

# MANCETTER PARISH COUNCIL

Mancetter Matters June 2015

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish meeting was held in the School Room, St Peter's Church, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015

All local groups had been asked to give a report on their activities during the previous year. Members of the public also attended.

The meeting had been brought forward by a week to avoid the Bank Holiday and School Half Term. Although a number of organisations were unable to send representatives they did send reports that were read out by the Parish Clerk. The organisations and members of the public who did attend also gave their reports.

The Chairman, Mr Trevor Hopkins opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

The Chairman's full report included a Financial Statement, traffic issues and Police matters, Mancetter Cemetery, Ridge Lane Community Association, Allotments in Ridge Lane, the environment, including footpaths, amenities, grants, Planning applications, future targets and a closing summary. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council element of the Council Tax had increased slightly this year.

The Clerk, Mrs Karen Meads followed with a more detailed report on the finances of the Parish Council for the previous 12 months.

Mr Martin Davis, Borough Councillor, gave a short report and said how pleased he was to see so many people in attendance. Our new Borough Councillor, Mrs Denise Clews also attended the meeting and stressed how keen she is to meet with the residents of Mancetter and hopes to visit groups in the coming months.

PC Kim Stafford gave a report on crime in the area saying that there has been little increase or decrease recently. There is an ongoing issue with off road bikes and there is now a bike team who visit the hotspots on a regular basis. PC Stafford urged everyone to report crime to the police and raise issues at Area Forum meetings.

Reports were then received from the following groups and organisations: Footpaths in the Parish, Mancetter Village Community Association and Mancetter Community Panel, Gramer Cottages Association, Ridge Lane Allotments, Ridge Lane Methodist and Community Hall, Ridge Lane Youth Club, Ridge Lane WI, Mancetter WI, DeMulder Liaison Group, St Peter's Church and the new Village Action Group. Jill Mawson was congratulated for the excellent work she has done with the Ridge Lane Neighbourhood Watch Group.

The Chairman then thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and stated how pleased he was to see so many active groups within the Parish and wished them every success for the coming year.

## **NEW COUNCILLORS**

As everyone is aware, 2015 is an election year. We have had four Councillors elected without opposition in Mancetter.

Mr Trevor Hopkins

Mrs Susan Healy

Mr Tony Benham

Mr Jeff Everitt

Three long serving Councillors have retired:

Mrs Jean Marshall after 24 years service

Mr Bryan Hamson after 8 years service

Mrs Jill Mawson after 8 years service

Mr Chris Tooby decided not to stand for re-election.

The Chairman and Clerk would like to thank all councillors for their hard work and dedication within the Parish.

Two new Councillors were co-opted to the Council.

Mr Harry Blackburn and Mrs Glynis Forknall. We would like to welcome them to Mancetter Parish Council.

There are currently two vacancies for Councillors within Mancetter.

If you live in the Parish of Mancetter (Mancetter and Ridge Lane) or within two miles and would like to be co-opted or want more information on the role of a Parish Councillor then please contact The Clerk, Mrs Karen Meads.