

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting – 16th January, 2006.

Apologies were received from Mr Cole. Mr Barnes was absent. All other councillors were present, together with one prospective District Council candidate.

Visitor Mr. Adam Pratt – who spoke about the “roll-out” of brown and blue wheelie bins. This will begin on 13th February, with the first collection being made in the week 13th March. There will be a roadshow at the Village Hall Car park on 31st January when anyone with problems can visit to speak with representatives. All parishioners will get a pack giving details of what to put in each bin and a calendar of collection times.

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November, 2005 and the Planning Meeting of 28th December were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways – councillors were given a copy of an e-mail from Mr P Vale which says there are no funds left. He gave details of the expenditure of the grant awarded in November 2003. Mr Risbridger had sent an e-mail to council asking for action, including the possible taking away of the existing interactive signs, because they have not worked properly since they have been put up. He suggests a meeting with the Highway Officer. Clerk to write saying the council were very disappointed with the traffic calming measures put in at Manea, since they acted on the advice of Highway Officers and the results are proving very unsuccessful. Mr Vale has asked for the interactive signs to be tested and set at 36 mph. Councillors feel they should be set at 31 mph instead. To ask for a meeting with him to talk over the traffic issues. A copy to be sent to Geoffrey Harper, County Councillor.

Letter from R Marshall, Highway Supervisor suggesting an eye be kept on the grass cuttings in the dyke. He will do what repairs he can at Wisbech Road with his limited budget.

It was reported there is a blocked gully in Park Road. Mrs Cole-Palmby reported the hedge in front of Dunvegan House is almost over the footway obstructing passage of passers by. Clerk to write. She also mentioned the dog fouling along this part of Westfield Road – Clerk to contact dog warden.

Highway Verges letter from Mr Bennett of Wayside & Wildlife saying he did not wish to continue with the verge cutting contract. Clerk has contacted another person asking for a quote for the work. Letter from Graham Mallott saying the grant awarded for verge cutting will almost certainly be cut to 80% of this year's amount for 2006.

Mrs Desborough mentioned the new development in Station Road saying it had not been advertised as Jolley Close – Clerk to write enquiring whether the developer was still intending to use this name.

Playing Field – roundabout replacement – various booklets have been considered for a replacement for the roundabout but all are proving very expensive. Following discussion on the way forward, Mr Hawkins proposed we repair the existing one, seconded by Mr Smart – Clerk to contact Mr. Sharman, who gave the original quote. To write to inform the Gala Committee what is happening.

Pavilion Roof – Chairman explained he and Mr Cole had looked at the new roof and the firm who did the work were asked to come back to correct some of the work. However there were still some gaps at the ends where rodents could get in – he asked a local firm to undertake this remedial work, since the roofer did not undertake this sort of work. He asked if the actions taken out of meeting could be approved. Mrs Desborough proposed this be done, seconded by Mr Risbridger. It was agreed to send a letter to Mr Wilson, the roofing contractor informing him we had to employ

someone else to finish off the work, and also to ask if he could replace the gate lock broken by his workmen when they did the re-roofing.

Xmas Tree Mr Smart reported the lights broken and the tree damaged before Christmas. Glass and bottles were thrown at his property. It was suggested a piece be put in the Manea Connects Magazine about this vandalism. Thanks were given to Mr. Smart for putting up the lights. He will consider whether it will be done next Christmas.

Street Lighting councillors were asked to check on dark areas and inform Clerk by end of week so that the order can go in before the end of the financial year.

Cemetery Path councillors had looked at the state of the path and agree it needs extensive repair because of health & safety. Mr Hawkins proposed we seek quotes for repairs, seconded by Mr Smart. Clerk to contact Mr Savage, BW Cook Construction and Mars Construction.

Burials E Waters; R. Ellinor and A Mawby

Vacancy this was advertised around the village. No parishioners have asked for an election. An application has been received from Mr Mark Archer of 2 Willow Drive, Manea for the vacancy. Clerk has contacted the Electoral Services Manager and it has been confirmed he can be co-opted to fill the seat if approved by councillors. Mr Smart proposed he be co-opted, seconded by Mrs Cole-Palmby – all were in agreement.

Planning

M Scotney – erection of 1 3 bed and 1 4 bed house with garages involving demolition of existing dwelling – supported

A & P H Developments – amendment to siting of 2 garages plots 2 and 3 on land in Wisbech Road – supported

Mr & Mrs D Russ – removal of condition 02 relating to workplace homes 6-8

Charlemont Drive – it was agreed the original application for this development was for workplace homes, outside the development boundary and as such the council cannot support the removal.

Notice of appeal – Ayres – 32 Westfield Road

Notice of appeal – extension – Rose Cottage, High Street

Clerk has received reply to query concerning development at rear of School Lane and Station Road – saying only applications were made in 1989 and 1990

concerning sports hall, golf course and developments which were refused and withdrawn. Council will be consulted on the new development plan later this year.

FDC – planning awareness session – 26th January – Mr Emery, Mr Hawkins and Mr Risbridger said they would attend. Mrs Cole-Palmby hoped to be able to attend the second session on 16th February.

Finance

Receipts

Waters burial – 2 spaces

360.00

Ellinor – ashes

50.00

Grant for pav roof

1997.00

£2407.00

Payments	
Macmillan Cancer donation	25.00
R Angood spray field	31.73
CCC – grass cutting	1351.71
Bussens & Vigrass – pav roof	1606.22
Haylock & Rolfe –pav roof	1899.98
Wayside & Wildlife – verge cutting	600.00
M Short new areas	90.40
J Waters sal	117.25
I Cook sal and phone	256.62
Cambs CC pension	66.33
Manea Stores cleaning items	51,72
J Boardman cleaning	33.90
J Wilson pav roof work	<u>846.00</u>
	6971.85

Proposed: Cllr Cole-Palmby
 Seconded Cllr Emery

Correspondence

- Cambs Police Budget information
- Best Kept Village Information
- Norfolk CC – waste management booklet
- Rural Issues seminar
- Cambs Police – liaison letter – Clerk to reply with details of meetings so that Community Beat Officer can attend at least 2 per annum
- CCC Parish Path Partnership
- Fens Community Newsletter
- East Cambs community involvement booklet
- FDC – register of electors – 3 councillors wished a copy
- Connexions – project for young people – Clerk to ask results of meeting in Manea
- D Haylett – asking if uncle who died in World War 1 could be included in Manea War Memorial – details given of this person who appeared to only be 13 when enlisting – Clerk to reply suggesting he contact regiment and British Legion Head Office.
- Standards Board – booklet about future policy
- Fire & Rescue Budget information
- Leap Forum information.

Clerk informed council the notice board was damaged over the New Year celebrations – Mr Emery will repair.

Date of next meeting - Monday 27th February at 6.45 pm visitor Rob Hussey

Signed Dated

