

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 21st April, 2008.

Apologies were received from Mr D Cole.

Present: Mr S Emery, Mrs W Palmby, Mrs A Desborough, Mr K Risbridger, Mr C Barnes, Mr M Buckton, Mr M Archer Mr P Jolley.

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March, 2008 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

Highways - Following the concern expressed at the Parish Assembly about the condition of the roads and footpaths around the village it was agreed to invite Mr G Harper, our County Councillor to a meeting to discuss this. To ask him to come to the June meeting. Mr Emery mentioned a request from the Village Hall Committee about yellow lines being put in School Lane. Parking on the roadside is common rather than using the car park at the rear of the hall, this may cause a problem with an emergency vehicle trying to get down School Lane or into Thanes Rest estate. Mrs Palmby said lighting in the hall car park was poor which may be part of the reason.

There was some discussion on the enforcement of lines if the request is granted. To write to the Highways to gauge their support.

Mention was made of flooding at the "Z" bends in Westfield Road - clerk to report. Letter from Mrs J Bishop of Straight Road saying when there is large amounts of rain her front garden becomes flooded - she felt this was since the bungalow was built on the corner of Park Road/Straight Road. Discussion on the flow of the water took place. Mr Emery said Mr A Hankins who lives in the bungalow has rodded out the pipe going across the road to the pit - this seems to have solved the problem at present - however it will be monitored. To inform Mrs Bishop of this and ask her to let us know if the problem occurs again.

Open Spaces work has begun on the open space at 25 Station Road. Clerk has heard nothing concerning the release of the 106 funding request to put towards the pit project.

Mr Archer asked if more litter bins could be provided both on the playing field and in and around the village - he will ask FDC if they could provide two for the village and council sub-committee to seek quotes for new ones for the field.

Rights of Way the gate lock at the farm end of the town lots roadway has been broken - the actual fastening has been cut through - to ask Mr Oliver if he could repair it and to ask Anglian Water for a replacement lock since it is a common lock to them for use by all their operatives going to and from the Treatment Works. The gate at the school is not put back properly by the grass cutting operative - Mr Emery will look at this.

Sub Committee - minutes of the meeting of 7th April had been sent to councillors not present. Membership of this committee will be discussed at their next meeting on 12th May. Mr Emery reported the Football Club will now be sending a representative. Mr Barnes said Mr or Mrs Carson ought to be invited to join as they could assist in various ways, especially with grant fund applications. Discussion on the terms of reference and finance matters will take place at this meeting also.

Manea Pit - it is hoped completion will take place as soon as the declaration concerning access has been received by the solicitors.

Dyke ownership - Mr Hawkins has disposed of the land at the bottom of the playing field and the new owner Mr Griggs hopes the council will take over the ownership of this.

Mr M Short has asked if a sign could be made showing the way to the Car Park.

Ownership of Car Park land - letter from Dack & Co saying if land is unregistered Lane Registry will need a plan so it can be identified - one or more Statutory Declarations accounting for absence of deeds and to state it is in occupation of council and title to property can be reconstructed to show how it came into possession of council. Mr Emery is prepared to make this declaration and will ask the former Parish Council Chairman, Mr M Eshelby if he would do so also. The land was originally the village refuse dump and some 20 years ago the council took it over and put hardcore down and make it into a car park for the playing field and have maintained it ever since.

Cemetery

Estimate from Wayman Fencing Services for next section of fencing - from gate to large tree £456. From one gate the whole way to the next gate £840. Following brief discussion Mr Jolley proposed we proceed with the whole section at a cost of £840, seconded by Mr Barnes - all were in favour.

Clerk mentioned the two graves which still have flowers planted - these need to be cleared and now seeded as per our original letters - to write to the two people concerned again.

Allotment rent collection proceeding slowly

Planning

Broadway Ltd - 6 x 2 bed semi-detached bungalows with parking on land SW of 61 Station Road - this falls outside the village development boundary and has no associated business connections and therefore is not supported

Cole Properties (Manea) Ltd - variation of permission to permit visibility splays at the junction of Valentines Close/Westfield Road. Mr Emery declared his interest.

Application supported.

N Fox erection of 12 dwellings with garages, parking and access road involving demolition of existing dwellings and outbuildings 10-12 School Lane.

Mr Jolley declared interest, would speak but note vote on the application. Mr Emery declared his interest and left the room. Vice-Chair Mrs Palmby took the meeting at this point.

Observations made:

- Is a gravel roadway not tarmac - this is a backward step
- Recycling water a good idea but may lead to overflowing problems
- A flood risk assessment needs to be undertaken
- Drainage and sewerage is a concern
- Will lead to increased traffic in School Lane
- Will there be any affordable housing on the development?
- Any 106 funds for leisure in village - ear-marked for playing field/pit project

- To write to the Middle Level and ask them to look into the drainage on this application.

Parish council cannot support the application unless these issues are addressed.

Vote taken with 4 members present in favour – agreed.

Appeal Decision for M Barber – The Old Dairy Yards – appeal dismissed.

Finance

End of the Financial Year Statements were given to councillors for consideration

Cheques to sign:

Receipts

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| Landin – Mason burial | 400.00 |
| Rents | <u>280.00</u> |
| | 680.00 |

Payments

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| Bank of England loan | 95.40 | |
| FDC election costs 2007 | 525.55 | |
| FDC cemetery rates | 157.08 | |
| A Ryman cleaning | 48.00 | |
| Cambs CC pension | 81.85 | Proposed Mrs Palmby |
| I Cook, sal,phone,post,internet | 306.63 | Seconded Mr Risbridger |
| Ridgeons notice board repair | 17.37 | |
| Mason & Son cemetery | 754.06 | |
| R Yardy – pav electrics | <u>281.00</u> | |
| | 2266.94 | |

Correspondence

Wicksteed – equipment offers

LEAP newsletter and community awards

FCVS training

Pond Survey cards

COPE newsletter

Green Vision news

Cambs CC Integrated plan for 2008.

Norfolk CC waste development framework

Complaint from Mr M Griggs concerning golf balls going into his paddock and garden which is dangerous – Clerk to obtain a sign for erection prohibiting the playing of golf on the field.

Road safety campaign info about local rivers

Other business

Mr Archer confirmed the £1000 grant funding can be transferred to another project connected to the playing field.

Mr Emery has purchased two new keys for the pavilion since the locks were changed with the new doors.

Street Pride will come to tidy up before the gala – the parish council to purchase the paint for the pavilion with the gala committee paying for the BBQ.

Mr Archer mention a request for a seat near the shop area - discussion on a site will take place at the next meeting - to seek grant funding for the seat.

Date of AGM - Monday 19th May at 7.00 p.m.

Visitor - Mr M Oviatt-Hann - Arborculturalist - to speak about our trees.

Signed Dated