

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING – Monday 26th November, 2007.

Present: Cllrs: Emery (Chair), Jolley, Archer, Cole, Risbridger, Barnes
Visitor – Mr Compton

Apologies - Mrs Palmby and Mrs Desborough

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

Highways – Wisbech Road – although further work has taken place on the surface in council's opinion it is still not satisfactory, they feel the surface will break-up sooner rather than later since there is already evidence of this. Clerk to write accordingly.

Purils Bridge Road - letter from Highway Surveyor referring to comments of Arborculturalist Mr M Oviatt Ham and saying because of budget restraints it is unlikely they will be able to do any work on it until the next financial year.

E-mail from Mr Oviatt-Ham saying he has visited the area and agrees the trees may be a contributory factor, in his opinion the wholesale removal of the trees without any form of replacement should not be considered. He suggests a hedge be planted on the verge and offers to come to speak to council. It was agreed to invite him to the February meeting.

Letter from C Bedford Area Maintenance Engineer requesting council rings the call centre rather than individual highway staff which will ensure queries are dealt with effectively and efficiently. Clerk to reply that parish council feels it should be able to contact the county officers directly to deal with highway problems in Manea.

Pump Corner – it was reported some of the posts are damaged – clerk to ask Mr Oliver if he could repair them

Clerk to request the road sweeper to the village.

Mr Cole reported the hedge in Westfield Road has now been cut back.

Playing Field - it would appear the mole problem has been solved.

Since Mrs Desborough is dealing with the trees it was agreed to leave this until she is present.

Revenue from Football clubs – to date nothing has been received – Clerk to write to both senior and youth teams drawing their attention to fact they are 3 months in arrears and council would like a payment and henceforth monthly as soon as they are able by cheque at the end of each month until the end of the season.

Bus shelter - _ no update at this time

Cemetery - the old hedge was taken down and thanks were given to cllrs Cole, Barnes and Archer for its removal. The new fence is up and comments have been made on how good it looks.

The inside of the gate has been repaired and since the old gates do not close properly it was agreed to ask Mr Mason if they could be chained and locked.

Two graves have been planted with pansies despite letters asking for this not to be done since they are to be levelled and seeded. To write to the two people saying that at the end of the winter the pansies will be removed from the graves which will be levelled and grassed.

Open Spaces - 25 Station Road – e-mail from FDC saying if parish council want to adopt the space themselves they need to contact Hazelmere with regard to what they want doing there. Mr Jolley feels the council should adopt it themselves for the village, future maintenance could be added to Mr Mason's work commitment. Following brief discussion, it was proposed by Mr Archer, seconded by Mr Jolley that this action be taken, all were in agreement. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Mr Jasper Goodyear concerning what needs to be done. Since councillors only want a

minimum of tidying up and two nice signs – the funds allocated for the planting etc here could be used for a fence at the playing field. To discuss this with Hazelmere. Letter from WI concerning the Xmas tree – Clerk to reply that council is happy to support them in their project, saying it was unfortunate that the report in the local press did not mention that the council had supported the purchase and lighting of a Xmas tree for Manea for many years past.

Thanes Rest – open space – e-mail from Matthew Homes confirmed they are in agreement with their Sec 106 funding being used for another play project in the village.

Mr Cole mentioned 106 funding from his development would be due in 2008, and Mr Jolley suggested it could be put towards a new pavilion – to put this item on the agenda for the March 2008 meeting.

Planning

Broadway Developments – notice of appeal against refusal – 6 x 2 bed bungalows Station Road development.

Superfield Developments – erection of 2 x 4 bed detached houses, 2 x 3 bed chalet bungalows on land SE of Williams Way, Mr Jolley declared an interest and took no part in discussions – to make observation as the number of dwellings has increased council are asking for Sec 106 funding for the additional dwellings as well as the funding which has been agreed for the play facility. Council also asks that the road be of adoptable standard.

It was reported that this development has been advertised with a street name of Park View – this has already been used in Manea and Clerk to advise the Street Naming officer at FDC of this fact.

KMR Developments Ltd – erection of 3 bed bungalow and 2.1 fence, new access to serve 4 School Lane – on land N of 4 School Lane, Mr Archer declared his interest – supported.

Baines Newman Construction Ltd erection of 1 x 2 bed detached holiday unit – plot 7 Purls Bridge – application supported provided it is retained as holiday unit only.

Mr & Mrs Keil – erection of 1 x 4 bed house and 1 x 4 bed house with integral garage with new access at 28 and land NE of 28a Station Road – there were elements in this proposal that council could not support, relating to the proposal to erect a dwelling at the rear of the site.

P M and C Thompson – 2 storey dwelling on land S of 90B Station Road – if the application comes under the infill policy council would support it, but it is outside the village development boundary.

Hazelmere Homes – 8 dwellings on land 96 Westfield Road – observations made that plots 1 and 2 do not have a turning space therefore vehicles will have to back out onto a main road. The council also want to ensure the three willow trees are retained and would not like to see the walnut tree taken down either.

Allotments all rents have been paid and tenants informed of rent increase October 2008.

Manea Pit - Clerk to send letter to various organisations in village as per meeting with Cambs CC officers and Wildlife representatives on 21st November, replies by 10th December. To hold a short meeting on Monday 17th December to discuss this and the open village meeting to be held in early 2008.

Finance

Councillors had been given details of the concurrent grant application. To add an additional extra item, as well as application for funds for new street light – to ask for funds for continuation of the cemetery fence project.

Proposed by Mr Archer, seconded by Mr Jolley this be submitted to FDC.

Precept – discussion on raising the amount to be submitted from £16,500 to £18,000 to cover items such as the cemetery fence (if we do not get the grant), the extra hours for cleaning etc. Mr Archer proposed the precept be set at £18,000, seconded by Mr Barnes – all in approval.

To write to Gala Committee asking for a donation towards expenses of upkeep of playing field, ie hedge cutting, grass cutting new front fence etc.

Receipts

Burials/grave purchases	800.00
Insurance claim	1750.00
Rents	1015.00
Recycling credit	<u>122.61</u>
	3687.61

Payments

E Mason & Son cem/field	532.88	
A Ryman – cleaning	162.00	
B Leg poppy wreath	19.00	
I Cook sal/arreas	557.04	
Powergen pav/sport area	183.01	proposed Mr Emery
E Wayman fence	705.00	seconded Mr Risbridger
Inland revenue tax	222.85	
Cambs CC pension	<u>162.49</u>	
	2535.27	

Correspondence

Cope newsletters

E-mail – future of parish councils was read to meeting

Standards Board – confirming council has adopted Code of Conduct

FDC – polling district review

December What's on

FCVS newsletter

East Cambs Council – core strategy amendment options paper

CCC – future of secondary education Cromwell College

Cambs CC – National Standard Planning application for – from April 08

Local Access Forum dates

Signed Dated