

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 23rd July, 2007.

Apologies were received from Mrs Palmby. Mr Barnes was absent. All other councillors were present.

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th June, 2007 and the Cemetery meeting held on 5th July, 2007 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways – letter from Area Maintenance Engineer concerning kerbing works in Westfield Road saying the kerbing will not be extended to 35-37b because of budget constraints

Letter saying work on the carriageway and surface dressing in Wisbech Road will be in September and will take 2 weeks to complete. The road will be closed for this duration.

Letter saying carriageway resurfacing will be carried out along the Sixteen Foot Bank beginning 28th August for 1 week, this road will be closed for this time.

E-mails from R Marshall, Highway Supervisor saying he will remove the large weeds from the walkway between Annabelle Avenue and School Lane and follow with weed spray.

He will repair the Wimblington Road dip and undertake reinstatement at Fallow Corner Drove. He will get the small works crew to tackle the overgrowth in Station Road near Charlemont Drive.

Clerk has spoken with Mr R Morris concerning the overgrown hedge in Westfield Road and he will cut this back as far as he is allowed under the Entry Level Stewardship in farming.

Mr Emery asked if the gullies around the village could be cleared, and there is a tree in School Lane near the walkway which needs trimming back. Clerk to write about these.

Police report PCSO Cracknell was present and reported that there have been 2 theft crimes in Westfield Road in the past month. She reminded the meeting of the Police Panel Meeting to be held on 24th July. She has been with the dog fouling patrol recently and noted that offenders can be reported to the dog warden. She gave details of the mobile police station visits to Manea beginning on Thursday 2nd August, 5 – 8.00 pm for 4 weeks initially. She said parking outside the school has improved and she will be present for the first week of term to keep an eye on the situation. Concerning our reported vandalism, she says it is important juvenile crime is reported quickly and dealt with.

Matters Arising continued...

Open Space – *Williams Way* quotation from Peacocks for the drainage which Clerk will forward to Mr Ollier, Open Spaces Office at Fenland. Councillors agree this work must be carried out before the site is landscaped and play equipment sited. Clerk to include this statement in letter.

Playing Field/Play Equipment Inspection Action Plan - was circulated to all and discussed. Work will begin on the items raised and the plan re-visited on a regular basis.

The sports area fencing has been repaired. Mr Emery asked if a sign could be erected saying "Ball games only" since he recently saw youths in the sports area on roller blade type shoes and they would not leave when asked because there was not sign saying they could not be in there. It was agreed to obtain 2 such signs for

erection. Mr Jolley will obtain quotes for re-painting the surface of the sports area before the next meeting.

Clerk to obtain quotes for replacement chains to the green 4 bay junior swings and for 3 new seats. Discussion followed on the safety of these swings and it was agreed to ask Mr Oliver to have a look at the shackles and bolts Mr Jolley suggested funding should be included in next year's finances for an overhaul of this swing unit.

Concerning the damage to the flood lights, Mr Yardy has submitted an estimate for replacements with metal grills in the sum of £1100. The damaged CCTV camera is now obsolete and will need replacing – he is not sure of the cost but will advise. It was agreed to make an insurance claim if possible for this damage. To ask Mr Yardy to obtain 7 video tapes for the lock-up so that any further vandalism can easily be traced – to ask if a date could be shown on the tapes. To ask Mr Short to check the tapes on a daily basis. There was a suggestion of using DVD instead of tape – to seek further information about this.

Gate injury Clerk has obtained the three signs and Mr Emery will site them.

Photographs of the gate and injury have been forwarded to Wicksteeds and they have contacted Clerk saying this has been passed to their Health & Safety dept.

Verti-draining – playing field - another quotation has been received from The Grass Mechanic in the sum of £687.50 for deep aeration spiking. This compares with Peacocks for verti-draining and filling with sand £4,589.56. It was proposed by Mr Archer, seconded by Mr Risbridger the lesser quote for £687.50 is accepted. The grass mechanic mentioned ground worm control saying it would benefit the turf if worms were prevented from working the top 2/3 inches of grass. Mr Jolley suggested the grass be cut on a more regular basis than the 10 day cycle at present. It was agreed to budget for a 7 day cut in the next financial year. Discussion followed on the costs for maintenance of the playing field. No income is received towards these costs having to be put on the precept. Clerk to write to Gala Committee and Football Club asking for a donation towards the upkeep of the field.

