

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Of the Parish of Mancetter

Minutes of the Mancetter Annual Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday 24th April 2018 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 H Blackburn, Mrs S Healy, Mr B O'Keeffe.

Parish Clerk

Mrs K Meads.

Assistant Clerk

Mrs E Higgins.

Parishioners

Mrs J Mawson, Mr R Drakeford, Mrs S Drakeford, Mrs S Holt, Mr J Holt, Mrs K Wilkins, Mr P Mann, Ms E Bryant, Mr M Evans, Mr A Rothen, Mrs R Rothen, Mr B Stevenson, Mrs A Spencer, Ms J Bennett, Mrs M Coult, Ms K Meads.

County Councillor

Mrs M Bell

Borough Councillor

Mrs D Clews

Community Development Team:

Ms C Haines, Ms E Bracey

1. Apologies

Mr M Davis (Borough Councillor), Mrs G Forknall (Parish Councillor), Mrs J Marshall, Mrs I Boffin, Ms S Fretter (PCSO), Mr C Penn (Laurel Gardens)

2. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present to the Annual Parish Meeting for 2018.

3a. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting had already been approved at the July 2017 meeting of the Parish. A copy was signed at this meeting for the records.

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 on request
in the Parish Council office within Mancetter Memorial Hall.**

4. Chairman's Report *

The Chairman, Mr Trevor Hopkins gave his 26th annual report as Chair of Mancetter Parish Council and a copy was distributed to all those present.

Signed by Mr T Hopkins

Dated

5. Financial Officer's Report *

The Clerk, Mrs Karen Meads, as the Responsible Financial Officer of the Parish Council, gave her report and also distributed a copy to all members of the public in attendance.

6a. Borough Councillor

Denise Clews stated that in the light of the issues with the Cadman Close build in Mancetter, should there be any traffic and parking concerns with the forthcoming development at Arden Forest Estate in Ridge Lane, then residents and Councillors should report their issues directly to her.

6b. County Councillor

Margaret Bell fed back to the meeting that the County Council had reached the final stage of funding for a special government grant to look at providing a dual carriageway along the A5 from MIRA up to the M42 Island. It is hoped that eventually this can be extended right up to the junction with the M69.

The Emergency Stopping Place for Travellers just outside of the Parish has now been used and all admissions will be vetted by a Traveller and Liaison Officer prior to entrance to the site.

WCC do have an ongoing involvement with the Laurel Gardens Development in Mancetter, and Margaret will be attending a meeting to look at the concerns over residents wandering lost around the Community.

Once the last phase of converting Street Lights to LED bulbs has been completed, a review will take place as to whether to keep the lights on overnight. People are asked to contact Margaret with their preference.

Some more dropped kerbs will be provided to improve the pedestrian routes for wheelchairs and pushchairs from Mancetter to Atherstone, and a Pedestrian Crossing across the road to the Manor Road Post Office has been scheduled for later this financial year. Residents welcomed this and also raised the difficulty of crossing an increasingly busy Nuneaton Road in order to reach the Alms Houses and the Cemetery.

7. Police Update

There was no police report submitted. PCSO M Yaqub has now transferred to Coleshill and PCSO S Fretter has now returned to be the police contact for this area.

8. Feedback from Organisations and Community Groups Invited.

Community Development Team NWBC.

The OVO Women's Cycle event is coming again to the area on 15th June and will pass through the villages of Ridge Lane and Birchley Heath. Residents are encouraged to come out to support them and be involved in putting together some bunting. More "Big Days Out" are planned with a war themed event being organised for Mancetter Recreation Ground on 23rd September.

Angie Spencer – Roman Heritage/ World War One Commemorations

Angie is part of the HAT Committee (Historic Atherstone Town) which have obtained National Lottery Funding to put on events to mark the centenary of the ending of the first world war. On 2nd June there will be events taking place in the Market Square and also on the 10th November in Atherstone Memorial Hall.

In Mancetter on the actual anniversary of 11th November, activities are also being planned in conjunction with the Parish Council. A play will be performed at Mancetter Memorial Hall to highlight the impact that war had on the families who lived in our Parish and it is hoped that the community can join together to create silhouettes of soldiers that can be displayed around the area along with hand-made poppies and floral displays. A special commemorative service will take place at St Peter's Church and the church bells rung.

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Volunteer Footpaths Partnership

John Arrowsmith explained that the rural footpaths are well maintained within the Parish with support from section 106 funding from the Tarmac Quarry at Mancetter. More Volunteers are needed to carry out minor repairs to rights of way markers and Katie Meads from the local Brownies and Guides group asked if this is something that the Guides could be involved with.

