

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 21st August 2006.

Visitors: Laura Frazzel, Cambs ACRE Rural Housing Enabler and Karen Wickham FDC Housing Officer. They spoke about the site in Westfield Road concerning Michael Phillips who wanted social housing with exception planning saying a bid had been put forward but was not successful. Despite this Mr Phillips tried to go ahead but obviously was refused planning approval. Bids can only be made every two years for funding. Exception sites can be small or bigger parcels of land outside building line but adjoining or next to land with permission. There are two affordable homes designated on the Mars Construction site. There is a scheme of shared ownership or rented only to local people when social housing is constructed. Details of sites need to be sent to Laura so that she can follow this up and a bid put forward next November for funding in 2008. It was reported that recently the Cambridge Housing Association has let one of the houses in Glebe Close to a family without local connections. It was not our turn to nominate this time. It is a stipulation that these should only be let to local people or those with Manea connections. Clerk to write a strong letter of disapproval at the action taken.

Apologies - were received from Mrs Desborough and Mrs Cole. Councillors Smart, Barnes and Archer were not present. The Chairman however, declared the meeting quorate.

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th July were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways - e-mail from P Vale saying it was not within his powers to erect a stop sign at Boots Bridge as the criteria is not met. It was decided to write to Geoffrey Harper, County Councillor saying Parish Council is not happy with this - copy to Wimblington Parish Council.

Footpaths e-mail from Mr Burton, Cambs CC saying his contractors did the work at Club Farm and in his opinion it now met health & safety regulations and Anglian Water lorries could safely use the track without encroachment.

Letter from Anglian Water saying when they finish "tinkering" waste out of the works they will repair the roadway.

Open Space letter from Hazelmere Homes saying they would like to complete work on the open space and asking what council would like planted - their representative will meet council on site to discuss these. They will be in contact at a later date about the gate in the fence to the village hall.

Playing Field - One of the youngsters who was present when the damage was done at the toilets could be recognised on the CCTV. Mr T Savage and Mr Cole caught them again trying to break into the store shed. They were put to work clearing the rubble in the toilets and Mr Savage has repaired them at his expense and will try to re-coup the money from the parents of the boys concerned. The boy who damaged the cabling and sensors on the pavilion has owned up and Mr Cole has seen his parents who have agreed to pay for the

repairs. The invoice from Richard Yardy has been received and Mr Cole will take this to them for payment.

The repairs to the floodlights and the new VCR has been completed and the invoice received. It was agreed to pay this from funds rather than make an insurance claim would could result in higher premiums, and the cost of the bulbs would be less than the excess on the claim in any event.

Cemetery - work on the gravestones has been done. Clerk has received a complaint from Mrs Bhatia, whose son is buried near the tree at the entrance to the cemetery. Flowers have been taken from the site and the "no dogs" sign put on the grave. Clerk has spoken to Caretaker and the sign moved. Mrs Bhatia asked if a sign could be made to put on the gates of the cemetery saying: "No dogs allowed in the cemetery - only visitors to the graves allowed and please respect the cemetery." This was agreed - Clerk to look into this.

Allotments notice given by Mr Hawkins for 5 acres at Cranmore Lots. To advertise in Manea Matters and on website.

Manea Pit Chairman has spoken to Mr Sheldon and he will speak with councillors - date to be arranged with Clerk.

Railway update - to be given at Sept meeting as Mr Archer not present.

Planning details of a workshop on 7th September given.

Approvals - 28 Station Road; 2A Park Road; plots 1 and 2 rear of 9-15 High Street

Refusal - the work on the trees at 96 Westfield Road

Poppyfields Investments erection of rear extension and double garage to Scharlock, Wisbech Road - approved

FDC - street naming - 27 houses at piggery site Westfield Road - Mr Cole declared his interest and left the room. The suggestion of Valentine Close was approved

Finance

The half yearly review was considered by councillors.

Cemetery - new caretaker - increased salary for 2007 £8 per hour will result in salary of £2688. The raising of burial charges was considered to offset this - Clerk to look at what other councils charge and the matter will be discussed at next meeting.

Playing Field - Caretaker - 2.5% raise to £724 per annum

P Clarke- 2.5% raise in hourly rate to £5.96

Costs for the precept were discussed - Mr Cole said that the amount suggested would just cover expenses. We have to leave a balance of £18,000 in funds for contingency. Vandalism takes up a lot of the expenses. It was agreed to leave the precept as last year at £13,000. The allotment rents to remain at £70 per acre.

Mr Cole proposed acceptance of the finance review, seconded by Mr Risbridger.

Receipts

Bal of grave Hawkins	80.00
Mem - M Young	<u>75.00</u>
	155.00

Payments

Ridgeons - sand	13.36
SJB - hedgecutter	200.00
Manea Chapel donation	25.00
G Disten - new pav doors	305.00
P Deaves - Aug cem	462.00
P Clarke playing field	98.94 proposed Mr Emery
I Cook - sal, postage and anti virus	318.60 seconded Mr Cole
Cambs CC - pension	69.13
Ridgeons - keys to new pav doors	10.26
R Yardy - new VCR and floodlights	<u>587.00</u>
	£2089.29

Correspondence

East of England - letter about traveller sites

Trading Standards newsletter

Post Office - letter about best kept branch

FDC - dog bins they will put a dual purpose bin at junction of Glebe

Close/Westfield Road shortly. A dog bin was installed in June last year near the 30 mph sign just yards away from Fallow Corner.

Welney Parish Council - suggesting a joint meeting to discuss relevant matters - it was agreed we would participate, although it was pointed out Welney is in Norfolk and not Cambridgeshire or Fenland District.

FDC - e-mail from Tim Mills our new liaison officer asking when council would like him to visit - to suggest October meeting.

C Zilahi - letter about rail services - Clerk will give to Mr Archer

FDC - voluntary service organisation training information

Cambs CC - new bus times - to put in Manea Matters

Crime Task Group = meeting date - Mr Hawkins used to represent council - to ask at next meeting if anyone would like to take his place

Letter from Kieran Howell age 10 asking for skatepark - to send to Fenland Youth Officers

Mr Risbridger mentioned that the farmer, Mr Russell has a key to the gate and will open it if necessary. He mentioned that recently two mobile mowers went down to the wood - he will find out what they are doing if they come again.

Mr Risbridger also mentioned the interactive sign in Westfield Road has been moved slightly and is not now working properly - Clerk to report.

Mrs E Lawrence has complained to chairman about the youngsters playing football on the green open space near her home at 15 Rutland Way – saying they are disturbing her peace and being abusive. Clerk to ask Planning Office if this open space could be chain link fenced off.

Mr Emery mentioned two mobile homes for sale outside the old White Horse in Westfield Road – these are on the highway – Clerk to contact Highways and also the police about these.

Date of next meeting – Monday 25th September – Visitor Mr Philip Eden, Cambs ACRE – re parish plan.

Signed Dated

