

**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING: 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2003.**

**Apologies** were received from Mr.Hawkins. All other councillors were present.  
**Presentation** - Mr.Harold Fox and Mrs.Brenda Hammond were presented with commemorative clocks in recognition of their 12 years service to Manea Parish Council. Both former councillors had resigned in May 2003.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2003 were confirmed and signed.

**Matters Arising:**

*Village Appraisal* – Mr.Smart has obtained two estimates for printing – in the sums of £539 and £600 approximately. Clerk has sent a copy to the Countryside Agency and they have indicated that before they would consider grant funding for printing they would need a formal application and an Action Plan formalised. Mr.Emery reported that at the recent gala committee meeting they had offered £200/£250 towards the costs of the printing. It was decided to accept this offer and to proceed with the printing. Mr.Smith proposed we accept the lowest quotation in the sum of £539 excluding VAT, this was seconded by Mr.Cole. Once this has been done arrangements will be made to distribute around the village, accompanied by a letter giving details of when the Open meeting is to be held. It is suggested this be shortly after Christmas.

*Trees* – a letter has been received from Mr. J,Reeves expressing his concern about the road surface of the Purls Bridge Road. In his opinion he feels the trees planted along the verge are to blame since wherever a tree has been planted there is a dip, the larger the tree, the larger the dip in the road surface. Mr.Reeves asks if the trees could be removed from this section of the road. It was agreed to write to Highways about the road surface.

Concerning the tree planting programme this year – in the light of the above it was felt they should not be planted along highway verges. There are places in the school playing field and in the Town Lots wood where trees can be replaced. It was decided to take the advice of the Countryside Programme Unit as to what species to plant. Clerk will then liaise with Tree Officer.

*Overgrown trees* - letter from Mr.Phillips in response to letter asking him to trim his front garden trees. Mr.Phillips mentions various items; the manhole cover at the top of the Dairy Yards; the vehicles speeding in Westfield Road; the school children waiting in Westfield Road not behind the barrier; and two large puddles in Westfield Road. It was agreed to write to Highways with his points and to ask them to contact him about his overhanging trees. To reply accordingly to Mr.Phillips.

*Highways* - letter from Highway Supervisor saying he has seen the person in Wisbech Road about the trees planted on the highway. He says the routine gully emptying will commence shortly and the whole of Fenland will be on-going. He suggests looking again at East Street footpaths.  
Mrs.Cole mentioned she had received a complaint about rubbish blowing from the recycling green boxes. Clerk to write.

*Vandalism* – CCTV – Mr.Yardy has been repairing the CCTV around the sports area. One of the cameras put up by NIS is not working, but Mr.Scott cannot check the camera because the monitor is not working. To ask Mr.Garner to have a look at it. Considerable work has been carried out to the security and electricity box around the sports area and the invoices will be high. Clerk will make an insurance claim once the invoices have been received. The cage has been made and fixed.

Thanks were expressed to Mr.Barnes for attending to the weeds in the sports area.

*Cricket Square* – has been damaged by the mower man. Mr.Barnes has an estimate for a replacement. Clerk will send to Groomfields for their attention since they have accepted responsibility for the damage.

The mole problem in the playing field has not been solved. Mr.Cole and Mr.Barnes will try one more alternative method and if this fails Clerk will contact the moleman.

*Gate* Mr.Oliver has replaced the gate down the Town Lots roadway.

*Village sign* – Mr.Hawes has completely overhauled this and has made an excellent job of work. Mr.Emery has repaired the base. Letter of thanks to Mr.Hawes.

*Flooding – Park Road/Straight Road* - Mr.Barnes has spoken with Mr.Heading, there is a dyke that needs widening but there are trees on either side. However Mr.Emery reported that the job has been done and it is hoped this will solve the problem.

*No Dogs on the Playing Field* - this is already incorporated in our sign near the entrance.

*Website* Clerk has spoken with CALC and the firm they employed cost in the region of £2000 to set up a parish website. However Clerk has contacted another company Fenweb Limited and they can set up a Parish Website for an annual fee of approximately £300.00 this will be initially 3 pages and minutes will be put on the site by the company. It was proposed by Mrs.Desborough we proceed, seconded by Mr.Smith.

**Police** – Mr.Emery has spoken with our Community Officer who will be coming to our next meeting. The Officer has been to see the parents of the youngsters who committed the acts of vandalism and he has suggested that a letter from the parish council be given to parents of children who commit acts of vandalism – this to say how much it costs to put the damage right and that this is added to the village precept and is borne by the residents. Doddington Parish have done such a letter – Clerk to ask their Clerk for a copy.