Cemetery - quotes for fencing for right-hand side of the gate are to be sought. Mr Cole will obtain one and Clerk to obtain estimates from Mac's fencing of High Street Manea and one other for next meeting.

Memorial Arthur Mawby **Burial** cremated remains of May Muffitt

Footpaths e-mail from Kate Day saying she will ask a colleague to look into the overgrown footpath near Elaine's shop in Westfield Road.

Mr Burton – County Farms has asked Mr A Russell to cut the permissive paths after the end of the bird nesting season.

Planning

E-mail from Planning Enforcement Officer concerning 2a Park Road saying he was not sure why councillors believed there were 2 parking spaces for the bungalow as both planning applications show only one – this has been done and the development is in accordance with approved plans.

N Fox – erection of 12 dwellings with associated parking and access road involving demolition of existing buildings and outbuildings at 10-12 School Lane - Mr Jolley declared his interest.

Following a site meeting it was agreed the application be supported but council to ask if developer could provide funding under a Section 106 for leisure amenities and recreation in Manea, for extending and improving the pit to erect disabled fishing platforms and various forms of landscaping.

Superfield Developments – erection of 4 x 4 detached houses and garages involving demolition of existing garage on land SE of Williams Way - Mr Jolley declared his interest. Following site meeting it was agreed to make observations:

Will the road be suitable for 14 dwellings to come out of it. The roadway must be brought up to 106 Agreement standard so that it and the facilities can be adopted. Change in 2 of the dwellings to 4 noted – these come under the original 106 agreement on the open space and council would expect an increase in the revenue for the village open space from this increase in houses.

D Payne and J Kirby – erection of conservatory 59 Charlemont Drive – supported
 Mr & Mrs Kiel – erection of 1 4 bed detached house and 1 4 bed house with integral garage on 28 and at rear of 28a Station Road – the replacement for 28 is supported but the dwelling at the rear of 28a cannot be supported as it is backland development and against parish council policy for supporting.

R Sears – formation of livery with block of 20 stable, tack store toilets manege, car parking and fencing and gates on land SE of Lynford House, Fodder Fen Farm. Council observations – is there a need for this type of development in the village – if this need can be justified then the council will support the application.

Housing Association – Glebe Close Mrs M Waters has been awarded tenancy of 2 Glebe Close.

Clerk has received the Portfolio holder’s decision agreement concerning the local lettings policy for Glebe Close as agreed with Mr Tim Mills.

Manea Pit - the Lease has been circulated to all for study – Solicitors have sent further amendment details of which clerk gave out. It was agreed to hold a meeting on 31st July purely to discuss the purchase of the leasehold for the pit. Clerk to look into the insurance in the meantime.

Finance

Receipts

Redhead burial	65.00
1 st half concurrent grant	<u>1740.00</u>
	1805.00

Payments

Viking Direct - answer machine	105.70
Ridgeons – nails	7.57
G Disten – pav repairs	161.00
J Boardman cleaning	26.19
I Cook sal/phone/internet	280.16
Cambs CC pension	73.49
M Short 2 nd half playing field	362.00
I Cook – signs for gate	<u>28.78</u>
	1044.89

Proposed: Mrs Desborough

Seconded Mr Emery

Correspondence

Whittlesey Town Council – change of title from Chairman To Mayor of the town

CCC trading standards leaflets

FVSC newsletter

Volunteer Bureau – asking for donation – Mr Emery proposed £25 seconded by Mrs Desborough.

Mr Jolley raised the question of the funding revenue Fenland Council will get from the sale of the council houses – saying some of this should come to the villages as well as the 4 large towns., Mr Archer will look into this on behalf of the parish.

Date of next meeting - Monday 20th August, at 7.00 p.m. Mr Risbridger and Mr Jolley offered apologies owing to holidays.

Signed Dated

