

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting – 26th June, 2006.

Prior to this meeting an inspection of the cemetery, playing field and car park took place – inspection reports are included in the minutes.

Apologies were received from Mr Smart – all other councillors were present.

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2006 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Highways - letter from Highway Supervisor enclosing copy of letter he has received from J Reeves RSPB. This details the deterioration to the Purls Bridge Road which they attribute to the trees planted along the roadside. They and Mr Marshall, Highway Supervisor ask for council's support to remove the trees. As the parish council planted the trees taking the advice of the County Tree Officer they were reluctant to see them taken down. However it was agreed that if they do have to be taken down the council would ask if they could be replaced with trees to be planted at a different venue. Mr Marshall says that the Purls Bridge failed a bid for heavy shaping and also Wisbech Road was unsuccessful in a bid for major work – he is therefore only able to carry out small works to localised areas again this year.

Boots Bridge - since nothing has been heard and there was another accident over the Bank Holiday weekend it was agreed to write to Mr Vale again asking if he was in a position to reply to our earlier letters and indicating that it nothing was done a public campaign would be started about "this accident blackspot".

Jointly funded minor highway improvements - to ask for further information about what could be bidden for.

Letter from Highways about signs on the highway saying the County Council have amended their policy to allow temporary signs but with restrictions and asking for contacts for local organisations so the policy could be forwarded to them -Clerk to write.

Open Space - Clerk has written to Geoffrey Harper following the site meeting on 21st May – we await a reply.

Cemetery - a presentation of a watch was made to Mr Waters and flowers for Mrs Waters – letter of thanks from the Waters family.

Discussion on the replacement for Mr Waters. Mr Larham has given up the post – Chairman said we must look again at the hours and rate of pay for the work. It was agreed both must be increased. To advertise again in local shops for a maximum of 10 seasonal hours per week – rate of pay negotiable.

Letter from Mason Bros – offering to do the work for 12 month period at £9 per hour plus VAT and petrol/chemical as extra. Discussion followed – to write saying we are considering their proposal and would suggest their consideration for our proposal of a maximum of 1 day or 10 hours per week for 30 weeks (March to Oct) per year – to get petrol from Mill Hill Garage and chemical we would obtain for them.

In the meantime Mrs Larham has a young student who is willing to cut the grass to keep the cemetery tidy. She has also offered to spray the car park and inside some of the remaining graves. This was accepted. To also ask her if she would spray the site to the left of the old gate near the large manhole. To see what responses we get to the above and then to go back to Mrs Larham to see what she could offer for the work.

From the inspection - there is one grave that has caved in slightly – Chair and Mr Cole will deal with this. Agreed to clear the spoil heap at the end of August. To possibly use this to make up the area around the large manhole on the left of the old gates.

Playing Field - from the inspection – 2 Silver Birch trees need clearing from the bottom of the field – Mr Barnes will deal with these. The flood lights need inspecting – to ask Mr Yardy.

Play Equipment – the roundabout still needs the new bearings – Mr Cole will contact Mr Sharman.

A new bolt is needed for the bridge on the multiplay – clerk to contact Wicksteeds.

Swings – to ask Mr Oliver to check the shackles.

Safety tiles – under several pieces of play equipment they need cleaning in between and re-gluing - Mr Cole will ask Mr Clarke (Assistant Caretaker) to clean in between then and fill in with sand to see if this will work

Clerk will compile a ROSPA inspection action plan.

Pavilion – Mrs Desborough will ask Mr Disten to repair the outside toilet doors before the gala. To ask for quotes for new front doors to the pavilion – from Mr Disten and Mr Tweed.

Footpaths - Clerk has received an e-mail saying most of the problems we flagged up to Karen Keefe (Footpath Officer) have been attended to.

The roadway around Club farm is in poor condition – Anglian Water drive onto the land to get to the treatment works. To write to County Farms (Mr C Burton) to ask if the trees could be trimmed. To ask Anglian Water if they would make up the roadway.

Manea Pit - Clerk brought the 2002 District Valuation to the meeting – this does reflect the current terms of sale so it was felt we would not need to have it re-done causing additional expense. Clerk has written asking Mr Shelton from Environment Agency to come to meet with council.

Burials - D Hawkins and S Bridgement.

Planning –

Refusals – extension at 22 High Street

4 x 3 bed semi-detached houses SE of 33 Westfield Road

Approval – work to Oak tree to remove broken branches and dead wood at Westfield Road NOT to the holly tree and willow trees.

For the following applications Mr Cole and Mr Barnes declared their interest and left the room.

M Stimpson – plot 1 SE of 9-15 High Street – supported

C Purnell – plot 2 SE of 9-15 High Street – supported

Street Naming – Parkview Lane – for the above development – approved.

Finance

Receipts

Verge cutting	735.56
Rent	148.00
Hawkins ashes plot	100.00
Bridgement burial	<u>60.00</u>
	1043.56

Payments

Ann Desborough – Mr Waters presentation	64.98
M Short – key cutting	4.99
Mill Hill petrol	17.06
Powergen sports area	16.50
Pavilion	<u>16.91</u>
	33.41
B Cundell – internal audit	200.00
J Waters – last cutting	60.00
P Clarke – field	116.40 proposed Mrs Cole-
I Cook sal less tax	246.11 Palmby
CCC – pension	69.13 seconded Mrs
Inland revenue	208.23 Desborough

FDC street pride donation for lunch	50.00
G Fowler – cess pit	60.00
Ridgeons – shed keys cutting	4.21
B Larham – spayer part + cem work	<u>256.45</u>
	1390.97

Mr Larham submitted his hours of work at the cemetery – 67 in total – this amounted to over £400 for 2 weeks and 2 days work. Council had offered him £120 per month but in view of the hours he spend in the cemetery it was agreed to pay him twice the monthly amount as a one off payment. Proposed by Mrs Cole-Palmby, seconded by Mrs Desborough and all were in agreement.

Correspondence

- Charter 88 information about small shop closures
- Camb's ACRE – new rural housing enabler – agreed to invite her to next meeting
- FEndis – disability sports information – asking for a donation – proposed from the Chair £25, seconded by Mrs Desborough.
- CCC growing challenge of congestion in Cambridgeshire
- FDC concerning district/parish liaison – our new officer is Mr Tim Mills who will be in touch.
- Energy information for householder – will be put in next Manea Magazine
- FDC – information about play provision in Fenland
- CCC – HCV information
- Voluntary Service information
- e-mail asking for council's views of Golden age fair held last October – all agreed it was a tremendous success
- CCC – flooding risk information
- Standards Board – complaints procedure
- Post Office – details of changes to postage rates

Chairman spoke about a recent meeting with District Councillor Sears about the Chestnut Meadows open space which has been slightly encroached by a developer – Fenland will put into effect a 106 agreement and any funds from this will be spent on levelling the open space and providing play equipment – but it was imagined the future upkeep will then revert to the parish.

Date of next meeting - Monday 24th July at 7.00 p.m.

Signed Dated

