

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 21st June, 2004.

Inspection of Playing Field and Cemetery took place.
Apologies were received from Mr.Risbridger and Mr.Smart.

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th May, 2004 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways – a meeting took place on 27th May with Paula Cuthbertson concerning the speed reduction measure in Manea. Subsequently Clerk and Mr.Hawkins toured the village on 17th June with Ms Cuthbertson to look in detail at what measures could be implemented. They gave councillors a brief report – Ms Cuthbertson will be coming to the July meeting with her proposals for Manea.

Highway Review newsletter was available.

Cllr Cole reported that the hedge belonging to Mr.Crouch in Westfield Road has become very overgrown and overhangs the verges. Also the hedge near 74 Station Road is overgrown and overhanging the footpath. Clerk to ask Highways if they could write to the owners of the property to ask them to trim back in each case.

Manea Wood - two letters – apologising for the damage caused to the nesting birds. They say professional contractors were used to prevent the young trees being overgrown – however now the wood is well established this will only take place once per annum. They ask councillors what would be a more appropriate time – it was suggested clerk reply that this should be done before the birds begin nesting – towards the end of March next year.

Cemetery – following the inspection all agreed it was a credit to the Caretaker. Clerk to write letter accordingly. Also to write letter of thanks to Mrs.Larham, Thyme House Nursery for supplying plants for the front, and also for looking after the pump corner garden.

War Memorial it was reported this is in reasonable condition.

Burials ashes of Mrs.Ellinor.

Memorials Addit inspt for William Newell

Eileen & Aubrey Pope

Mary & Arthur Lilley

Lewis Wildegger

Street Lighting Clerk reported she has spoken with EDF concerning the new light in Wisbech Road – they were unaware the column had been erected – however they say the power will be connected early in July.

Planning

Approvals - P.Gumbley 96 Westfield Road;C.Barnes 9-15 High Street; T & S Services 27 Westfield Road; ASH Designs - 2 Station Road.

G.A.Perry – replacement dwelling Toll Farm – supported at site meeting 27th May – confirmed.

M.Hedges – dwelling East of Rose Cott. Fallow Corner – supported. Mr.Cole declared a non pecuniary interest as he lives in vicinity.

Mr. & Thompson – 2 x 4 bed houses north of 90 Station Road – this is outside the village development boundary and cannot be supported

M.Bishop/E.Green – workplace home north of Straight Road- the site was viewed during the cemetery inspection – councillors supported the application on the grounds that although it is outside the building line, it has workplace associations and will provide a facility the village needs.

A & PH Developments – 1x 5 bed and 1x 4 bed chalet bungalows – Wisbech Road – supported. Mr.Cole declared an interest.

A.Last – extension to Waresley Cottage, Westfield Road – supported.
Mr.& Mrs.J.Dennis – dwelling on land w of 55 Station Road – council do not support backland development and it will encroach on adjoining property.
R.Hawkins – 3 bed detached house with garage and 2 3 bed semi detached chalet bungalows, involving demolition of existing dwelling 2 East Street, Manea – supported. Mr.Hawkins declared an interest and left room during discussion.
Mr & Mrs M Wales – 5 bed house with hairdressing salon – plot 1 NE of 20 Station Road – supported. Mr.Hawkins declared a non pecuniary interest.
Mr. & Mrs.B.Linney – 4 bed house and garage – plot 2 NE of 20 Station Road – supported
Mr & Mrs M Setchfield – extension of 27 Westfield Road - supported. Mrs.Cole declared an interest and left room during discussion.
Mr & Mrs.J.Cook – extension to 39b Westfield Road – supported. Clerk declared an interest and left room during discussion. Mrs.Cole also declared a non pecuniary interest as she lives in vicinity.
FDC – letter apologising for wrongly sent planning application – relating to March, not Manea!
FDC – replacement of Fenland District Wide Plan – letter was read to councillors with timetable of events – also asking we have any submissions for inclusion of land within the new plan. Councillors wondered why we have only now been informed that we could make representations – we only have until August for receipt of these – Clerk to write concerning this and to ask how far within Manea would land be considered.

