

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting 19th January, 2004.

Apologies were received from Mrs.Cole. All other councillors were present together with Mr.P.Jolley,Fenland District Councillor.

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November, 2003 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:-

Village Plan the Chairman had drawn up a distribution schedule for the whole village. It was agreed the plans would be collected from Mr.Smart and distributed before the end of the month. Posters will be put around the village to advertise the meeting on 4th February,

Trees - Mr.Smart is meeting the County Council tree officer to discuss the sites for trees and will report to next meeting

Highways - letter about the jointly funded improvement scheme was read – Manea should get funding for 04/05 financial year.

The Highway Review newsletter was also to hand.

Mr.Hawkins said he had received a request from a Mrs.Cracknell of Park Road for a footpath from 5 Park Road to join up to the existing outside 17-21 Park Road, which Mr.P.Barnes put in when the properties were built. It was mentioned that from past correspondence the residents would have to contribute towards any new footpaths put in. However the Chairman felt we should write to the Highway Supervisor to put the request in to see if there has been any change in guidelines.

Mr.Cole reported that the light on the entrance to the gate at Witch-Elm Lodge needs turning since at present it shines onto motorists when they approach the bend. Clerk to write to the resident.

Playing Field - the new cricket square has been put in and Clerk to send the invoice to Cambs CC insurance section for payment

Mr.Emery reported the CCTV monitor will be fixed shortly and all cameras appeared to be working.

Clerk to book the ROSPA Inspection.

Flooding – Straight Road – letter from Mr.Heading Manea & Welney Drainage saying he hoped the measures taken during the summer would be successful and the problem would not re-occur. He personally tries to be vigilant throughout the district and is confident about the state of the Commissioners watercourses.

Cambs ACRE - confirming visit to Parish Assembly in March re; affordable housing.

Xmas Tree – thanks were expressed to Mr.Smart for purchasing and putting the lights on the tree. This had been again provided by Mrs.Fields. The Chairman suggested making a donation to her for her kindness. She has several more trees which would be available for future Christmas's. Mr.Barnes suggested a £20 Boots voucher as a one off donation, this was seconded by Mrs Desborough. The trees need thinning out – Mr.Emery will look into this.

It was also agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr.Savage for helping collect and erect and also dismantle the Christmas tree again this year.

Vacancy – letter from Mr.Ken Risbridger asking to be considered for the vacancy on the parish council. Mrs.Desborough proposed we co-opt Mr.Risbridger, seconded by Mr.Smart. Clerk will also inform the Election Manager at Fenland Hall.

Police – letter from Chief Superintendent Sunman concerning the Government crime targets and Cambridgeshire's wish to meet these which will mean a change in the focus of the community beat managers and officers.

It was reported there has been a problem with youngsters and motor cycles on the Town Lots Roadway, School playing field and wood. The police have been informed and also the County Council Land Officer. Mr.Emery said the wood is an asset to the village and needs to be protected. Clerk to write to Mr.Burton at Cambs CC confirming council's concerns about the problem.

Cemetery – Mr.Hawkins reported a concern expressed by Mrs.Fox about trees overhanging the graves near the roadside at the cemetery –Mr.Emery and Mr.Cole will have a look and ask Mr.Waters to trim them back if felt necessary.

Burial Mr.B.Newell and Mr.C.Upchurch.

Clerk has received a phone call about the re-instatement of the light bracket on the pole near the cemetery damaged by a car. The lighting section at Shire Hall are investigating the possibility of finding the culprit and seeking reimbursement from him. Meantime they want to know if the light should be replaced. It was agreed to wait until we know who will pay for the repairs. The toilet sign also needs replacing.

Pit Negotiations – Nothing has been heard from Environment Agency. Clerk has received a letter from Cornhill concerning the risk assessment cover.

Mr.Heading will try to speak with someone concerning our problem over lack of progress.

Clerk to write saying council's patience is exhausted and explaining we sold land some 5 years ago and cannot hold this money indefinitely. We need the matter to proceed urgently.

