

**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2006.**

**Apologies were** given by Mr Smart owing to work commitment. All other councillors were present.

**Visitor** – Rob Hussey Youth Development worker who spoke about the needs of young people in Manea. He said that most of them were looking for a regular meeting place – there is a need for a youth facility in the village – a venue to hold meetings is needed say once a week. He is able to source funding – but volunteers would also be needed to help.

He spoke about the possibility of the mobile skate park visiting Manea again and said he would look into this.

Mr Barnes offered to help with a disco if the parish council would underwrite the initial costs – offer tickets for sale to recoup costs. It was agreed to look into this in more details with a view to holding a disco in the near future. Mr Hussey will also see what the costs are for having the skate park a couple of times during the summer holidays and possibly at no cost on gala day.

**Welcome** to our new councillors Mr Mark Archer – he signed the declaration of acceptance of office, register of interests and undertaking to abide by the code of conduct.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 were confirmed and signed.

**Matters Arising –**

*Highways* - a meeting has been arranged with Peter Vale, Traffic Management for 16<sup>th</sup> March to discuss speed measures etc in Manea.

- letter from Highway Supervisor saying the blocked gully in Park Road would be cleared and the overgrown hedge in Westfield Road would be dealt with by the small works crew.
- It was reported there is a culvert near 2 Willow Drive that needs clearing – this dyke is owned by M Crouch Growers – Clerk to write to them.
- It was also reported the footpath just past the Londis shop in Park Road needs repairs. Clerk to write – to also mention East Street footpaths.
- The Chairman mentioned a recent accident at Boots Bridge – this is the third incident since Christmas – he has spoken to Wimblington Parish Council Chair and has their support in writing to the Highways asking for more visible signs, with possible a stop sign on the bridge. There are no speed signs along the Sixteen Foot Bank so it is assumed the speed limit is 60 mph, but it was suggested it would be safer if this were reduced.
- Clerk to write with copy to Wimblington Parish Council and Mr E Gowler, Stonea representative on their council.

*Verge Cutting* – An estimate has been received from KH Services (recommended by Doddington Parish Council) for the sum of £208.26 per cut and £49.84 for extra inside village cuts. It was proposed by Mr Barnes, seconded by Mrs Desborough we accept this, as it is difficult to find a contractor able to undertake the job, To have four full cuts and three extra village cuts, thus making 7 inside village and 4 whole cuts.

*Playing Field* – Mr Sharman will take the roundabout off and repair both bearings and guarantee the work to ROSPA.

*Grass Cutting 2006 season* – two quotes have been received – Groomfields £69.70 per cut and KH Services - £99.32 per cut. It was proposed by Mrs Cole-Palmby, seconded by Mr Archer we accept the Groomfields quote.

*Tree* it was mentioned by Mr Emery the big tree in front of the playing field needs trimming – it was agreed to ask Mr.Savage to look at this, The tree opposite in front of the cemetery also needs trimming – to ask him to look at this at the same time.  
*Cemetery Path* – two estimates were to hand – Clerk had written to four contractors but only two responded in the timescale given also all knew the date of this meeting.  
D Watt Roadways - £9773.00 + vat and B Cook £7144.50.

(Clerk declared an interest in this item because of family relationship)

Following discussion it was proposed by Mrs Desborough, seconded by Mr Barnes we accept the cheapest quote.

**Notice Board** - was damaged over the New Year period and has been repaired by Chairman.

**Police** - PC Newnes and the resident Inspector will visit for the March meeting as an agenda time.

In the meantime PC Newnes said he would be carrying out random speed checks during the next month.

He has spoken to youths concerning motor cycles on the bottom school playing field and the wood at the Town Lots.

### **Planning**

Twiglets Nursery asking for variation of operating hours and increase in number of children – supported.

