

**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007.**

**Present** Cllr Emery (Chair) Cllrs Archer, Barnes, Risbridger, Cole, Mrs Desborough, Mrs Palmby. Cllr Smart was absent.

Visitors: Ms Laura Frazzel (Rural Housing Enabler) Mr Tim Mills Fenland Housing/Planning Officer (parish liaison officer) Parishioner – Mr M Crompton.

**Rural Housing** - follow up from previous visit. Ms Frazzel asked for suitable sites for the social housing need in the village. Plans were available to councillors showing present development sites, some completed, some nearing completion, and one not yet started. Discussion followed on sites in Manea – either one site of up to 15 or two smaller sites. Manea people would be a priority for occupation. It was decided to leave for a few weeks to see what sites are shown on the new planning framework plans. To put on agenda for next meeting.

**Fenland Liaison Officer visit** - Mr Mills spoke about a development at Purls Bridge called Riverside Close which council had noted being advertised for sale, although these should only be for holiday use. Fenland have spoken with the agents (Collingwoods) saying prospective purchasers should be made aware of the stipulations. They will ensure any official local searches made against this property do contain this information.

83-85 Charlemont – change of use of part of workshop to store/WC/shower room for office/residential use – discussion took place on this application – planning officer recommendation is to grant but only for use by occupant of dwelling house within curtilage/remainder of floor space of workshop to be retained for business use under Planning Order 1987 and for no other domestic use.

*Open Space provision* - Hazelmere Homes – 25 Station Road – the formal plan to change the design to that approved by parish council last September is needed. Waiting for Hazelmere to submit this.

Mr Sears (FDC councillor) meeting with Open Space Officer re the Rutland Way site and Mr Sears has also offered to level and seed the Williams Way site. Mr Mills said this may not get the land into the condition needed for play space, but Open Space Officer is meeting Mr Sears to discuss. It may need extra work at some future date before play items are sited.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007 were confirmed and signed.

**Matters Arising:**

*Highways* – e-mail from Highway Supervisor saying he hoped bids would be successful for funding for Wisbech Road and Sixteen Foot Bank road. At a site meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February with Mr Cole and Mrs Desborough Mr Marshall confirmed that this was indeed successful and work would be done in the summer on Wisbech Road, up to guidepost corner.

The e-mail received from Mr Crompton with photographs of various locations in the village had been sent to Highways and at the site meeting with councillors he promised to undertake remedial repairs around the village in this financial year and when funding is available and the weather improves he will carry out more permanent repairs. Work will be done to the footpaths in East Street. He hopes to kerb Westfield Road down to the corner on the left hand site.

Where East Street goes around the corner to Bearts Farm the roadway is the responsibility of the County Farms Dept – this is in extremely poor condition – Clerk to write asking them if they would affect repairs as a matter of urgency.

Mr Marshall indicated that funding could be available for a footpath in Wisbech Road – council has been asking for this for several years – Clerk to write asking for an update on the present position for this work.

E-mail from Mr Cobb about the dog mess in Westfield Road/High Street and suggesting more dog bins. Clerk has sent this to the Dog Warden. Will communicate with him again if no reply received. To write about 2 more bins.

*High Street Sewerage* - e-mail from Anglian Water saying jetting would be carried out in High Street at the end of January – this has been done – an eye will be kept on the situation.

*Parish Plan Open Meeting* – will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March in British Legion Club – advertised around village. Mr Barnes has prepared a power point presentation showing what has been achieved since the last Parish Plan in 2002. To invite Dr Hirson and Mrs Carson to meeting.

### **Playing Field**

Mr Clarke has written asking for more hours to pick up litter – it was agreed 2 hours per week was sufficient for this task. Clerk to emphasise his duties to him again and the hours he will be paid to undertake them.

Field drainage – Three councillors looked at the field over the weekend – Mr Barnes suggested work be carried out in the summer time – after the gala to loosen up under the surface to allow the water to drain away because this has become very compact and hard over time. It needs to be done so as not to disturb the grass surface too much. To put on the agenda for the June meeting.

Park Road – water/drainage problems – it has been suggested that if Manea & Welney Drainage Commissioners are contacted to ask if a short area of dyke could be dug out the water from High Street and the church would then drain into the commission dyke rather than into the gardens of the residents in Straight Road. The Chairman of the Drainage Commissioners has indicated this may be approved. Clerk to write accordingly.

