

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 23rd June, 2008.
Notes of Public Forum.

Visitors:

Nicky Cox and members of the Skate Park committee gave a presentation to the meeting. They are having a stall at the gala and asked for the support of the parish council. It was agreed the council fully supported them in their project – and are seeking the right site for the skate park.

Sarah from Castle Care Homes and Carl who is their business development manager were present to speak about the two new homes in Acorn Lane in Manea where up to 6 young vulnerable people will be residing. There were some 40+ residents present who asked questions of Sarah and Carl about their intentions for the new homes. It was explained that in Manea there would be children with emotional difficulties – they were prepared to put this in writing. Carl will bring the Statement of Purpose to the Surgery on 28th June in the village hall. The staff structure was explained and there would be 24 hour care with 1/1 ratio at all times.

Mr Emery declared an interest as his wife works for this company.

One resident spoke about the enforcement order concerning Acorn Lane and enquired why this had not been completed. Clerk has written about this and will do so again. The car parking of staff of Castle Care was discussed – Sarah agreed these would not be parked so as to cause any obstruction to neighbouring residents. No change of use permission would be required if the homes are used for residential youngsters. Mr Archer will be holding a surgery on Saturday morning when Castle Care representatives will be present. To ask a member of FDC planning development service if they would attend this surgery.

Mr Geoffrey Harper, County Councillor was present. There were some 10+ residents present who expressed concern to Mr Harper about parking. Mrs Lovell was concerned at the cars parked outside the school on the yellow lines. The state of the footpaths in Station Road was raised, as were the condition of most of the footpaths in the village. Mr A Swallow from the County Council Road Safety Team will come and conduct a traffic survey to see if a lollypop person could be employed outside the school. Mr Harper mentioned that the school has not signed up for the “Safer Routes to School” initiative – Clerk to write to the Chair of Governors to enquire whether this could be done, and asking if the school could be more pro-active in supporting the parents and parish council to ensure the safety of the children. The village hall committee have offered car parking in their car park but very few parents currently take advantage of this offer.

Residents from High Street mentioned the parking along there – there is a highway lorry parked outside 12 High Street, partly on the pavement making it difficult to see to come out of Tucks yard and Carpenters Close. Mr Harper will look into this. Clerk will also write to the Highways. Mention was also made of the cars associated with the Twiglets Day Nursery parking in front of people’s properties. Originally the British Legion had offered their car park for this but it would seem this has been withdrawn because of insurance problems. Mr Risbridger will look into it.

Boots Bridge was discussed – Mr Harper was informed this is an accident blackspot. Mr P Vale, Traffic Officer does not feel the junction warrants a “stop” sign – work has been carried out here including coloured tarmac but accidents are still occurring at regular intervals. Mr Harper will look into this also.

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Meeting

Apologies were received from Mrs Palmby, Mr Cole and Mr Buckton
Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways – Clerk said she had begun to complete the application for a grant under the jointly funded minor highway improvements but the cost of the yellow lines in School Lane which councillors wished to bid for was less than the contribution they would have to make of £1 per elector. It was agreed to expand the bid project to include a children’s crossing with flashing amber

lights outside Manea School – this would qualify under road safety as it may prevent injury to children and could stop the parents illegally parking there.

Letter from Highway Supervisor – he will check the East Street drainage system, have the manholes cleared and replace the “Give Way” marking in Westfield Road. He is inspecting the carriageway in Westfield Road for patching repair.

E-mail from Mr & Mrs Elliott re the gap in the hedge at the bottom of the playing field – Mr Barnes has fenced this off so the problem should not occur again.

Gas supply to Manea - Clerk has spoken with David Lancaster from Fulcrum of the National Grid – there are no plans to install gas in Manea – the cost would be prohibitive – shareholders would expect a profit and this would not be economically viable in Manea.

Inspection

Cemetery Clerk gave all present an inspection report from the inspection which took place on 19th June. The cemetery is in excellent condition – letter to go to Mason Bros. Unfortunately the newly erected fence in the front is not level or straight – the contractors have been contacted and will meet with Mr Cole to look at it when he returns from holiday.

