

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Of the Parish of Mancetter

Minutes of the Mancetter Annual Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday 23rd May 2017 commencing at 7 p.m. in the School Room, St. Peter's Church Mancetter

Present:

Chairman

Mr T Hopkins.

Parish Councillors

Mr J Arrowsmith, Mr T Benham, Mr B Twining, Mr H Blackburn, Mrs G Forknall,
Mrs S Healy, Mr B O'Keeffe.

Parish Clerk

Mrs K Meads.

Assistant Clerk

Mrs E Higgins.

Parishioners

Mr J Sparrow, Mr F Hands, Mr R Drakeford, Rev T Tooby, Mr B Stevenson, Ms K
Meads, Mr R Smith, Mr G Bromley, Ms E McKay

County Councillor

Mrs M Bell

Borough Councillor

Mr M Davis

1. Apologies

Mrs D Clews (Borough Councillor), Mr J Holt, Mrs S Holt,
Mrs J Marshall, Mrs J Mawson, Mrs S Drakeford, Mr A Rothen, Mrs M Coult.

2. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present to the Annual Parish Meeting for 2017.

3a. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting had already been approved and signed at the July 2016 meeting of the Parish, as is the custom.

3b. Matters arising from the previous meeting.

All matters from the previous meeting had been dealt with.

**All reports marked ✪ are available to read in full
in the Parish Council office within Mancetter Memorial Hall.**

4. Chairman's Report ✪

The Chairman, Mr Trevor Hopkins gave his 25th annual report as Chair of Mancetter Parish Council.

5. Financial Officer's Report ✪

The Clerk, Mrs Karen Meads, as the Responsible Financial Officer of the Parish Council, gave her report.

Signed by Mr T Hopkins

Dated

6a. Borough Councillors

Martin Davis fed back that he was pleased that North Warwickshire Borough Council had supported the Parish Council throughout the Appeal process for the Chicken Broiler.

6b. County Councillor

Margaret Bell introduced herself to the meeting as the newly elected County Councillor for the area. In her role as a Borough Councillor for Hartshill she has been aware of some of the issues faced by the Parish and will do her best to raise and tackle concerns. As a member of the steering group for the Travellers Site in Oldbury Road, she is keen to ensure that all of the planning conditions are fully met before any work commences.

7. Police Update

There was no Police report submitted or apologies received.

8. Community Development Team NWBC.

Emma McKay from the Community Development Team explained that they have identified Atherstone and Mancetter as a priority area. The team wish to engage the community and through meetings surveys and questionnaires are hoping to help the community by promoting their wishes and linking them to internal NWBC policies.

Feedback from Organisations and Community Groups Invited.

Coventry & Warwickshire Mind

Gary Bromley explained that Mind are a Mental Health Charity based in North Warwickshire promoting mental health awareness, five ways to wellbeing and a recovery academy. They offer three sessions a week at Mancetter Memorial Hall where they also have an office base.

Volunteer Footpaths Partnership

John Arrowsmith stated that the Parish footpaths were all accessible, and that the quarry may be able to assist with some volunteers to help with ongoing maintenance and repair of rights of way markers. A question was raised about who was responsible for repairing some loose slats on the bridge at the bottom of Mill Lane and for cutting back trees over the river. The bridge is the responsibility of Warwickshire County Council and the trees either the County Rangers or the National Rivers Authority. This will be reported.

Atherstone District Brownies and Guides

Katie Meads explained that the Brownies and Guides meet every Monday night term time round at Mancetter Memorial Hall. They have enjoyed lots of activities - including sleepovers, and have worked hard to obtain a number of badges. Two new Brownie Leaders have joined and the groups are well attended.

Mancetter Community Panel ✨

John and Sandra Holt were unable to attend so Karen Meads read out their report. They would like to encourage more people to attend their weekly bowls session from 1pm on a Wednesday afternoon at Mancetter Memorial Hall and to join their community group meetings held every three months.

