

Summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter.

Summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter held on 24th March 2009 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, Mr B Hamson, Mrs S Healy, Mrs J Marshall, Mrs J Mawson.
Borough Councillors	Mrs L Freer.
Parish Clerk	Mrs K Evans.
Member of Public	Mr Melvyn Hopkins
Apologies	Mr R Grant (WCC), Mr M Davis (NWBC) and Mrs D Teagles (MPC)

Welcome. Mr Hopkins welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 7 p.m.

Public Question Time. Mr Hopkins welcomed Mr Melvyn Hopkins who introduced himself as a Mancetter Parishioner as well as being recently co-opted onto Atherstone Town Council. Mr Melvyn Hopkins stated he had come along to introduce himself and see what happened at Mancetter Parish Council Meetings.

Reports from the Borough and County Councillors. Mrs Freer stated that she had recently learnt that street wardens were being employed locally to deal with day to day problems/situations in the area. Mrs Freer stated that there would be a full report on the NWBC Website.

Mrs Freer spoke of the new traffic controls along the Witherley Road and Mancetter Road. She stated that she was dissatisfied with the splitter island on Witherley Road. Mr Arrowsmith considered that in his opinion the humps were badly designed. After a brief discussion it was agreed that this was yet another example of public and local views being ignored.

Any other Parish Business

Mr Arrowsmith informed the Council that in light of the Witherley Road traffic safety restrictions issue he would not retire in May (as he had planned) but remain until the issue had been resolved. Mr Hopkins stated that he was more than delighted that Mr Arrowsmith would continue with his hard work until a resolution had been sought.

Mrs Mawson will represent Mancetter Parish Council on the De Mulder's Liaison Committee, with Mr Hamson acting as eserve. Mr Hopkins informed the Council that Mr John Love, the owner of The Cattery, will be attending the Liaison Committee as a member of the public.

It was decided that Mrs Mawson and Mrs Healy would split into a sub-group to work on the details of the new laws involving the Freedom of Information Act and then meet with the Clerk. Wednesday 8th April was set for the sub-group to meet at the Clerk's house. Mr. Blackburn stated that he had noticed the new Parish Notice Board in Manor Road had condensation inside it. Mrs Evans informed the Council that she knew about the situation and had contacted Mr Woodhouse, the manufacturer, concerning this.

Cemetery

Mr. Blackburn stated that he had fixed the tap in the cemetery.

Rules and Regulations in the Cemetery. Due to the lack of adherence to the present rules and regulations in the cemetery, it was decided to update the revised copies and place them in the new notice boards in the cemetery.

The Clerk distributed examples of cemetery rules and regulations from other authorities for the Council to peruse. After a brief discussion it was decided that the Clerk would bring a draft of rules and regulations to the next meeting.

Benches

The draft document on Benches in the Parish was discussed, after which the document was authorized, with only one amendment. Clerk to place in Notice Boards in Cemetery.

Grit Bins

Mr. Hopkins informed the Council that during the recent severe weather the grit bin at the top of Steppey Lane had disappeared. Mrs Evans also reported that residents from Glovers Close and Ramsden Road had asked for grit bins to be provided in their street.

It was approved by the Council for the Clerk to order three new grit bins in September.

Risk Assessment

Mr Hopkins informed the Council of his and Mr Hamson's attendance at a seminar on risk assessment. Mr Hopkins asked the Council for approval to form a sub group to deal with this very topical issue. This was approved unanimously. A meeting at the Clerk's house on 26th March 2009 was organised between the Clerk, Mr Hamson and Mr Hopkins to discuss the procedures on risk assessments.

Allotments

Mr Hopkins reported to the Council that all rents for 2009/10 had been collected and handed to the Clerk. He also stated that two people were on a waiting list for allotments.

With no other business Mr Hopkins declared the meeting closed at 10.25 p.m. Date of the next meeting 26th May 2009.