Car Park is in good condition, clean and tidy

Allotments both Cranmore Lots and The Twenties were inspected – Mr Barnes will meet with Mrs Carson to discuss the list of people wishing for a garden allotment and the matter will be discussed again.

Parish Sub-Committee minutes of meeting of 9th June were circulated to councillors, together with a draft of the Strategic Plan for the Manea Pit.

The fishing fees were discussed – Mr Barnes said it had been agreed to increase the carp syndicate membership to 20 paying £100 each. This season the charges will be:

£18 per rod, concessions £10 per rod

Day tickets £5 per rod

These will be reviewed after the first season. Offers to bailiff the pit had been received. Mr Jolley suggested a maximum of 2 rods for the carp syndicate members with an extra rod being £10. Non Manea residents should pay more to belong to this syndicate. The suggestion was that existing members and any new village members should pay the original fee but non-residents should pay a higher fee. Manea people would have the priority.

Playing Field - the ROSPA inspection report was to hand – this will be discussed at the next sub-committee meeting.

Planning

90b Station Road – this application has now been approved.

Notice of appeal for the 9 x 3 bed terraced dwellings in Station Road was received

Letter from Middle Level Commissioners concerning the erection of 12 dwellings for N Fox in School Lane – saying they share parish council concerns they oppose the application due to concerns about flooding and the possible impact on the board’s system and the failure to provide a flood risk assessment. Mr Archer will take this to the next planning committee meeting.

Cambs County Council – extensions to Manea School to include 3 new teaching spaces, new kitchen and removal of old kitchen/dining room and new vehicular access and service road. Comment made that the parish council is concerned at the lack of parking spaces and suggest the existing front garden be made into a drop-off point or parking area.

RJ Sears – large 2 storey extension to Crossfields, Fodder Fen road – observations made – the initial footprint has been extended over the years in excess of 10 times the original dwelling. It is outside the building line and an unacceptable form of extended development.

Finance

FDC concurrent functions grant:

Cemetery	2090
War mem	50
Public conveniences	260

Signed

Play equipment	260	
Car park	150	
Street light – special item	1100	

It was agreed to put the provision of a new light on the agenda for the July meeting.

Receipts

United Strikers Footballers	160.00	
FDC re-imbur election costs	454.14	
Recycling credits	115.18	
Verges	<u>753.95</u>	
	1483.27	

Payments

E-on pav	114.83	
Sports area	<u>35.79</u>	150.62
A Ryman cleaning		48.00
Wayman Fencing		987.00
I Cook sal, post,internet		310.72
Inland Revenue		203.62
Cambs CC pension		84.90
FDC refreshments for Street Pride cleanup		<u>50.00</u>
		1834.86

Proposed Mr Emery

Seconded Mrs Desborough

Notice has been received from Moore-Stephens of the audit return

Fenland Councillor's report

Mr Archer mentioned British Telecom's removal of telephone boxes – it would seem one more is being taken from Manea.

The campaign is ongoing for more trains to stop at Manea Station.

The open space at Thanet Rest has now been adopted by FDC – a dog bin and notices are required for the green area used by children – Mr Archer will look into this.

Correspondence

Cambs CC – post office closures – notification of seminar – Mr Emery, Mr Risbridger and Mrs Desborough offered to attend.

Terminal North – changes to airspace notifications

COPE information

East Cambs District Council - Core strategy information

Fendis – golf/fun day information

E-mail from Mr Tony Cobb about continued dog fouling in Westfield Road down to Fallow Corner – Mr Archer will get more warning stickers to be put around the area.

The section 106 funding for the Matthew Homes site should be released to council shortly – clerk will advise when this has been received.

To enquire when 25 Station Road open space will be ready for adoption by parish council.

Letter from Clerk offering her resignation to council – giving 3 months notice – her last meeting will be September. The half yearly finance review will be undertaken in August – she will put together a job specification and application form for the next meeting when the form of advertisement can be discussed and the timescale for shortlisting/interview agreed.

Mr Barnes mentioned the acquisition of a seat for the village.

Date of next meeting – Monday 28th July at 7.00 p.m.