

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 24th July, 2006.

Apologies were received from Mr Archer, Mr Smart and Mr Barnes were not at the meeting. All other councillors were present together with two parishioners.

Forum Mr and Mrs McLeod of 20 Jolley Close spoke of their concerns about the gate being put in the fence between the private road of Jolley Close and the village hall car park. It was explained to them that for the reason of safety to the school children it had been agreed with Mr Phillips of Hazelmere Homes to put this gate in. They were unaware of this and it had not been included in their deeds. They have reservations about the gate which they discussed with the council.

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways - letter from Highway Surveyor saying they would take advice from the Arboricultural Officer about the trees at Purls Bridge Road with a view to trimming them.

E-mail from P Vale saying maintenance work will be carried out on the B1093 later this year. There has been another accident at the Bridge – Clerk to reply asking if we could just have a “stop” sign rather than the present “Give Way” it would help the situation.

Open Space 25 Station Road – letter from Mr Harper saying they have checked the 106 agreement and the public open space should have been done when 50% of the houses were occupied – obviously they are all now sold Mr Nigel Brown is pursuing the 106 Agreement with Hazelmere Homes who have responsibility for it for two years and then it will be transferred to Fenland Council for future maintenance. Letter from Michael Phillips firstly about the gate, saying his clients were unaware of it. Council to reply saying it was agreed between council and Mr Phillips the gate be put in and he should have put this clause in all the deeds of the purchases of the houses. To inform him residents at 20 have been to meeting and council has sympathy with them about their lack of knowledge of the gate and agree their concerns but Hazelmere Homes should have advised all clients of this when they purchased and it is now Hazelmere’s concern to inform them, although council would still like to see the gate in the interest of safety. To keep council advised. Mr Phillips also asks about funding the open space or the fence in front of the playing field. It was agreed to write saying he must comply with the 106 agreement and complete and maintain the open space for 2 year.

Cemetery - Mr Paul Deaves has applied for caretaking position – Chair, Mr Cole and Clerk spoke to him about the job and he agreed to start immediately. To pay him £7 per hour for 10 hours a week March to October – but initially on a 3 month trial when his rate of pay would be reviewed. To pay an hour weekly, during the winter months to check water and empty bins etc.

Council will purchase a petrol hedge cutter for cemetery as there are long areas of hedging to cut with no electricity. SJB Groundscare can supply one at £200 – proposed Mrs Desborough, seconded Mr Cole we proceed to purchase.

Mr Emery and Mr Cole will look at making up some of the graves and headstones this month.

Memorial - M Young

Playing Field - there has been extensive vandalism to the outside toilets and CCTV sensors over weekend 22nd/23rd July. Both toilets have been smashed and the connecting wall. The Police have been informed, There is CCTV evidence showing faces of some youngsters on the field at the time.

Quote from R Yardy for repairing the smashed flood lights around the sports area and a new video recorder for £637.00 To ask him to quote for repairs to the damaged sensors near the pavilion – we will have to claim from the insurance in this instance. To ask how much it would cost to re-wire straight into pavilion rather than run along the outside to stop them cutting the wiring.

Mr Emery proposed from the Chair Mr Yardy undertakes the annual internal electrical testing of both pavilion and small items, seconded by Mr Cole.

To ask for quotes for repair of the toilets from Mr Pressland and Mr B Short, although it was felt best to wait until after school holidays to get them repaired.

Quotation from Mr G Disten for £285 to replace pavilion doors. This was the only reply to Clerks enquiries. Mrs Palmby proposed we proceed, seconded by Mr Cole.

To reuse the existing metal covering outside to stop more damage to the new doors.

Inspection Action Plan - was considered – all items are in process of being done – to look at this again in September for update.

To ask Mr Clarke to down field at least twice a week to clean up rubbish etc even if there is no grass to cut because of hot weather.

Footpaths – Mrs Desborough reported the trees at Club farm have been severely trimmed. Clerk has ascertained this was done by the County Farms office. Mrs Desborough has taken the Arboricultural Officer down and he was dismayed at what had been done – they will recover but will take some time. Clerk has written to County Farms expressing council's concerns at what has been done, also to Anglian Water who say they will repair the roadway now the trees have been cut back.