Planning

A & PH Development Co.Ltd – erection of 5 x 5 bed chalet bungalows with detached double garages – land opposite Llamados, Wisbech Road – Mr.Cole and Mr.Emery declared their interest and left the room during discussion. Mr.Smart was elected Chair for this part of the meeting in their absence.

Mr.Smart said that in line with planning guidance received there was no problem with overlooking – following discussion all agreed the application could be supported.

Mr.& Mrs.Desborough – erection of first floor rear extension to 5 East Street –

Mrs.Des borough declared her interest – as did Mr.Emery – they left the room during discussion, Mr.Smart continued as Chair. The application was supported.

Maurice Crouch Growers – residential development 0.96 ha land SW of Fire Station,Westfield Road – following discussions it was agreed the highway here in Westfield Road was a major problem with the width of the road restricted because of the cars parked outside the council houses at all times, thus meaning only one lane was available for traffic. The primary school is at capacity, the sewerage works and doctor's surgery would need upgrading if more developments are granted in Manea. Applications granted: J.Woods, High Street K.Jordan Lavender's Mill ; K.Dutta-Gupta – 4 Westfield Road.

Planning Workshop – Sat 6th March at Wimblington – Mr.Smart and Mr.Hawkins would like to attend. Clerk to book.

Finance & Cheques

Receipts

Young – tablet	70.00 (double fee)
Rents	391.36
Gala donation	250.00
Grave tablet	35.00
Newell burial	45.00
2 nd half concurrent grant	<u>1419.00</u>
	2210.36

Payments

Cambs CC grass cutting	1101.68
Oddfellows – twenties roadway	175.00
J.Waters salary	110.00
J.Boardman – cleaning	64.08 proposed:Mr.Emery
M Short new areas	53.40 seconded:Mr.Hawkins
I.Cook sal and phone	209.26
Manea Stores – cleaning items	<u>91.45</u>
	£1804.87

Correspondence

Victim Support – asking for donation – Mr.Hawkins proposed £25 seconded by Mrs.Des borough – Mr.Smart wondered if we should limit the amount given to charitable causes in any one year.
Chatteris Drug Project letter
Go-East renewable energy letter
Citizens Advice – asking for donation – Mr.Smith proposed £25. seconded by Mr.Barnes.
Cambs CC countryside rights of way act 2000 and local access letters
CALC liaison meeting held on 13th January – Mr.Hawkins an Mr.Smith attended – gave a brief report.
Cambs ACRE – patient and public involvement in health information
FDC survey on performance completed by council
CCC – changes to bus services
County Councillor newsletter
Fens Leap newsletter
FDC housing allocation information
FDC – accounts
Cambs Fire & Rescue risk plan
Chateris Comm Task Group – Mr.Hawkins gave a brief report on the meeting
East Anglian Air Ambulance – Mr.Hawkins proposed £25 donation – seconded by Mrs Des borough.
DEFRA – equine issues information
Fenland Volunteer Bureau asking for donation – letter left on table.
CALC training spring schedule
NHS information on Doctor out of hours cover.

Date of next meeting - Monday 9th February at 7.00 p.m.

Signed Dated
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MEETING – 9th February at 7.00 p.m.

Apologies

Welcome to our new councillor – signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office and acceptance of Code of Conduct.

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January, 2004.

Matters Arising:-

Village Plan Open Meeting – update

Trees update from Tree Officer

Highways - review letter

Cemetery – update on overhanging trees
Damaged light bracket

Police

Pit Negotiations report from Chair on conversations with Mr.Sheldrake from Environment Agency

Planning

D.Pressland – dwelling on land south of 5 High Street

B.Linney – 4 dwellings on land north east of 20 Station Road

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Correspondence

Cambs Fire & Resuce – precept

Police – meeting at Huntingdon

CALC policies update

FDC – Sports Development newsletter

HDRA Master Composter Programme

Date of Parish Assembly – Monday 22nd March at 7.00 p.m

Visitor from Cambs ACRE – affordable housing.