

MANEA PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting – 22nd January 2007.

Apologies were received from Mr Emery. Mr Smart was absent. All other councillors were present.

Minutes of the meetings held on 27th November and 13th December were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Xmas Tree – Mr Risbridger said that Mr Philpott had asked for a donation towards electricity and new bulbs. It was agreed clerk should write asking him for a formal note to her of the cost involved.

Highways Clerk has received an e-mail from Highway Surveyor saying work would be done to the Fifties Road. However it was reported it is still very bad, especially at Bonds Farm Corner – clerk to contact them again.

Jointly funded minor improvements – giving details of the 4 schemes that have been approved. None for the village.

Winter maintenance leaflets were available.

Sewerage – High Street – Mr Crompton had sent clerk copy of the e-mail he has received from Anglian Water about the High Street drains. This says they were carrying out an inspection and would contact him again to discuss the result of their investigations. Clerk to ask Mr Crompton if this has been done.

Parish Plan – a provisional date for 19th February had originally be discussed, however this is not convenient for several people and a new date of 13th March at the British Legion Club was put forward. If Mr Emery is happy with this on his return from holiday Clerk will proceed with notices etc.

Open Space – Hazelmere Homes – e-mail from Nigel Brown saying he is looking to enforce the S106 on this open space.

Open Space – Williams Way - letter from Legal Dept saying with hindsight they agree they should have communicated with parish council in a more formal manner. They gave clarification on the decision to sell the land. It was mentioned that some time ago Mr H Fox, the original owner of the land gave funds to Fenland Council towards provision for this open space. Clerk to write to enquire where this funding has gone.

Cemetery - Mr Cole and Mr Emery have visited the cemetery – there several matters that need attention:

In the old part of the cemetery – the graves need spraying in and around

There are weeds in other parts of the cemetery that need spraying

There are weeds and it is very overgrown behind the taps near the gate

The main part of the outside of the front of the cemetery still needs the old bedding plants clearing and the weeds hoed up.

There are bags of rubbish near the hedge that have been there for some time that need clearing, but they should not be put down on the earth heap at the bottom of the cemetery.

The caretaker had asked clerk if he could get some black paint for the gates, however it was felt that these should be left for the time being as they are not a priority at this moment in time. The other work needs attending to first – clerk to write to Mr Deaves accordingly.

Manea Pit – apart from an acknowledgement of the identification documents and deposit nothing has been heard from Solicitors.

Playing Field it was reported the field is very wet at present. It was suggested either spiking the surface or possibly para-ploughing it. Mr Barnes said however this could not be done yet, but would be best in the summer time. Mr Barnes, Mr Emery and Mr Cole will look at the possibility of clearing out the dyke which runs alongside the pit. They will look to obtaining quotations from two firms with a mini-digger. To discuss at the next meeting.

Mr Cole mentioned the pavilion cleaner – clerk said Ms Boardman had cleaned the pavilion on 20th January.

The conifer hedge will be cut as soon as weather permits.

There was a discussion on the water/flooding problems in Park Road/Straight Road, but it was felt this should be settled between the residents.

Planning

Mr Barnes had a newspaper advertisement for a dwelling at Purls Bridge for sale – when the planning application was approved parish council had stipulated these properties should be for holiday use only, but it would appear Fenland Council did not attach this stipulation to the approval. To bring the matter up when Mr Mills visits in February.

Approvals 10 houses S of Williams Way
2 bed house S of 35/37 High Street
Extension to 88 Westfield Road
Dormer windows at Fodder Fen bungalow.

Appeal Mars construction against refusal for 4 x 3 bed semi detached dwellings on land E of 33 Westfield Road.

Hazelmere Homes – method of demolition of 96 Westfield Road – approved

Mr & Mrs Mills – extension to 3 Swallow Court – approved

D Cole – installation of sewerage pumping station, mast, radio mast, kiosk and junction box on land S of 7 Westfield Road. Mr Cole declared his interest and left the room. The application was supported.

FDC – revised proposals for conversion of domestic garage to office and provision of storage room and WC/shower room for use in connection with existing workshop and proposed office. Clerk to enquire whether Fenland knew what kind of business the application ran from this address.

FDC – erection of 2 x 4 bed houses on land SE of Williams Way – amended plan showing public footpath and slightly reduced plot – clerk to look into this amendment to see what comments were made on the original application.

FDC – street naming – development 29-33 Westfield Road – suggestions:

Giles Close (preferred) or Bedford View (their alternative)

Clerk to reply parish council would prefer Bedford View as they understood development roads could not be named after a living person – as in their preferred suggestion.

CPRE – planning workshop – Mr Archer expressed an interest in attending.

Street Lighting sites in Wisbech Road, Westfield Road and Georgina Close were put forward. Mrs Palmby will look and contact clerk.

Finance

Gala committee have sent cheque for £500 towards the roundabout repairs, but felt it would be nice if a small plaque was placed on or near it with “repaired with funds from Manea Gala” – clerk to reply that parish council have no problem with the gala committee supplying and erecting such a plaque, preferably on the fence near the roundabout.

Receipts

Second half concurrent functions grant	1695.00
Landing – Chambers/Fox burials	<u>145.00</u>
	1840.00

Payments

G Sharman – roundabout repairs	587.50
PDeaves – cemetery	28.00
P Clarke – playing field	174.60
I Cook – sal/phone	274.01
Cambs CC pension	<u>69.13</u>
	1133.24

Proposed: Mrs Palmby; Seconded Mrs Desborough

Correspondence

FDC Liaison meeting – Mr Cole indicated he may be able to attend.
CCC statement of community involvement
Cambs Housing Association/e-mail from Mr Mills – who has prepared a report for a local letting scheme but there is a query concerning mutual exchanges – there is a proposal where when requiring tenants with local connection to advertise for 3 months and after that time they can accept anyone who wants to exchange – he asked if council would agree such an approach as being a reasonable balance – clerk to reply council do agree with this but would ask if they could be made aware when there is vacancy being advertised even if it is not their turn to nominate.
Wildlife Trust information
COPE – diary dates for 2007.
CCC trading standards information
CCC budget for 07/08/ + Cambs Fire & Rescue budget
Police an invitation to rural community question time
FDC – new gambling act 2005
Welney Parish Council with suggestion concerning logging complaints to Police
FDC – their corporate plan
RE-cap – meetings in February
Victim Support – asking for donation – Mr Barnes proposed £25 this was seconded by Mr Archer

Other Business

Mr Cole mentioned the overhanging trees going into Park View – the refuse lorry will not go in because of the trees – these are the responsibility of Mr Pressland at 5 High Street – clerk to write to ask if he would trim them back.

Date of next meeting – Monday 26th February – 7.00 p.m.
Visitors – Mr Tim Mills and Ms Laura Frazzel (Rural housing)

Signed Dated