It was reported the sewerage system is not coping in the current hot weather. Mr Emery has asked them to ensure the gate is closed and locked at weekends. Mr Risbridger will also have a word with the farm tenant.

Mrs Desborough attended a site meeting about the willow trees in Westfield Road.

The Fenland Arboricultural Officer has refused 3 applications concerning these trees, he feels that they only need slight trimming not drastic cutting back.

She also took him to Purls Bridge – he said if they have to be taken down to ask what impact this would have on the environment and bird life. He will advise on any future projects concerning tree planting.

Manea Pit - nothing heard from Environment Agency – Mr Shelton has not replied about coming to speak with council despite Clerk's three reminders. Chairman will try to telephone him also.

Planning

Following site meeting –

N Butcher – 3 bed chalet bungalow on land North of 16 High Street – supported KMR Developments – 2 bed bungalow on land west of 2a Park Road – Mr Cole and Mr Emery declared their interest at the site meeting and at this meeting. It was felt this is still an extremely small site, especially so as it is proposed to have 6 parking spaces at the rear of the 3 front cottages which does not leave sufficient space for a dwelling. Also the parking provision for the bungalow would be a problem with the turning space for the 6 other spaces. Because of close proximity to post office, council would not want any more cars parked in Park Road.

Hazelmere Homes – work to the trees in Westfield Road – councillors do not object to tidying up work but would not want any felled. They expressed concern at the amount of work proposed to the three willow trees.

Mr McMullen & Miss Green – extension to 46 High Street – Mr Emery declared an interest. The application was supported

M Hedges – 3 bed house on land east of Rose Cottage, Fallow Corner Drove – Mr Cole declared an interest – it was felt that providing the sketch plan is to scale there now appears to be more room at the boundary therefore the application was supported,

K Peacock – 2 x 4 bed houses on land west of Fenlands. Fallow Corner Drove – supported

B Sisidoya – extension to 22 High Street – Mr Emery declared an interest. The application does not appear to have changed from the first application, therefore council made the same comments as before.

Refusal – M Barner – 2 dwellings at Dairy Yards

Finance

Acknowledgement of audit return

Receipts

Football Club -	306.96
Recycling credits	<u>37.49</u>
	344.45

Payments

Anglian Water

Field	34.56	
Cem	25.76	60.32
Village Hall discos		50.00
SJB Groundscare mower repair		88.42
Mill Hill petrol		16.04
Fendis donation		25.00
K & H Services verges		547.97
Hutchinsons spray		23.37
G Disten door repairs		155.00
Ridgeons paint for pav		201.05 proposed S Emery
M Short 2 nd half yr pf		353.00 seconded A Desborough
I Cook sal and phone		277.11
Camb CC pension		69.13
P Clarke field		37.83
J Boardman cleaning		17.46
M Larham cemetery		221.16
Manea Stores – cleaning items		<u>72.00</u>
		£1403.74

Correspondence

FDC – Best Value Plan

P Eden – e-mail asking to come to meeting to discuss reviewing Parish Plan – to ask to come to September meeting

Harpham Tree Services – to keep to hand

Manea Methodist Chapel – asking for a donation towards the children's holiday club the Rev Bossingham runs at Manea Chapel – Proposed £25 by Mrs Palmby, seconded by Mr Cole.

C Zilahi – letter about rail services – given to Mr Archer who is co-ordinating rail project

Cavalier Buses – explaining why bus did not turn up twice recently

Community Transport booklets

FDC – complaints procedure booklet

FDC – plan showing location of 2nd bottle bank – this was agreed at Glebe Close

Mrs Palmby asked when we would be getting the promised extra dog bins – Clerk to look into this.

Mr Cole explained a pole and street light bracket had to be taken down for access to the building site in Westfield Road – this will be replaced. He has the bracket but unfortunately it cannot now be re-used as they have to be columns.

Date of next meeting - Monday 21st August – visitor Laura Frazzel Rural Housing Enabler

SignedDated

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