Notice of appeal by B Smith for extension to Rose Cottage, High Street

Approvals – Elderwood, Fifties Road

Land at rear of 16-22 High Street

7 School Lane – 2 dwellings- Scotney

Refusal dwelling 2a Park Road

Felling of Holly Tree Westfield Road

M Pratt – erection of 3 bed dwelling with integral garage on land south of 2 Willow Drive, Manea –

Mr Archer declared his interest, Mr Cole declared his interest also – both signed book and left the room during discussion. Mr Emery declared a non pecuniary interest.

The dwelling is timber cladded. It was felt there was agreement in general with the proposal and the concept of the dwelling but there were reservations about it being timber cladded amongst a development of brick built houses.

- Letter from D Russ asking if council would contact FDC and withdraw their objection to the removal of the 02 condition from 6-8 Charlemont Drive. It was felt when the permission for this whole development was passed in the first instance they were passed as workplace homes – as the site was outside the development boundary. Parish Council has followed FDC guidelines on this and have done so from the beginning and if these have now changed surely FDC should have made parish council aware of this.
- New properties on this site are still being completed as workplace homes and it is this council's policy to refuse applications outside the development boundary unless they have business links. We are not sure what restrictions FDC have imposed on particular properties.

To write thus to Mr Russ with a copy to Nigel Brown of Planning Office – adding to his letter to ask why are some of the restrictions now being lifted on this site and some properties are still workplace homes. If these conditions have changed why have parish council not been told of this fact.

**Street Light** estimate for new column at 9 Wisbech Road - £347.00 + VAT and for the service £445.00 + VAT. It was proposed by Mrs Desborough, seconded by Mrs Cole-Palmby we accept these.

**Finance**

*Receipts*

Clarke Burial	60.00
Mawby burial	360.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> half concurrent grant	<u>1495.00</u>
	1915.00

*Payments*

B Short – toilet repairs	36.00	
Ridgeons – notice board materials	17.37	
G Disten – pavilion repair	118.50	
J Waters salary	117.25	
J Boardman cleaning	45.20	
M Short 2 <sup>nd</sup> half C/Tkg & new areas	389.70	
Cambs CC pension	61.33	
I Cook sal +postage	258.52	proposed Mrs Cole-Palmby
D & M Pest Control moles	58.16	seconded Mr Hawkins
S Emery – notice board	18.00	
Powergen sports	19.62	
Pav	271.01	
	<u>290.63</u>	
	1410.66	

**Manea Pit**

There was lengthy discussion on the history of the purchase and the lack of progress with the Environment Agency and DEFRA. Clerk to contact George Shelton again and also Malcolm Moss to try to get the matter moving.

**Correspondence**

Archaeological events

CCC new library times

FDC Corporate plan

FDC dog fouling letter – Mrs Cole-Palmby asked if we could request another bin for Westfield Road

FDC – street naming 25 Station Road – it was suggested that since Jolley Close does not seem to be mentioned in advertising now to write to Michael Phillips asking if he would re-consider “Hawes Close” or Hawes Gardens” rather than Jolley Close. Macmillan – letter of thanks for donation

Mencap asking for donation – since council has already made 4 donations this year and only 1 resident was assisted by Mencap in Manea we would not be able to help them at present

FACT – asking for donation – since 23 residents are assisted by this organisation Mr Hawkins proposed a donation of £25, seconded by Mr Cole. It was agreed to review donations granted at the end of the financial year.

M Moss – letter confirming the walkway at Annabelle Avenue including the turning head and the turning head at School Lane, the footway/cycleway linking the two, street lighting and surface water gullies were adopted on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

Peterborough Council – letter about consultations on waste development

Peterborough Land Registry – it was agreed Clerk should look into registering all council land.

Fenland Community newsletter

- Mr Hawkins mentioned the possibility of another bottle bank – it has been confirmed we would be able to have one – the site for this will be discussed at next meeting.

**Date of next meeting - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 6.30 pm – Highway meeting**  
**Next council meeting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 pm**

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

