

**MANEA PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2006.**

**Apologies** were received from Mr Risbridger and Mr Emery. All other councillors were present.

In the absence of Mr Emery, the vice-chair, Mrs Cole-Palmby took the meeting.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February and the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> March were confirmed and signed.

**Matters Arising:**

*Highways* there followed brief discussion on the visit of Mr Vale – councillors felt that he had not offered much assistance to the council. However it was noted that we have been added to the October list for funding, albeit it is a long list!

Mrs Cole has raised the “safer routes to schools” at a governors meeting and this is part of the Health Promoting Schools initiative.

It was mentioned that the Highway Officers do not see all the planning applications and agreed that in future where there may be a highway issue a note will be sent to Highways asking them to look at the particular application. Letter from Wimblington Parish Council supporting Manea’s comments about Boots Bridge – we await the response from the Accident Prevention Dept at Shire Hall.

Letter from Highway Supervisor saying he hoped work would begin on East Street footpaths within 4 weeks.

*Bottle Bank* – Mr Hawkins said he had identified a place at Glebe Close for a bottle bank and had spoken with Adam Pratt and been informed one would be sited there shortly. Unfortunately it was not possible to put one at the village hall because of the close proximity to the Wisbech Road corner one and the village hall site is a commercial venue.

**Planning**

Letter from Mr D Russ saying his property has already been granted a change of use and condition 02 had been incorrectly applied by Fenland and this had been acknowledged by them. He says his property alone is the only one to have been granted this change to residential. He again asks parish council to withdraw their objection to his application for the removal of condition 02. He is in the process of converting his “workplace” into an annexe.

Mr Smart suggested council contact Fenland to confirm that this is indeed the only property on the estate to have the change of use granted, to send Nigel Brown at FPO a copy of Mr Russ’ letter. Mr Barnes wondered if converting the annexe should have separate planning permission – would this be a separate dwelling and used as another residence. If so it completely goes against council policy of having workplace homes on this estate. Clerk to include this query in letter. To reply to Mr Russ that we are looking into the matter further.

*Notice of appeal* against felling of Holly tree in Westfield Road

*Approvals*

Twiglets – 5 High Street; Hazelmere Homes – 25 Station Road; Piggery 7 Westfield Road; Plots 2,3 Wisbech Road; 7 School Lane.

*Refusal* - Sears Bros – Fodder Fen.

**Footpaths** letter giving details of new guidelines for diversion or extinguishment of footpaths.

Mrs Desborough mentioned that we still had not got the “dead-end” sign near the pit path and cars were going down and having to back all the way out. Also the signs at Bearts Farm had been moved around and now point in the wrong direction. – Clerk will write.

Mr Cole raised a complaint that the foreign workers had been drinking vodka and throwing bottles in the playing field. They had also been rude and intimidating to parents at the field. It was agreed to write to Maurice Crouch Growers to make them aware of these complaints. Mr Archer also said that when they had been working in the fields in Wisbech Road they had thrown beer cans, sandwich packets, rubber gloves etc in the dyke between the land and Wisbech Road. To mention this also in the letter.

**Finance**

*Payments*

EDF Energy power to new light	522.88	
FACT donation	25.00	
M Short new areas	56.50	
J Waters salary	117.25	
J Boardman- cleaning	45.20	proposed Mrs Cole-Palmby
I Cook salary	233.02	seconded Mr Hawkins
Cambs CC pension	61.33	
Inland Revenue – tax due	197.16	
Cambs CC school hire	85.00	
BW Cook new cem path	<u>8794.29</u>	
	10137.63	

Clerk has the figures and letter from CALC asking if we wish to renew our membership. All agreed that we had not missed the services of CALK and unfortunately they were too expensive to re-join at this present time.

**Manea Pit** We are still waiting for letter of confirmation of sale figure and any stipulations from Environment Agency. Clerk will be speaking with English Nature for advice and has also asked Mr Harper, County Councillor for names of officers of both Fenland and County who might be able to advise on grant funding.

There was some discussion on the way ahead and whether or not we should hold an open meeting. Mr Barnes suggested we invite Mr Sears to any such meetings since the family were the original owners of the pit. Also to invite Mr Michael Hawes who has experience of a fishing lake.

It was agreed a possible date for the council to meet with any visitors offering advice be 10<sup>th</sup> May – this will be discussed again at the April meeting when further information may be to hand.

## **Correspondence**

Land Registry – details of how to register all council land. Clerk has a letter giving permission for her to get the deeds from Solicitors and take to Land Registry shortly. This was signed by Mrs Cole-Palmby.

FDC – letter about future liaison with Fenland Council – since Karen Gee has left Fenland we have had no liaison officer. It was agreed to ask for a liaison officer to attend every third parish meeting if possible.

Peterborough City Council – details of waste management sites

Tower Mint – they have issued a coin for Queen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday – clerk asked if council would purchase one for every Manea School child, at a cost of £1.24 each. Mr Barnes proposed council do this, seconded by Mr Smart.

Geoffrey Harper – asking for details of voluntary organisation in Manea – Clerk has replied, council added a couple to the list.

Fenland Voluntary Organisation – booklet with details of members.

Cambs CC – concessionary bus fares and also notice of increase in some fares.

FDC – dog fouling letter saying our application for another bin in Westfield Road would be dealt with soon.

Environment Agency – booklet with results of study into future of Welches Dam – to be circulated – responses to be in by 15<sup>th</sup> May.

E-mail concerning the correspondence by Mr Haylett about his uncle's name being added to war memorial – it appears his claim cannot be validated.

Mr Barnes gave council an update on the youth projects – a date of 19<sup>th</sup> May has been set for the disco – hire of the hall will be £60 and council agreed to support the venture by paying for this. There will be no alcohol at the event. It appears the youth club disco equipment stored at the hall has been damaged by water – they are trying to find out about insurance cover for this.

Mention was made of the condition of the open space and the fact that the estate at 25 Station Road is nearing completion and Hazelmere Homes have not kept their part of the agreement to:

Refurbish the village sign; fence the open space; make the walkway from the village hall car park to Station Road; and following the visit by Michael Phillips where he agreed to fence the front of the playing field. Clerk to write to him.

**Date of next meeting** - Councillors agreed to a change of day/date for the Parish Assembly to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm. Followed by business meeting at 7.30 pm.

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

