

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting – 27th November 2006.

Apologies were received from Mrs Palmby and Mr Cole. All other councillors were present.

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October, 2006 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways letter from County Cllr G Harper saying the work would commence on Boots Bridge shortly. It is hoped that the work being carried out will help with the problems. Letter from Highways saying the road will be closed for repairs to the bridge.

Letter from Highway Supervisor saying he will arrange to treat the overgrowth on the footpaths. The road gully emptying has been completed for the year. It was agreed to ask for the road sweeper to come to sweep up the worst of the leaves.

Mr Emery spoke about the petition which this council received in June 2005 and forwarded to the Highway Authority. A copy had been sent to Cllr Harper. Mr I Stimson who lives in School Lane has been chasing this matter up and asked if a representative from parish council could attend a Highway Meeting at Shire Hall. Unfortunately this was at very short notice, thus no one was able to go. Mr Stimson attended and said that a working party will be visiting the village within the next 3 months to look at the situation of parking in school lane.

Cemetery - Caretaker update – Mr Deaves still owes the council hours, it was decided to retain his services for the winter months and to look for a replacement in the spring if he has not improved.

Playing Field - Letter from resident Mrs Haylock saying the safety tiles under the play equipment were rather slippery. Mr Emery, Mr Cole and Mr Barnes have been down and washed them over the past few weeks. They now look much improved.

E-mail from Environmental Services Manager at FDC saying he has visited the playing field and noticed widespread litter and un-emptied bins. Mr Emery and Clerk have informed him we employ caretakers who do pick up the litter and empty the bins. He has offered training on cleansing and health & safety. He offered to provide free wheeled bins, but it was felt these might be vandalised. He offered to visit to pick the litter for £30 per visit. It was agreed to take up his offer of training for Mr P Clarke. Clerk will arrange.

ROSPA – Clerk to arrange inspection for 2007.

Footpaths Clerk has received message from County Footpath Officer saying she is looking into our problems.

Parish Path Partnership – left on table.

Mr Hodgkins a resident was at the meeting. He is a member of the Baptist Church that meets in the village hall and he was concerned about what may happen in future if the hall site is sold or developed. Mr Emery explained the situation concerning the village hall and assured him his Church would be able to continue their meetings even if a new hall is built.

Police our new community beat officer PC Graves and PCSO M Cracknell visited the meeting. They hoped the mobile police station would be able to visit twice a month – perhaps once in the week and once on a weekend. He hoped there will be more police presence in the village.

Parish Plan there was discussion on whether this needed to be updated. Mr Barnes has produced a powerpoint presentation of what has been achieved since the last plan. It was agreed to arrange an open meeting in the spring with a view to looking to update the Plan. The matter will be discussed again at the January meeting.

Manea Pit it was agreed a letter be sent to the Environment Agency confirming we accept their proposals and wish to proceed with the purchase of the pit. Clerk to arrange for Graham Dack & Co to act as council's solicitors in the purchase. Mr Risbridger asked if the Angling Club could be contacted to ensure they did not pay any further rent to the Agency.

Planning

W Savage – bungalow SE of 12a Westfield Road – dealt with on 1st November, when Mr Cole and Mr Emery declared their interest – comment: it was noted there is a public footpath and 4 other dwellings use the roadway.

Mars Construction – formation of estate road – dealt with on 1st November – comment: as long as within Highway specifications – council happy with application. Mr Emery explained that the application for erection of 4 bed chalet bungalow with integral garage on land NE of 36 High Street with disabled access from Georgina Close – there were in fact 6 dwellings using this unmade up roadway, since the owner of 38 High Street also has a right of way over the roadway. Following discussion it was agreed to write to Planning saying with this new information now to hand the council cannot support the application.

R Giles –erection of 3 bed house and single garage on land south of 35-37 High Street – comment: it was felt the fence at 35 should be kept at its current height or lower to allow visibility. The application will make it that there will be 6 dwellings using Hiblins Row and therefore the council cannot support it.

S Oakman/P Taplin – erection of 2 storey rear extension to 88 Westfield Road – supported

S Harris – formation of 2 dormer windows at 4 Wateringhill Farm, Fodder Fen – supported

Mr & Mrs D Wanstall – conversion of garage to office and part change of use of workshop to residential use 83 Charlemont Drive – council do not support this application or indeed any application that refers to a change of use of the workplace homes on Charlemont Estate, this is in line with Fenland Council's guidelines.

Letter from G McDonald about children riding cycles over entrances to housing at the rear of High Street and the danger this causes. Council is sympathetic but there is little they can do as a parish council as these matters are taken into consideration by the highway dept when the developments are passed.

Portland Developments Ltd – erection of 40 dwellings on land North of 16a-22 High Street – councillors feel very strongly that the infrastructure in the village at present, especially the sewerage system cannot sustain this large development. It does not conform to any buildings in the vicinity. It is over development of the plot and does not comply with FDC local framework which this council has recently received.

Outline permission is for substantially less dwellings on the site. Council do not support the application.

Approvals bungalow at rear of 2a Park Road

Extension to 75 Charlemont Drive

Appeal against felling of Holly Tree, Westfield Road – dismissed

Street Lighting - can councillors look for a site for a new light for this financial year.

Allotments all rents collected.

Finance

Application for concurrent functions grant – was discussed and it was proposed by Mr Barnes, seconded by Mrs Desborough it be accepted and submitted.

Precept – following the half yearly finance review in August – it was confirmed the precept remain at £13,000 for 07/08 – proposed by Mr Archer, seconded by Mrs Desborough it be submitted.

Receipts

War graves	6.00
Rents	<u>883.00</u>
	889.00

Payments

Mill Hill petrol	5.00
J Boardman cleaning	34.92
I Cook pit advert,sal,postage	538.59
P Clarke – playing field	183.33
Cambs CC pension	138.26
Inland revenue	208.23 proposed A Desborough
Poppy Wreath	19.00 seconded S Emery
Cambs CC school hire	139.00
P Deaves cemetery	56.00
S Emery war mem work	34.00
Powergen – pav	<u>44.19</u>
	£1400.52

Clerk asked if council would pay half the costs of broadband each month – the total would be £14.99 – so £7.50 – Mr Barnes proposed this be accepted, seconded by Mrs Desborough.

Correspondence

Cambs ACRE – rural housing enabler – agreed to ask her to February meeting
Welney Parish Council – notes from joint meeting
FDC standards committee – case notes for all
Countryside Alliance – re rural post offices – it was agreed to support
N Cox – e mail about young people – to ask her to March meeting
CALC invitation to workshop seminar – to reply with apologies but councillors work and unable to attend daytime training
Citizens Advice – thanks for donation
Cambs Youth Banks – grant funding – to forward to N Cox
Peterborough Minerals and waste information
Cambs Police Shrievalty Trust - asking for donation to help with “bobby” scheme – Mr Emery proposed £25 seconded by Mrs Desborough
FDC draft community involvement – to be circulated to all
M Crompton – e-mail and copy of letter he has sent to Anglian Water about the smell from the sewers in High Street – council sympathise with his complaint – it is an ongoing problem which has been reported to Anglian Water.

Xmas tree – the Gala Committee have asked if one could be put in garden of 14 High Street – council have no objections, but Mr Emery will ask Mr Smart if he intends to put a tree in his garden at pump corner this year.

Mr Risbridger mentioned the sign in High Street for the double Z bend which is in poor state of repair – clerk to report.

Date of next meeting – Monday 22nd January 2007.

Signed Dated