

**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.**

**Present:** S Emery (Chair) W Palmby (ViceChair) D Cole; C Barnes; K Risbridger; M Archer and Mrs A Desborough, FDC Councillor R Sears.  
Absent S Smart.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2007 and the Special Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 were confirmed and signed.

**Matters Arising:**

*Highways –*

Letters giving details of the kerbing and drainage works in Westfield Road and the carriageway retreat and surface dressing works in Wisbech Road have been received.

Letter from Highway Supervisor – confirming works in response to meeting with councillors and letter from Mr Compton.

Mr Emery mentioned the footpath is breaking up just inside the gateway to 15 High Street and asked if Clerk could write to see if this could be repaired.

School Lane is getting very bad in places – Clerk to write

Mr Cole said the top of Witcham Farm roadway along Purls Bridge Road is also getting in poor condition.

*Verge cutting* - letter from Mr Mallott saying budgets have been reduced so the reimbursement for this will be the same as the previous year. However Clerk said she is having great difficulty finding a contractor to carry out the work this year. The firm that did it last season is downsizing and do not want to quote. She has spoken with Mr Mallott and he is prepared to take back the responsibility for this season only to give council time to find someone for next year. If no firm can be found to take this option.

*Drainage – Straight Road* letter from Manea & Welney Drainage saying Clerk's letter has been passed to their Chairman.

*Dog Fouling* letter from Environmental Services Manager saying cleansing team have put two dog bins in High Street and Westfield Road. The dog warden service is working with them to address the issues with dog owners. They ask if council would like supply of sticker. It was agreed to ask for another dog bin at the bottom end of Westfield Road and a supply of stickers. Mr Cobb, who initially complained has been kept informed of this reply.

**Manea Pit** - letter from Solicitors saying they are waiting for draft contract and papers. They have contacted the Environment Agency several times to get these but unsuccessfully. Mr Emery will contact Mr Shelton.

**Playing Field** - grass cutting – letter from Groomfields quoting £79.81 per cut this season. Again there has been difficulty getting a firm to undertake this work apart from Groomfields. Following short discussion it was proposed by Mr Archer, seconded by Mrs Palmby we accept the quotation as above.

Sports Area lights – two of the big lights are not working properly. Mr Yardy has looked at them and has turned them off saying two sensors on the poles have been vandalised – he suggests fitting a new sensor on the container with a cage as the ones on the poles are expensive and difficult to obtain. Mrs Desborough proposed we proceed with this, seconded by Mr Risbridger.

ROSPA inspection will take place in April.

P Clarke – the situation with Mr Clarke and his work at the playing field and the hours he has submitted for payment was discussed. It was agreed to pay him 5 hours for the work he was asked to do in the cemetery, and to offer half the payment for the

time he says he has worked but was not asked to do. To write accordingly accepting his resignation and thanking him for all he has done.

**Cemetery** - the new caretakers – Mason Bros have begun work and already the condition of the cemetery has improved greatly. They have also done some spraying in the playing field.

Letter from Dept Constitutional Affairs about leaning gravestones and the health & safety issues was read to the meeting.

**Memorial** - Faith Sophie Chambers

### **Planning**

Approvals: Hazelmere – work to tidy 3 willow trees Westfield Road only

Change of use 83-85 Charlemont Drive

Extension 3 Swallow Court

Demolition of 96 Westfield Road

Extension to 32 Westfield Road

Refusal felling of Oak tree and work to Walnut Tree – Westfield Road

Notification: demolition of 28 School Lane – Poppyfields Investments

Notice of dismissal of appeal 33 Westfield Road

FDC Officers recommendations: 2 x 4 bed houses land SE of Williams Way – grant

Hazelmere Home – 8 houses 96 Westfield Road – refuse -

This is mainly because of the location of TPO trees.

Mr Emery mentioned the three houses in Park Road recently constructed. Two are occupied but the parking spaces at the rear have not been done, thus the occupiers are having to park on the road – which the parish council stated in the application they did not want to happen. Clerk to enquire whether the completion certificate has been issued and should this have been done since the parking does not comply with planning approval.

FDC – notice of planning awareness meeting 19<sup>th</sup> April – Mr Archer, Mr Risbridger, Mr Emery, Mr Cole, Mrs Desborough and Clerk indicated they would attend.

### **Finance**

Letter from Audit commission confirming Moore Stephens as auditor this year.

Concurrent Functions Grant:

Cemetery 2040

War Mem 50

Public Conveniences 250

Play Equip maint 250

Playing field maint 250

2740

Additional Item – street lighting £740

Receipts

Memorials £165.00

Payments

FACT donation 25.00

Mill Hill petrol and oil 7.48

Fenweb – website fees 2 years 613.35

I Cook salary 246.11

Cambs CC pension 69.13

Inland revenue 208.23

M Oliver – septic tank cover 217.38

Cambs CC – fit light Westfield Road 91.40

1478.08

To pay Mr P Clarke - £29.10 for 5 hours + half of 22 unpaid hours @ £5.82 =  
£128.04 divided by 2 = £64.02 + £29.10 = £93.12.

The above proposed by Mrs Desborough, seconded by Mrs Palmby.

**Open Meeting** - it was agreed the response to this was good – the notes will be put on the website together with some of the presentation put together by Mr Barnes. To send a letter to Dr Hirson and Mrs Carson thanking them for their kind comments and attendance.

**Correspondence**

Victim Support – thank you for donation

FDC – fenland funding fair

Cambs Acre – Planning workshop

CCC mobile library timetable for notice board.

Welney PC – next liaison meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March – main topic the flooding of the A1101.-

To apologise unfortunately on this occasion members are not able to attend – could we have a copy of minutes – offer to host future liaison meeting at Manea.

Playback news information

CCC changes to bus timetables (not affecting Manea)

Local Access forum times of meetings

Police – meeting notes from Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting

E-mail enquiry re ownership of property in Station Road – Mr Sears will look into

FDC delivering equality in services – asking for feedback on the assessments – to reply unfortunately we cannot make an informed comment since they are incomplete at present.

**Other business** – Mr Risbridger mentioned that the sign “New Surface” at Boots Bridge is so positioned that it seems to obscure the vision coming over the bridge to Manea and looking to the left. Clerk to write.

**Date of Parish Assembly** - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.00 p.m. followed by Council meeting at 7.30 p.m.

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

