

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 21st July 2009 at 7.00 p.m. in The School Room, St. Peter's Church, Mancetter.

Present:

Chairwoman	Mrs J Marshall
Parish Councillors	Mrs S Healy, Mrs J Mawson, Mr B Hamson, Mr J Arrowsmith, Mr H Blackburn and Mrs D Teagles.
Borough Councillors	Mrs L Freer
Parish Clerk	Mrs K Evans
Apologies	Mr T Hopkins (Chairman), Mrs C Fox (Newly Elected County Councillor)

Declaration of Interest

Mr Arrowsmith declared an interest in items 12 and 14 on the Agenda, Website and Footpaths respectively. Mrs Mawson declared an interest in Item 11, Allotments.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes were accepted by all present, but will not be signed until the next meeting in May 2010 as is the custom.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting

The minutes, having previously been circulated, were taken as a true record and signed accordingly.

Matters arising from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 26th May 2009.

There were no matters arising from that meeting other than Mr Arrowsmith querying the reason given by police for their non-attendance at our Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Mrs Evans produced a number of emails received from various members of the police force which stated that nobody seemed to know anything about it.

Mrs Freer had spoken to the newly elected County Councillor, Mrs Fox concerning the speed cushions along Witherley Road. Although sympathetic she stated that in her opinion there were only three options left:- leave them as they are, lower them, or remove them completely. Mr Hamson reported that during a meeting at Queen Elizabeth School, the Headmaster had said that he was happy with the speed cushions along Witherley Road as they had slowed the traffic down considerably. Mrs Freer also said that Mrs Fox had indicated that there would probably have to be a further consultation on the matter.

Mrs Freer informed the Council that a Flexi-Bus, which accommodates wheelchairs and electric chairs, will in the near future be travelling through Mancetter Estate.

The recent Network Rail proposal of building a short new section of track, known as a chord was discussed at some length. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Secretary of State outlining the Council's objections.

Signed by Chair

Dated:

Mr T Hopkins

Any Other Parish Business

Mrs Healy informed the Council of the newly elected committee of the MVCA, along with 9 other members on the committee. A fun-day had been organised for the 15th August.

Formal receipt of External Auditors Report

The Clerk distributed details from the external auditor, Clement Keys and internal auditor, Nigel Lane, concerning the accounts.

Cemetery and Maintenance

It was decided that a Cemetery Sub-Group would be formed. The widening of the cemetery path was discussed again. A faculty would be needed from the Bishop concerning any works that needed doing in the churchyard. Clerk to obtain permission.

Mr Blackburn asked if the difficulty over the uneven grave in the cemetery had been resolved.

Mrs Evans stated that Mr Drakeford, the Cemetery Maintenance Contractor, had levelled the area and replaced the turf.

Clerk's Salary

After a brief discussion the Clerk was awarded an increase to the next step on the incremental pay scheme.

Allotments

The risk assessment and rules and regulation consultation documents for the allotments in Ridge Lane which had been previously distributed were discussed. |The Parish Council would notify their insurance company that there is a well in the allotment.

Discussing the allotment pathway Mrs Marshall said that the allotment holders had always looked after the main path and those leading to individual plots.

Website

Mr Arrowsmith asked for the completed details concerning of the Freedom of Information Act to place on the website.

Summary of the Minutes

Mr Arrowsmith asked for the summary of the minutes to be approved so that he could place them on the Website. A unanimous approval was obtained.

Footpaths

Mr Arrowsmith informed the Council that the risk assessments for the footpaths were covered by the County Council. Discussing the Bridleway at Quarry Farm Mr Arrowsmith told the Council that the bridleway that had been used for years was in fact, not the legal line. The owner of Quarry Farm, Mr Graham Evans had wanted it legalised. This was due to the fact that the original/legal route travels straight through his farmhouse.

Wathen Grange

A meeting had been initiated from comments received by residents concerned about the behaviour of some of the pupils outside the school and some of the remarks that had been made in the recent Ofsted Report.

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd September 2009

With no other business the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Signed by Chair

Dated:

Mr T Hopkins