Signed by Mr T Hopkins

Dated

Gramer Cottages ✨

Rob Drakeford read out the report on behalf of Sue Drakeford for Gramer Cottages. They are currently looking for two new trustees to join their Charity.

Mancetter Memorial Hall Committee

Rev Tony Tooby shared that the Memorial Hall Charity had experienced a very successful year and paid tribute to its team of trustees. The vision of being a community centre in the heart of the village is coming to fruition and many groups are now able to provide valuable community activities by using the well-maintained facilities.

St Peters Church

Tony stated that St Peters have been involved with community activities including refreshments on Dickens night and volunteering to do the Santa Sleigh run around the village. Discussions are taking place to work in partnership with the Civic Society and Warwickshire County Council, to obtain funding to display Roman Artefacts in the Bracebridge Centre and encourage school visits. Rob Drakeford who maintains the Cemetery and Church Yard on behalf of the Parish Council suggested producing a leaflet on the history of the Church and Grounds.

Ridge Lane Community Hall ✨

Elane Higgins presented the report for Ridge Lane Community Hall on behalf of Jean Marshall. The Hall is an integral part of village life in Ridge Lane and is well supported by local people.

Ridge Lane Allotments

John Sparrow and Fred Hands reported that the Allotments are looking nice. Appreciation was given to Barry Stevenson the Parish Council Handyman for his hard work, in particular in repairing potholes. There are no vacancies at present.

Ridge Lane Neighbourhood Watch Group. ✨

The report for the Neighbourhood Watch group was read out by Trevor Hopkins. Information on online safety and road closures are included at meetings as well as feedback from the PCSO's.

Mancetter Scouts Little Stars Nursery and Laurel Gardens.

There was no representation from these groups and organisations at the meeting.

Quarry Liaison Group

The Quarry at Mancetter is approaching the end of its productive life and plans are in place to hand the Quarry back to the parish in 2025. Sue Healy fed back about the possibility of assistance from the Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Association in helping to set up a consortium of local people to look at the management of the area. Tarmac would continue to offer financial assistance for the first five years. The area contains special fossils as well as birdlife although management of the acid water on site will require continual specialist treatment. Finding people to take on this responsibility in the future may be a challenge.

Signed by Mr T Hopkins

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Ridge Lane Youth Group ✨

Karen Meads read out the report for the Youth Group on behalf of Irene Boffin. The group which meets on Tuesdays at Ridge Lane Community hall received some funding from Chris Clark the former County Councillor and have enjoyed indoor and outdoor activities.

Ridge Lane WI ✨

Glynis Forknall shared with everyone the Ridge Lane WI activities over the past year. They meet once a month on a Monday at Ridge Lane Community Hall and have 18 members. Fundraising is taking place in partnership with Church End Brewery to raise funds for a defibrillator to be attached to the wall of the Chapel and Community Room.

Mancetter WI

Elane Higgins read out a report from Mandy Coult President of Mancetter WI. The group meet on the second Wednesday of every month at Mancetter Memorial Hall and have welcomed a range of guest speakers including a workshop on flamenco dancing which was enjoyed by all.

Mancetter Village Action Group

Tony Tooby as Chair of the Action Group thanked the Parish Council and the Borough and County Councillors for their support in listening to the residents of Mancetter to make a stand against the Chicken Broiler Application. Although the Appeal was lost, a Community Spirit was gained which led to the Neighbourhood Plan for Mancetter Parish being put together.

9. Any Other Parish Business

Rob Drakeford wanted it noting that the People of Mancetter felt angry and let down by the Broiler decision being overturned. Margaret Bell explained that there were other steps being discussed in the aftermath of the appeal including a letter to the Secretary of State.

Mr T Hopkins thanked everyone for their attendance.
He also thanked Katie Meads for providing the refreshments.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm and refreshments were served.

10. Date of next meeting will be Tuesday 22nd May 2018

Signed by Mr T Hopkins

Dated