**Pit Negotiations** – letter from Cornhill Insurance asking for an update on progress. Letter from Environment Agency saying they are at last prepared to recommend to the directors the disposal of the pit at the valuation. Clerk has written asking what they deem to be the valuation but no reply has been received to date. Mr.Barnes said he mentioned this to Mr.Heading who was of the opinion that the matter had been completed. Mr.Emery will speak with Mr.Heading to see if he can move things along to a successful conclusion as soon as possible.

**Street Lighting** – Estimate for the column - to supply and install £368.00 plus VAT, and for the service works £424.00 plus VAT. Mrs.Cole proposed we proceed with the new light in Wisbech Road, seconded by Mrs Desborough.

Trees – obscuring light on Wisbech Road/Station Road corner – these are subject to a preservation order – Clerk has form to complete but we need to know ownership of trees. To write to Highways to take their advice.

**Memorial** – Iris Young – to charge double fees as not a village resident now.

#### **Planning**

T.Savage – revised description for removal of condition – this has been passed at Planning Committee level

N.A.& J.E.Goude – erection of dwelling East of Sonnyplace, Dairy Yards – this proposal is outside the village boundary and has no known business connection – therefore policy dictates council cannot support it.

R.Haldane –erection of 2 bed bungalow SE of 45 Westfield Road – application supported

Mrs.Dutta-Gupta erection of 3 bed house and associated parking on land S of 4 Westfield Road – also revised proposals concerning the siting of the house were to hand. It was agreed the re-siting was better but with the close boarded fence there at present visibility will continue to be difficult on the sharp bend. Council would like to see a highway covenant placed in this case.

Mr & Mrs.Cook – extension to Bury Lodge Fallow Corner – supported

Mrs P.Beeken – 2 bed bungalow with garage on land S of 1 School Lane. Mr.Emery declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application.

The application was supported.

### **Finance**

#### *Receipts*

Mr.Tweed burial	49.00
Kent memorials	85.00
Rents	793.44
Second half precept	<u>5690.00</u>
	6617.44

#### *Payments*

M.Hawes	village sign repairs	90.00
Bank of Eng loan		95.40
Peterboro tree services	hedge	1057.50
Anglian Water	field/cem	68.39
Cambs CC	school hire	78.00
Mrs Emery	clock extra	7.49
Mrs.Desborough	clocks and engraving	69.49
J. Boardman	cleaning	63.40
M.Short	– new areas	63.40
J.Waters	cemetery	110.00
I.Cook	sal, phone & ink	253.00
A.Tweed	repairs	480.00
S.Emery	– repairs village sign	25.00
Ridgeons	– pipe bracket	<u>4.37</u>
		£2465. 44

Proposed Mrs.Cole; Seconded Mr.Emery.

### **Correspondence**

Chatteris Safety Task Group Minutes

HRDA Master composter Scheme information

CCC Local Transport Plan

CCC – Environment counts information

G.Harper – county councillor newsletter

B.Young – 100 years Manea Parish Council various information

Oddfellows – Archive Film Evening of Manea

NHS Consultation information

Emery Watch – to invite to speak to November meeting

Community Transport Guide

“Mind” information

**Date of next meeting** – Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 at 7.00 pm.

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

## **MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **AGENDA**

**MEETING – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 p.m.**

#### **Apologies**

**Visitors from Energy Watch** (booked but not confirmed yet!)

**7.30 p.m. Minutes** of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2003.

#### **Matters Arising:-**

*Village Plan* – update on printing

Draft of letter to accompany plan

#### *Trees*

*Highways* – letter re speeding in East Street

Letter from Highway Surveyor

Verge cutting season completed

*Vandalism* – confirmation of action taken out of meeting re: monitor

Update on repairs

*Playing field* - - cricket square – letter from CCC Insurers

Mole problem

Confirmation of replacement of showers in pavilion

*Website* - update

*Warden Scheme* – update of meeting from Mrs.Desborough

**Police Report** – letter from Doddington P.C.

**Street Lighting** - letter from CC Lighting Section

**Pit Negotiations** update on progress

Letter from insurance company

#### **Planning**

P.Chastney – erection of 4 terraced cottages – 2a Park Road

Manea Chapel – extension

G.Perry – extension at Toll Farm, New Road

#### **Finance**

To set precept as per half yearly finance review in August

#### **Correspondence**

Chatteris Safety Task Group

CALC + legal topic note 57 re cemeteries

Soc.of Local Council Clerks letter

FD stakeholder database

Gravity – skateboard park information

Postwatch information

Drug Working Party meeting

Parish Path Partnership

Beds/Cambs Rural Support Group

Gateway (FDC Arts)

**Date of next meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2004.**

