

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting – 17th December, 2007.

Present: Mr Emery, Mr Jolley, Mr Archer and Mr Risbridger

Apologies - Mrs Desborough, Mr Barnes and Mr Cole.

Mrs Palmby was absent.

Vacancy - clerk has had two written applications but council unable to consider co-option until after 20th December.

Correspondence

FDC – reply to letter concerning street naming off Williams Way - saying they have written to developer saying they will not accept Park View as a street name as it is already being used – the application is an extension of Williams Way and will be numbered as such.

FDC – consultation on proposed validation checklist – circulated

FDC – register of electors

CCC – notification of traffic congestion meeting at Shire Hall on 30th January.

Planning Applications

Poppyfield Developments – 2 x 3 bed semi-detached chalet bungalows on land north of East View School Lane – Mr Jolley declared his interest and left the room.

After consideration it was agreed to support the application.

P Abrook – conversion of garage to additional living accommodation – 3 Annabelle Avenue – Manea - it was agreed providing the neighbours comments are taken into consideration the application was supported.

Highways - Anglian Water tankers going to the treatment works at the Town Lots have damaged the kerb and storm drain at the bottom of East Street – Clerk has written to Highways and Mr Risbridger reported they have visited the site – clerk to write asking for an update.

To ask the street cleaner to visit.

Finance –

Football Club have paid £120 for October, still awaiting payment for September and November.

Payments

Fenweb- website hosting	331.11
G Disten – door repair	92.00
W Emery – bulbs for Xmas tree	9.90
Norfolk Copiers – toner	<u>52.42</u>
	£487.43

Proposed Mr Emery

Seconded Mr Risbridger.

Manea Pit

Four written replies have been received:

Manea WI; Manea School; Manea Surgery and Manea Connect Committee

Gala sent verbal response – saying they would prefer funds spend on a new pavilion, and also all revenue should go to the village, the fishing rights going to the highest bidder.

Village Hall – were not against the project.

Discussion followed:

- Council must have a plan as to how they will manage the pit before going to an open meeting

- Two members felt Angling Club should be allowed to rent it on an annual basis
- The Gala Committee have offered assistance in upkeep
- Mr Jolley does not feel the Angling Club should be allowed sole hire
- Alternative methods to rent were discussed to get “best value” for village
- Mr Archer agreed the council should control any revenue.
- Fenland Council will promote the pit as a wildlife site in their tourist literature
- Mr Jolley proposed the council retain the fishing rights, seconded by Mr Archer.
- Mr Risbridger felt the pit should be kept more or less in its present state with minimum change – enlisting help from Wildlife group and RSPB – asking how could the Parish Council run a fishing club?
- Since there were only 4 members present it was agreed no agreement could be reached at this meeting.
- Mr Barnes has offered to give his presentation again at the open meeting.
- Those new councillors asked to see what would be presented to the village before the open meeting and what format it would take.

Summary

- ✓ To have a meeting with all councillors if possible present on 14th January and to ask Mr Barnes to make his presentation so that agreement could be reached on the format for the open meeting.
- ✓ To hold the open meeting on 21st January at 730 pm. Mr Risbridger to see if the Royal British Legion Club could be used, if not to hire the Village Hall.
- ✓ To put advertisement in “What’s on” in Cambs Times.
- ✓ To make posters to put around the village soon after Christmas advertising the Public Consultation – saying a vote would be taken on the night.

Signed Dated