

## MANEA PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2004.

**Apologies** were received from Mrs.Desborough. All other councillors were present together with Mr.P.Jolley, Fenland District Council and Ms Karen Gee, Assistant Chief Executive, Fenland District Council.

The Chairman welcome Ms Gee to our meeting and she explained her role as Fenland Council's Liaison Officer with Manea Parish Council. She will be our point of contact at Fenland for complaints etc. but for any planning items. She briefly explained out the new One-Stop Shops planned for Fenland and said it was the plan that 80% of people calling would be dealt with personally. She also gave brief details of the plans for the future developments at Fenland District Council, including the fact that Customer Liaison Officers are being appointed and they hope to develop a "hotline" direct to the council. Ms Gee is willing to visit council meetings on a regular basis - possibly 3 monthly. Mr.Emery thanked her for coming and looked forward to a good and positive relationship for the future.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2004 were confirmed and signed.

### **Matters Arising:**

*Tree Officer* - position held over from AGM - Mr.Hawkins proposed Mr.Smart continue with this post, seconded by Mr.Cole. Mr. Smart indicated his willingness to carry on as tree officer.

*Highways* confirmation that the meeting with Paula Cuthbertson concerning the speed restriction measures will be on 27<sup>th</sup> May at 6.15 pm.

Completed highway questionnaires were given and clerk will forward.

Highway verges - Wayside & Wildlife confirmed they have begun cutting.

Mr.Emery had mentioned the seat area in Orchard Way - Clerk has spoken with Mr.Bennett and confirmed this will be done as soon as possible.

Mr.Emery reported that the grass has been cut in the Manea Wood - again this year this is too early and has caused damage to the birds nesting. Clerk to write to Mr.Burton, copy to Mrs.Harrison, Countryside Team reminding them they promised this would not be done as early this year and the same thing happened last year.

Mr.Risebridger mentioned the spraying of set-aside fields but Mr.Barnes said advice was that it was better to spray them than cutting them as this causes less damage to nesting birds.

*Crime & Disorder mtg* - Mr.Hawkins explained what the "Gauntlet Project" was saying it was acquiring somewhere the youngsters could ride quad bikes and motor bikes off road, thus causing less nuisance.

*Cemetery* - Mr.Cole has trimmed the overhanging trees - thanks were expressed to him.

*Warden Control Units* - Mr.Emery said he has had enquiries about this - Mrs.Desborough had attended the recent meeting and was putting information in the Manea Connects Magazine with contact people and numbers.

Concerning this Magazine - Mr.Barnes said that Dr. Hirson is presently backing the project with funds so that it can be circulated free of charge without advertisements at the present time. A letter of thanks to be sent to him.

**BURIAL** - Ashes for Mary Lilley and Lewis Wildeggar will be interred this week.

**Footpaths** - questionnaires will be forwarded to Mrs.Desborough, Footpath Officer for completion.

### **Planning**

*Approvals* - W.Bishop - fishing tackle shop etc

R.Hawkins - 2 x 3 bed chalet bungalows - Cathedral View

Dr.McMurray - conversion at 54 High Street

H.Fox & Son - outline permission 0.203 ha S of Williams Way

*Applications* - Mr.Tuffee - erection of 3/4 bed house with integral car port involving demolition of existing dwelling and siting of temporary mobile home at 2 Station Road - comments concerning the size of the plot were raised but it was agreed the application be supported

Mr.Beeken & Miss Lowe - 2 storey extension at 1 School Lane - supported

**Allotments** all rents with the exception of one have now been collected.

**Playing Field** - Mr.Barnes gave details of damage to the cricket square and explained Stadia Sports Ltd would be able to patch the surface at a cost of £20.

Mr.Emery said he and Mr.Cole had met with PC Andy Key concerning security provision on field - there is not much more that could be done. If matters worsen one solution would be to take down the pavilion verandah and take away the seat. If damage continues to the cricket square they have a roving camera they would lend us to site in the pavilion pointing at the square to try to catch the offenders.

PC Braines had said he would ask a CCTV expert to have a look at the working of our camera's but this has not been done yet.

The sensor on the corner of the pavilion will cost £70 to replace - Mr.Hawkins proposed we proceed, seconded by Mrs.Cole.

Mr.Emery reported damage to the outside toilets. Seats have been vandalised and toilets broken. It was felt best not to repair until just before gala day in case they get damaged again.

The Play equipment has suffered some damage and small repairs have been done to the climbing frame. Mr.Oliver has repaired two arms on the roundabout.

Mr.Cole proposed the repairs done out of meeting be ratified, seconded by Mr.Barnes.

There are moles in the play area - clerk to contact a mole catcher.

The football pitch was hired out and a donation of £20.00 received for this.

Mr.Cole reported that the Rapid Response Team indicated we need more dog fouling bins, especially outside the playing field near the big tree. We had indicated we needed new litter bins in High Street and Westfield Road, but subsequently it had been ascertained there was already a bin near the bus stop

in Westfield Road.Mr.Jolley has a meeting about this Tuesday and will see what bins Manea can be granted.

A kerb has been put in the tarmac area near the playing field.

Mr.Emery made a suggestion for consideration - to replace the old toilets in the field with new brick built ones - possible to go for grant funding - to be put on agenda for next meeting.

From the gala committee it was felt the present pavilion is not used enough to warrant going for grant funding for a replacement. A sports need has to be proved and at present this cannot be done. Mr.Hawkins suggested a multi-use building.

**Pit Negotiations** - Clerk has ascertained Mr.Wright would charge £75 to undertake a risk assessment.

Allianz Cornhill will not give an indication of the cost of cover for the pit - it was agreed to ask the Fishing Club how much they paid for insurance. Allianz Cornhill have sent full details of what they would like considered for risk assessment.

**Finance** Clerk has received renewal for support cover for computer - but it was felt this was not needed.

Mr.Cundell has all books for internal audit.

*Receipts*

Rents	735.00
Hire of pitch	20.00
VAT refund	<u>1732.81</u>
	2487.81

*Payments*

Cornhill - insurance renewal	2611.82
I.Cook salary less tax	174.51
J.Waters salary	112.75
M.Short - new areas	42.72
J.Boardman cleaning	<u>21.36</u>
	2963.16

Proposed:Mr.Hawkins

Seconded: Mrs.Cole

**Correspondence**

CALC items

FDC - sports news

County Councillor's Newsletter

FDC - letter from Mr.Melton inviting Chair/Clerk to gathering 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Mr.Emery will be on holiday - Vice-Chair will accompany Clerk.

**Date of next meeting** - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 6.30 p.m. meet at playing field for inspections.

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