Mancetter Community Group

Sandra Holt is the Chair of the Mancetter Community Group which has been running for 9 years now, providing weekly indoor bowls and bingo sessions at Mancetter Memorial Hall. An annual trip to the seaside and other outings alongside flower barrels and benches have also been organised by the Tenant- led Community Panel.

Gramer Cottages *

Sue Drakeford read out a report on behalf of the Gramer Cottages Trustees. They meet regularly on Tuesday afternoons in the schoolroom of St Peter's Church and would welcome donations and new members in order to preserve these grade II listed properties for the future.

Mancetter Memorial Hall Committee *

Jane Bennett the Chair of Mancetter Memorial Hall read out a report for the meeting. The hall has been busy over the last twelve months with a wide range of regular community activities taking place. New groups have started including drama and dance classes for children along with historical talks, workshops and consultations.

St Peters Church

The church has been in interregnum since September and the Church Wardens and PCC have been working hard to maintain the running of the church. They have hosted a civic service as well as several community activities, from walking groups and craft sessions to baby groups and history. The Roman heritage is important being built upon the Roman Fort and this is an area being explored further.

Ridge Lane Community Hall *

Karen Meads 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 with activities including tea and toast, t'ai chi, yoga and the boys brigade. After a fantastic response by the local community and match funding from a local business man a defibrillator has now been installed.

Ridge Lane Allotments

The Allotments are fully let and although everyone is behind as a result of the weather this well- maintained community provision is appreciated and allotment holders have been involved with competitions.

Ridge Lane Neighbourhood Watch Group.

The group has its own Facebook page and uses social media to communicate issues around the area. Support and advice is offered by Carol Cotterill the Rural Crime Co-ordinator and the local PCSO's.

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Atherstone District Brownies and Guides *

Katie Meads shared information about the units of which two meet up within the Parish at Mancetter Memorial hall.

There are currently 15 Brownies and 28 Guides and they enjoy a wide range of fun activities including cooking, crafts, educational games and sleepovers.

If anyone would like to help volunteer their time and skills then please get in touch.

Mancetter Scouts Little Stars Nursery and Laurel Gardens.

There was no representation from these groups and organisations at the meeting although Karen Meads had spoken to the Scout Group and they are looking to start up a group again shortly to run alongside the Beavers and Cubs.

Quarry Liaison Group

The Quarry is nearly at the end of its extraction of diorite stone and the site is under review. We will need to see what happens in the future. The team at Tarmac have always been supportive and helpful to the Parish and will always deal with any issues with lorries if reported. The new manager is called Richard Price.

The other liaison group who Parish Councillors meet with is Sarval (formerly Demulders). They have no major developments planned and dealt quickly with an odour issue on Good Friday. There is a member of the Environment Agency closely involved with the liaison group so this allows the site to be closely monitored.

Ridge Lane Youth Group *

Karen Meads read out the report from the Ridge Lane Youth Group who continue to meet at the Community Hall on Tuesday's from 6pm -7.30pm for children between the ages of 6 and 13.

Ridge Lane WI

Ridge Lane WI have 18 members and meet on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Community Hall from 7pm - 9pm with a varied programme of events. It is the centenary this year of Warwickshire Women's Institutes and they will be celebrating with other local groups.

Mancetter WI

Mandy Coult President of Mancetter WI, explained that they have 34 members who meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Mancetter Memorial Hall from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. They also have a craft group which meets monthly at St Peter's Church. Like Ridge Lane they are involved in centenary events and both groups have a commemorative oak tree to plant within the parish. They are keen to participate in local community events and are busy making poppies.

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9. Any Other Parish Business

- John Arrowsmith asked if community groups could let him have some general information to put onto the Parish website.
- There have been issues with Quad bikes riding on the green and lorries trying to pass parked cars around the edge of the green.
- Rob Drakeford shared that there is a fallen tree in the river Anchor under the bridge at Mill Lane which needs removing. The Community Development Team suggested contacting the Tree Officer at NWBC. There is also sometimes a discolouration of the water in the stream which will need looking into. Tarmac regularly take samples and treat water prior to disposal so this will need investigating by the Canal and Rivers Trust.
- Andy Rothen from Whitegate Farm will give us a contact who may be able to help with the ongoing issues at the Quarry Lane canal bridge.
- Peter Mann a resident in Harpers Lane has written to the County Council about the speeding and high volumes of traffic using Nuneaton Road at all hours despite the presence of flashing speed signs into and out of the village. He has witnessed the difficulties crossing over from the Church to the Cemetery and raised the possibility of a crossing. It was suggested inviting the Highways Department at WCC to come and look at the issues.

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

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm and refreshments were served.

10. Date of next meeting will be Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

Signed by Mr T Hopkins

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