Playing Field

Mole problem has been resolved – no invoice has been received yet.
Litter bins – since Mr.Jolley was not present and nothing has been heard to put on Agenda for July.
Toilet block – Chairman asked if councillors had given consideration to a replacement toilet block – grants could be available for this – to put on agenda for next meeting.
Pavilion – Electrical testing had been successfully undertaken.
Inspection Report – ROSPA report re play equipment was to hand.
2 Bay Swings - to ask Mr.Oliver to inspect and give his opinion as an engineer what needs to be done to make it safe and give estimate of costs involved.
Roundabout and Rocking Horse – bolts need to be filed off where wood has been replaced - to ask Mr.Tweed to undertake this as he replaced the wood parts.
Fence gate to infant play equipment – needs a stopper – to ask Mr.Oliver if he could fit. Also the fence needs fixing to the cross fence near the spring animal to stop movement – to ask Mr.Oliver.
Weeds between and around the safety tiled areas need spraying – to ask Mr.Waters to liaise with Mr.Short to get this work done. To ask also to spray 6 inches either side of the metal fence to stop the weeds growing
Climbing structure – needs parts for the bolts holding the wooden slates on the bridge. Also plastic covers need replacing on the spring horse- Clerk to contact Wicksteeds.
The small turnstile needs greasing – Mr.Cole will attend.
There are some overhanging branches which need trimming – Chair and Mr.Cole will attend.
Both outside toilets need new seats and one nearest pavilion is loose and needs fixing. To ask Mr.Barry Short to look at just before gala day.
The shed roof still has a large dent - Chair and Mr.Cole will try to repair.
The gang mowers are still cutting across the cricket square – Clerk to write to 'Groomfields to ask them to stop this.
The top wire on the sports area needs tightening.
The whole surface of the sports area needs a good sweep to clear broken glass.

We need a sign to say "Beware slippery surface, when wet" put up in the sports area. Clerk to attend.

The bulbs in the lights around the sports area need checking, also the CCTV needs checking to ensure it is working properly. There is also glass broken on one of the CCTV cameras on the pole near pavilion. Clerk to ask Mr.Yardy to look into these things.

Pit Negotiations letter from Environment Agency saying they estimate it will be at least 3 months before they hear anything from DEFRA.

Finance all councillors were given the finance statements. Clerk spoke of the internal auditors report and explained the items raised. The annual financial report was completed and it was proposed by Mrs.Cole, seconded by Mrs.Desborough it be approved and sent to external audit.

Receipts

Mem – G. Fox	35.00
Last rent	140.00
Burials Wildeggar/ Lilley	310.00
Ellinor burial	35.00
1 st half concurrent grant	<u>1457.00</u>
	£1977.00

Payments

CALC Chair's workshop fee	30.00
Elect testing	19.57
Mill Hill petrol	40.52
M. Oliver repairs	94.00
G.Fowler cess pit empty	55.00
Playground Management report	86.95
Powergen sports 14.43 Pavilion <u>204.26</u>	218.69
J.Boardman cleaning	21.36
I.Cook sal less tax	174.51
M Short – new areas	42.72
J.Waters – cemetery	112.75 proposed: Mrs Cole
Inland Revenue	147.63 seconded Mr.Hawkins
J.Waters car park spray	10.68
Manea Stores toilet items	<u>40.64</u>
	1094.72.

Mention was made of the pavilion expenses – these are quite high. Chairman said the Football Club usually paid half, but since the pavilion is used by the junior footballers now – he wondered if they would be willing to make a contribution also. Mr.Barnes will ask at next committee meeting.Matter will be on agenda for July. The Powergen invoices are quite high – Mr.Smith wondered if we should consider another supplier.

Correspondence

FDC – changes to location of Registration Services

Cambs ACRE village of the year competition information

Taking it on – UK development strategy

Shaping Health – various information

Cambs ACRE - transport interviews – letter asking if we could recommend anyone for them to interview to get views on transport options in Cambridgeshire,

Mr.Hawkins has already mentioned some names to them. Mrs.E.Lawrence was mentioned again, as was Mr.C.Coupland. A Miss C.Shadbolt might be considered

but there was difficulty finding a family who used public transport. Clerk to reply accordingly.
Cambs Police Authority – questionnaire
Cambs ACRE – parish plans – training day information
Doddington Parish Council public meeting concerning future of Doddington Hospital-
Chair had attended – Council agreed to support campaign to retain the hospital –
Clerk to send letter accordingly..
FDC – Heritage open days information
CALC – training information

Mr.Hawkins said that all council's estates in the village would be inspected – and invited any councillors to attend this if they wished.

Date of next meeting – Monday 26th July 700 pm – Visitor – Paula Cuthbertson
Venue to be decided –

Signed Dated

