

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting
22nd May, 2006.

All Councillors were present. Mr J Reeves from RSPB was also present.

Election of Officers

Mrs Cole-Palmbly took the Chair for the election of Chair.

Position	Councillor	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Mr S.Emery	Mrs Cole-Pambly	Mr Smart
Vice-Chair	Mrs Cole-Palmbly	Mr Archer	Mr Cole
Cemetery Officer	Mr D Cole	Mr Archer	Mrs Desborough
Footpaths Officer	Mrs A Desborough	Mrs Cole-Palmbly	Mr D Cole
Tree Officer	Mr S Smart	Mrs Desborough	Mr Archer
Re-Cycling Officer	Mr K Risbridger	Mr Emery	Mrs Cole-Palmbly
Allotment Officer	Mr C Barnes	Mrs Desborough	Mr Archer

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th April were confirmed and signed. Notes of the planning meeting of 3rd May were also confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways - there has been a complaint about the verges in Wisbech Road. Clerk has spoken to contractor and been assured they were cut, but they will be in the village in the next two weeks to do a full cut and extra village cut.

Mr Emery said Mr Jolley has been cutting the open space at 25 Station Road. Letter of thanks to him asking him if council owed him anything for his time.

Nothing heard from Hazelmere or Fenland Planning about the future of the open space. To write to Mr Phillips, Hazelmere Homes expressing council's disappointment that following his visit to meeting he has failed to keep promises made, both for the open space and the fencing for the playing field. Council will think carefully before meeting with him regarding any future projects in Manea. To also write to Nigel Brown at Planning Services asking him for confirmation the open space formed part of the planning permission and what can be done to ensure the works promised are actually done.

Mr Barnes reported the road surface in Wisbech Road down to Guys Farm is in a very poor condition. This will be reported to Mr Marshall. Mr Reeves mentioned the condition of the Purls Bridge road and said he would be writing to the Highway Officer from the RSPB and it was agreed council would back up this letter asking for work to be carried out on the Purls Bridge road.

There has been another accident at Boots Bridge – to write to Mr Vale asking him what is the up-to-date position following the meeting with Wimblington Parish Council.

Car Park has been spayed – thanks to Mr Sears, however the front of the bank may need further spraying.

Cemetery- Mr Waters resignation was discussed. His present health is not good. It was agreed to pay him £60.00 for the last work he did at the cemetery and to write him a letter thanking him for everything he has done at the cemetery over the past 12 years. A presentation of a watch will be made to him. Mrs Desborough offered to look into prices.

Mr P Clarke the replacement cemetery caretaker met with Mr Cole and Mr Emery and his work was explained but unfortunately the next day he sent a letter saying his work hours had changed and he would not have time to do the cemetery but would like to continue with the four hours for the playing field. It was agreed to pay him

£60.00 for the hours he did in cemetery. Proposed Mr Archer, seconded Mr Risbridger.

Another application for the post has been received from Mr B Larham – it was agreed to offer him the job on a probationary period of 3 months. To ask if he could spray the graves as a matter of urgency.

Playing Field - the ROSPA inspection report has been received. This is not too bad this year – apart from minor repairs and weed and litter clearing the only main item is the roundabout, Mr Cole will ask Mr Sharman to undertake the repairs as soon as possible. The report will be discussed fully at the inspection.

Mr Emery mentioned the lack of paid use of the sports area – it was reported it is used quite extensively by youngsters but paid use was limited. It is difficult to administer the paid use but as the village do use it, especially in the summer months the position will continue to be monitored.

Behaviour on field - reply from Maurice Crouch Growers – they say their workers are supervised in their working time – they cannot be responsible for what they do in private time. They say the youth in the village is not blameless. It was agreed the youngsters can be a problem but the council does liaise with the Community Beat Officer about their behaviour. It was agreed Mrs Karen Newell who is responsible for the immigrant works will be contacted if any future problems occur.

They mention the dyke in Wisbech Road saying there are problems with building material from the adjacent estate. It was agreed to ask if Mr Walker or a representative could meet with councillors at a mutually convenient time on site to look at the dyke and culvert.