### **Cemetery**

Caretaker – there followed a discussion on the condition of the cemetery – it is not up to the standard expected by the council. Mr Archer proposed Mr Deaves' employment be terminated forthwith. He had been given a 3 month extension on his trial period – this coming to an end on 28<sup>th</sup> February. To advertise the post under the terms/conditions as before. Meanwhile Clerk to contact Mason Bros of Doddington to see if they would still be interested in taking on the work if no local person can be employed.

**Manea Pit** - nothing heard from Solicitors re the purchase. It was however reported that fly tipping has taken place on the land near the pit. Clerk to write to Environment Agency.

### **Planning**

FDC – planning awareness meeting information circulated to all

FDC – New framework documents and questionnaires circulated. Councillors had met informally to discuss the proposals for Manea. ~They made various suggestions for proposed amendments to the framework appertaining to Manea.

- Further light industrial development would be advantageous – preferably to the north of the village.
- Two additional frontage developments – West of Station Road and North of Fallow Corner – these sites being preferred over any others now being considered.
- Noted – red line to south of High Street – correction to plan. Movement of line north of Westfield Road will put existing dwellings and outline permissions granted outside boundary. No benefit gained – original boundary should not be moved. Brownfield site rear of 29-33 Westfield Road has permission except for area at rear of shop – subject to appeal – concerned expressed at overlooking of these premises – parish council not supported this application.
- Area east of Station Road – presently farmyard – potential site for new village hall/community facilities. Advantages to village/school with parking etc.
- Happy with developments limited to no more than 10 dwellings.

This has been submitted to Fenland Council.

4-6 Acorn Lane – enforcement order concerning roadway. Council is aware two residences in Acorn Lane may be used as children's home in near future – Clerk to enquire whether change of use has been applied for.

Hazelmere Homes – work to willow trees in Westfield Road damaged in recent storms. Councillors happy the tree to be made safe but would hope the Arboriculturalist will recommend limited work to the other two trees.

K Ayres – extension to 32 Westfield Road – supported

Hazelmere Home – 8 dwellings at 96 Westfield Road – supported.

**Burials** - John Hammond and Mrs Ruby Fox

**Memorials** - George Hawkins and Dorothy Hawkins

**Street Lighting** - quotations for the light near 9 Georgina Close –

Ringway – for the column £477.16 with vehicle access being available.

EDF Energy for the service - £808.40 - Proposed from the Chair these be accepted – seconded by Mrs Desborough. Mrs Palmby asked if Westfield Road site could be considered first next year.

### **Finance**

Letter saying Moore Stephens have been appointed external auditors for this financial year.

#### *Receipts*

Recycling credits	196.15
T Clingo – Fox/Hammond burial	<u>130.00</u>
	326.15

#### *Payments*

R Yardy elec testing/repairs	275.00
Cambs CC grass cutting	1556.05
Anglian Water cem 35.41	
Field <u>54.17</u>	89.58
CPRE training course fee	30.00
Victim Support donation	25.00
P Clarke caretaking	81.48
M Short 2 <sup>nd</sup> year caretaking	353.00 proposed Mr Emery
I Cook sal/post/tiscali	280.05 seconded
Cambs CC pension	69.13 Mrs Desborough
J Boardman cleaning	23.28
Powergen field 34.61	
Pav 292.56	<u>327.17</u>
	£3109.74

Electricity costs at pavilion very high – Clerk to write to Mr Short to ask him to ensure all heaters are not switched up when pavilion used – to check they are set correctly when he locks.

### **Correspondence**

COPE newsletter

CCC – proposed changes to East of England Plan

FACT newsletter asking for a donation. Mrs Palmby proposed £25 be given this was seconded by Mrs Desborough.

Cambs Police – thanks for donation towards bobby scheme

CALC membership fees for 2007 – left on table for time being.

Kickstart – mobility scheme

FCVS – survey information

NALC review letter concerning quality council scheme

Revisions to Code of Conduct – to be circulated

FDC – “Shaping Fenland's future” documents circulated

Cambs Acre – community awards information – Clerk flagged up the Drop in Centre as being an aspect of community life worth recognising for its impact on village.

Cambs CC – footpath information – copies given to all

Mr Archer raised a complaint from owner of 24 High Street who is having difficulty selling her property because of the untidy condition of her neighbour's property no 26. Unfortunately this is a private matter.  
Mr Archer asked for a donation towards the costs which will be incurred by the Rail Action Group for printing leaflets etc. Mr Emery proposed £50.00, this was seconded by Mr Barnes.

**Date of next meeting** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m.  
Parish Assembly will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.00 pm. Followed by business council meeting at 7.30 p.m.

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

