

MANEA PARI SH COUNCIL  
Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2007.

Present: All councillors with the exception of Mr S Smart and Mr R Sears FDC Councillor.

Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

*Highways* - letter from Mr P Vale concerning the sign at Boots Bridge saying he has looked at the sign and although its position is not perfect visibility is not restricted.

Letter from Highway Supervisor saying unfortunately he is unable to undertake repairs at 15 High Street as contractors not covered to work off public highway. He will repair parts of School Lane and Purlis Bridge road.

Mrs Desborough mentioned the quality of workmanship of the repair crews, especially the work recently done in East Street. Letter of complaint to be written.

E-mail from Mr Crompton concerning the minutes of the February meeting, querying the wording of the highway matters arising - it was agreed that since the minutes had been confirmed and signed by council as true and correct record of that meeting they should stand.

It was reported there are loose plannings at the junction of Westfield Road and Straight Road which have been left on the verge and are spilling out onto the road surface and could be dangerous - Clerk to write.

*Verge Cutting* - Clerk had met with Mr Sears with plans of the areas to be cut - it is hoped work will begin this week and after one cut they will know how long it will take and have a cost for the work carried out.

*Dog Fouling* - stickers were to hand for siting around the village. E-mail from Environmental Services Manager - suggesting council might like to purchase third bin at a cost of £150 with free installation - to reply council do not have these funds for this at present time - dog fouling is an environmental hazard - Mr Sears will look into obtaining an extra bin at no cost.

Street Lights it was reported a light is out in Westfield Road near the old White Horse.

Manea Pit - plans have been sent from the Solicitors and these have been confirmed as correct and returned. It is hoped the purchase can be completed soon.

Unfortunately the Environmental Agency have erected signs saying "No fishing" in the pit area - after the Chairman spoke to Mr Shelton at the Environmental Agency it was agreed this action was taken in error and they would be removed. Insurance was raised and it was agreed to seek estimates for the cost of this.

Playing Field - letter from Mr P Clarke - offering assistance at any future time is he is needed!

*Annual Inspection Report Action Plan* was revisited for a final time. All matters raised by ROSPA at their last inspection in 2006 have been attended to except the gate closures – to ask FJS or Mr J Loveday if either could repair this. Following the vandalism last year the shed door still needs repairing and gully at the rear of the pavilion needs looking at also.. To obtain a price from Mr Disten for the door repair and Mr Emery will look at the gully.

Cemetery - the new Caretakers are doing a good job of work. They have put earth into the bad places and grass seed has been purchased which will be sown as soon as weather is suitable.

#### Planning

S Duff – erection of side extension to 42 Station Road. Mr Emery declared an interest and left the room during discussion. Mrs Palmby took the Chair – the application was supported.

Mr and Mrs Pain – extension to 2 Purls Bridge Farm – Mr Emery declared an interest and left the room during discussion – Mrs Palmby took the Chair – the application was supported.

Refusal – Hazelmere Homes – 8 dwellings 96 Westfield Road

Approval – 2 dwellings S of Williams Way

Cambs ACRE notification of planning conference on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Letters confirming submissions re the Local Development Framework have been received.

#### Finance

Clerk gave details of the insurance update concerning the War Memorial.

End of Year Accounts – all councillors were given the Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007, and these were explained by the Clerk. The annual return for audit was completed and signed. The accounts were accepted and approved and it was agreed they be sent for internal audit.

#### *Payments*

Mason & Son – cemetery	361.02
Bank of Eng loan	95.40
FDC cemetery rates	150.96
I Cook sal/phone/internet	291.36
J Boardman cleaning	11.64
Cambs CC pension	73.49 proposed Mr Emery
Suffolk Acre – extra premium	seconded Mrs Desborough
War mem	68.55
Viking – stationary	109.24
Frontier AG – grass seed	15.00
Shaw & Son new account book	<u>57.46</u>
	£1234.12

#### Correspondence

CCC – changes to registration service

FACT – thanks for donation

Welney – notes of recent joint meeting

Peterborough City Council – minerals/waste plan timetable

FDC - revised model code of conduct - this has been received and was given to councillors who will remain after May - to be adopted at AGM or shortly thereafter.

Cambs Fire leaflet

East of England - gypsy/traveller event dates

FCVS - training

FDC - local elections - 8 candidates for 9 council places. Unfortunately Mr Barnes application was not in order and thus rejected. Vacancy will be advertised.

E-mails re drainage problems in Glebe Close - Clerk has contacted Anglian Water and they have been in touch with residents. The pipes it would seem are responsibility of FDC rather than Anglian Water.

Concern was raised about the capacity of the sewerage plant - to enquire whether it is to be extended to cope with new developments

Essex Suffolk Water - conference - Mr Archer hopes to attend.

Other Business - mention was made of problems with overflow water at Charlemont Gardens Mr Sears is looking into this.

The open space at the rear of Williams Way has been levelled - there is a high voltage cable running across this and concern was expressed about kit flying - and getting tangled with the wires - To enquire whether a warning sign could be erected.

Mrs Desborough mentioned rubbish, both near the old school playing field, the woods and in Station Road - to enquire whether Cambs CC would erect a no rubbish sign near the woods.

No replies have been received from our Liaison Officer Mr Mills - following our queries both at the February and March meetings - to send another follow-up request for a response and to contact Mr G Harper to make him aware of this situation.

The school children's bus stop at Westfield Road was discussed - there are several children now and the railing are not long enough to stop them spilling out onto the road - Clerk to enquire whether these could be extended.

To send a letter of thanks to Mr Stuart Smart for all his help during his term of office as a councillor.

Date of Annual General Meeting - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.00,.m.

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