

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting – 13th December, 2006.

Present Mr S Emery (Chair) Mrs W Palmby (Vice-Chair) Mr D Cole, Mr M Archer, Mr K Risbridger.

Apologies were received from Mrs A Desborough, Mr C. Barnes. Mr S. Smart was absent.

Manea Pit Purchase - letter from Solicitors Graham Dack & Co was read. The questionnaire was completed. They need identification and signatures from Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk. This was attended to. It was agreed to seek quotes for insurance for the pit. A deposit for £250 to cover search fees was agreed.

Planning – Mr Dayman – extension to Eastview, Straight Road, was agreed.
Refusal- dwelling at rear of 36 High Street
Approval bungalow at 12a Westfield Road.

Finance

Letter from Electoral Services Manager saying that the cost of elections has increased. As next year is election year she advises it will cost in the region of £1500 if Manea has to hold an election. It was proposed by Mr Archer, seconded by Mr Cole that the precept as set at £13,000 be increased to £14,500 to cover these costs. Clerk to advise Fenland Chief Accountant accordingly.

Payments

Powergen – pav elect	131.46
Shrievalty Trust (bobby scheme donation)	25.00
Suffolk Acre (addit premium)	15.75
Martin Oliver repair lock-up roof	164.50
Graham Dack – deposit for pit	250.00
Londis Shop – cleaning goods	<u>36.64</u>
	£623.35

Proposed: Mr Emery, seconded: Mrs Palmby

Discussion followed on two notices in local paper concerning Fenland District Council's sale of open space at Williams Way. This concerns a small strip of land for residential development and enhancement of open space, and a rectangular piece of land for similar reasons. Council understands why this is being sold but is unhappy at the way the matter has been dealt with since the parish council has had no written communications about this from Fenland District Council apart from verbal meeting with Fenland Councillor Sears. It was agreed to write to Legal Services Manager saying council would like clarification as to why the decision was made to sell these open spaces and why they were made without consultation with the parish council in writing.

Mr Emery mentioned the state of the Fifties Road from guide post corner to Hankins Transport – Clerk to contact Highways.

Christmas Tree – Gala Committee ask if council could pay for this. It was proposed by Mr Archer, seconded by Mr Risbridger that the Gala committee purchase a tree up to the cost of £100 for siting at 14 High Street.

Date of next meeting – Monday 22nd January, 2007.

Signed Dated