawkins proposed £25.00, seconded by Mrs Cole.
- Fenland District Community newsletter
- Norfolk County Council information
- East Midlands Council information

Mr.Emery mentioned the Remembrance Sunday Service on 13th November. He was sent a petition against the closure of parts of Doddington Hospital which it was agreed should be put in local shops.

Date of next meeting – Monday 28th November, at 7.00 p.m.

Signed Dated

