

MANEA PARISH SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
7th July 2008.

Councillors met at the commencement of this meeting to discuss the advertisement for the Clerk's vacancy – it was agreed this would be put in the Cambs Times – Clerk has put together an application pack – which will be sent to applicants with accompanying letter.
To discuss further at next council meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr Bridgement and Mrs Palmby

Present: Mr C Carson, Mr M Buckton, Mr M Archer, Mr D Cole, Mr S Emery Mr C Barnes (Chair)
Since the meeting was not quorate – discussion followed on lowering the number for a quorum. Mr Emery proposed this be reduced from 8 to 5, seconded by Mr Archer and carried. Suggestion was made to let organisations know this committee is seeking members – however Clerk has written to all organisations on two previous occasions.

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June, 2008 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Playing Field - the golf sign still needs to be sited – members will speak with Mr Savage.

Dog Agility – these sessions will commence on 6th August – Clerk to confirm with organisers this will be on a trial basis - £20 per week.

Mr Barnes expressed concern that this may open up the field to dog walkers – and there is a sign prohibiting dogs not on a lead – however it is hoped this project will be well supervised – Clerk will visit on the first session to ensure guidelines are being adhered to.

Inspection - removal of conifer trees – to see Mr Savage to ask if outstanding issues could be looked into.

Guttering – Mr Emery will look at this before gala day.

Discussion on fees for use of playing field –

Currently:-

- £40 Manea UFC matches
- £10 Youth football matches
- £100 per day for use of field and pavilion
- £50 per half day for use of field and pavilion ie party etc

To book for use for organised events – permission must be gained for use.

At discretion of committee whether charge is imposed for an event which will benefit the village (this gives facilities to make a decision whether to charge or not) – If no charge applicant given opportunity to make a donation if they so wish

Applicants need letter setting out conditions etc – booking will incur a cost – ie taking the booking and making arrangements for use etc – members will look at each individual booking and decide on merits

To make footballers aware they need to say when they are using the field – Mr Emery declared an interest as member of Football Club – discussion on whether to charge for training nights – Mr Buckton made proviso – if charged booking is taking place this takes priority over other use.

Mr Buckton to draw up a charging policy for discussion at work-party meeting on 21st July.

Play Equipment – ROSPA inspection report

Gates – to ask Mr Oliver if he could repair hinge

Seat – projecting bolts – to ask Mr Oliver if he could look at these

Horse Chestnut tree – to ask tree surgeon (who has provided an earlier quote) to take out the overhanging branches as per this quotation.

Conifer trees – to take out to allow air/light into the field

Cleanliness – to discuss at next meeting. Need a member of staff to take over responsibility for the field – bookings, tidiness etc.

Safety surfacing – need to look in the long term to replacement of the existing tiles. In the meantime to sweep.

Rocking Horse – to ask Mr Disten if he could replace the four mechanism covers.

Fence – around play equipment – to ask Mr Oliver to replace the missing bolts

Manea Pit

Completion took place on 4th July. Land transaction return completed and signed for Land Registry. Clerk to contact Suffolk Acre re insurance

Mr Barnes hopes to undertake work on the perimeter path before gala day as it is hoped to hold guided walks around the pit area. Notice Boards will be put up on the field for the gala and announcements made.

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. It was 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 should pay the original fee but new members and non-residents should pay a higher fee. Manea people would have the priority.

Bailiffs will need to fix a rota – to set up permits as soon as possible.

Correspondence – e-mail from Fabiola – concerning training.

After Gala – Mr Emery suggested work parties be set up to do work on the pit area.

Strategic Plan – all agreed this was a good plan – a minor alteration to be made to wording.

Mr Barnes mentioned the recent allotment meeting – some 30 people attended – discussion on where to site the garden allotments – the land adjoining the pit area was suggested – Mr Carson spoke about diversity and suggested organic use for allotment holders would provide food and habitat for nesting birds. Mr Barnes has offered 1 acre of Twenties allotment – could be divided into some 20/30 separate allotments. To discuss at council meeting

Mr Emery made a suggestion that the playing field could be discussed at council meetings for the time being and the pit should have priority . Short discussion.

Date of next meeting – Monday 4th August.

Signed Dated