

Summary 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 10th November 2009 at 7.00 p.m. in The School Room, St. Peter's Church, Mancetter.

Present:

Chairman	Mr T Hopkins
Parish Councillors	Mrs J Marshall, Mrs S Healy, Mrs J Mawson, Mr B Hamson, Mr J Arrowsmith, Mr H Blackburn and Mrs D Teagles.
Borough Councillors	Mrs L Freer and Mr M Davis
Parish Clerk	Mrs K Evans

Declaration of Interest

Mr Arrowsmith declared an interest in items 15 and 17 on the Agenda, Website and Footpaths respectively. Mrs Mawson and Mr Hopkins declared interest in Item 12, Allotments. Mrs Marshall declared an interest in item 14, Ridge Lane Recreation Area.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the July meeting, having been corrected, were able to be signed by the Chairman at this meeting. The minutes of the previous Parish meeting held in September, together with the Summary of that meeting, having previously been circulated, were accepted by all present as a true record and were duly signed.

Any Other Parish Business

Mr Hopkins informed the Council that the previous planning application for Allotments by Dobbies Garden Centre had now been approved by NWBC.

Reports from Borough Councillors

Mrs Freer stated that she was very pleased that the funding of up to £50781.25 for the Ridge Lane Recreation Ground had been granted and all being well it should be ready for March 2010. Having already being previously agreed the Council would fund (up to the value of £2000.00) a perimeter fence for the recreation ground.

Mr Davis discussing the Network Rail proposal stated that the plan had seemed to have been knocked off its course, albeit temporarily, as Nuneaton Borough Council had objected to the scheme.

There was concern within the Parish Council about the lack of support at County level. Mrs Fox had not yet attended one meeting at the Parish Council.

For the first time for a number of years Mr Hopkins was pleased to announce full representation to WALC from the NWALC was now in place through Martin Davis agreeing to fill the last remaining post.

Cheques and Accounts.

Mr. Hopkins informed the Council that he had spoken to a delighted Mr Fred Hands who had recently been given an Honorarium and a Certificate of Achievement for his hard work in the allotments.

Cemetery and Maintenance

Mr. Hopkins informed the Council that in his opinion Mr Drakeford was doing a splendid job in the Cemetery in his role as Cemetery Maintenance Contractor.

Employment of Handyman.

A meeting with Mr. Barry Stevenson to discuss the newly created position of Handyman.

Mr Hopkins suggested to the Council that Mr Stevenson could be employed in a similar manner to the Cemetery and Footpaths Contractors. In the same way, the handyman would need to take out public liability cover as well as his own insurance. Mr. Hopkins stated that there are many jobs within the cemetery and parish that need to be done in order to maintain the present high standard of care.

Precept

After a brief discussion it was proposed that the precept should be £24100. This would be approximately a 2.25% increase.

Summary of Minutes

The Summary of the minutes of the previous Parish meeting in September, having previously been circulated were accepted as a true record.

Allotments

Mr Hopkins informed the Council that he had placed the notice of Environmental Codes for Allotments in the Allotment notice board.

Wells

Mr Hopkins said that he understood that there are four or five wells in the allotment grounds. All the facts concerning the wells would need to be recorded on a diagram showing their exact position.

Footpaths

Mr. Arrowsmith met with Geoff Treadwell in November and he reported that it had been agreed to try and use some of the Section 10 monies held by County for various items of work in the Parish. The fund now stands at around £2,600. The work primarily relates to replacing some wooden kissing gates with metal ones; replacement of a stolen gate; installing some large waymarker posts and infill of some steps on a path near the Coventry Canal.

Any Other Business

Mrs Mawson stated that De Mulders Trailer Park had finally been granted after an initial refusal. She informed the Council that there is a Scrubbers Hotline for anyone to report odours and bad smells that are emitted from the plant. People need to contact Liz Taberner on 0800 526 592 to report these incidences.

With no other business the meeting closed at 10.14 p.m.