Finally they mention the dumping of refuse cars and grass cuttings on their field in Westfield Road – to reply that they should contact Fenland District Council concerning any problems with the council house tenants in Westfield Road using the field for rubbish dumping and it is the responsibility of the landowners to deal with any cars or car parts illegally left on their fields.

Vacancy notices have been put up – after 25th May council can co-opt a new member when they receive any applications.

Footpaths - Mr Reeves was in attendance and offered to erect a “no turning beyond this point” sign at the cross roads where the pit ends.

Mr Desborough gave Clerk a list of footpath problems to write about.

Manea Pit Clerk said a meeting has been arranged for 21st June to discuss the development of the pit and grant funding. Mr Martin Baker from the Wildlife Trust will come, together with Michelle Russell, Biodiversity Officer, Cambs County Council. Mr Reeves also said he would come. It was agreed an open meeting for the village would need to be held possibly in August or September when a future management plan can be put forward. In the meantime Mr Reeves will carry out a survey of breeding song birds.

Memorials

William & Sarah Brainsby – replacement

Additional inscription John Wm Clarke

Clerk has been contacted by Miss S Snow asking if her mother's ashes could be interred in cemetery and possibly also her grandfathers. It was agreed a fee of £150 be charged for two lots of cremated remains in one ashes plot.

Planning

Mr & Mrs Barber – erection of 2 dwellings on land NW of Orlando, Old Dairy Yards. This falls outside the development boundary and according to policy cannot be supported.

N Butcher – 3 bed chalet bungalow on land N of 16 High Street – supported but Mr Barnes commented on the small plot.

Community Involvement Booklet – being circulated

Finance

All councillors had received the accounts. The internal audit has been completed with no query. The accounts were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the finances at 31st March.

It was proposed by Mrs Cole-Palmby, seconded by Mr Smart the internal auditor be given a donation of £200 for his services.

Receipts

Rents	1015.00	(only 1 outstanding)
Hawkins burial	180.00	
Beeken burial	60.00	
Half precept	<u>6500.00</u>	
	7755.00	

Payments

Tower mint – 80 th birthday coins for children	225.60
D Allen mole clearing	50.00
Norfolk copiers – toner	44.83
Mill Hill petrol	32.75
ROSPA inspection fee	91.65
I Cook sal and postage	273.61
P Clarke - cem and playing field hours	129.84
Cambs CC pension	69.13
Suffolk Acre – insurance	700.88
J Boardman cleaning	23.28
Anglian Water cem	20.94
Anglian Water field	<u>33.86</u>
	1696.37

Proposed Mrs Cole-Palmby, seconded Mrs Desborough

Insurance - In was agreed since the cover is almost like for like to proceed with Suffolk Acre insurance rather than Cornhill for the coming year.

Correspondence

D Haylett – condolences for Mr Hawkins

Street Pride – offer to undertake work on field and pavilion for free in time for gala.

Gratefully accepted – 1st July date set – to paint pavilion and clear litter and soil in field – To ask in Manea Matters magazine for assistance from villagers – Mr Archer proposed £50 towards their refreshments, seconded by Mrs Desborough. This could take the form of a barbeque with perhaps a game of rounders or similar to follow.

CPRE – training information

Peterborough Waste plan has been published

By-Law booklet from Deputy Prime Minister

Norfolk CC Waste minerals and development framework

East Cambs Council – development framework documents

G Wilkinson – future use of railway station – Mr Archer offered to undertake a survey via the Manea Magazine about committed use of the trains at Manea.

FDC – dog bins – will be sited shortly

Community Newsletter

Notice of Crime Event on 22nd June

LEAP newsletter

East Cambs PCT – asking for details of physical activities available in village – clerk to reply

Cambs ACRE – do we want assistance with a new parish plan – on agenda for next meeting

Mr Archer spoke about a meeting he had attended on water/drought measures

Date of inspection 26th June – meet at playing field 6.30 pm. – to look at Pit also

Signed Dated