

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PARISH OF MANCETTER**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter, held on Tuesday 24th January 2012, commencing at 7 p.m. in the School Room, St. Peter's Church, Mancetter.

Present:

Chairman	Mr T Hopkins
Parish Councillors	Mrs J Marshall, Mr H Blackburn, Mr B Hamson, Mrs J Mawson, Mrs S Healy
County Councillor	Mrs C Fox
Parish Clerk	Mrs K Meads
Apologies	Mr M Hopkins, PCSO A Wynder. Mrs L Freer, Mr M Davis

Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Declaration of Interest

Both Mr T Hopkins and Mrs J Mawson declared an interest in Item 13-Allotments. Mr T Hopkins declared an interest in Item 17 – Handyman Contract.

Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 22nd November 2011

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved.

Housing 21 Proposals for Extra Care Scheme in Manor Road.

A number of Councillors had visited the Consultation meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2012 at The Memorial Hall. Mr T Hopkins discussed the plans with Mr P Crosland, Construction Manager for Housing 21, who emphasised that the project needs some modifications, but the plans available are close to how they expect the project to be. A copy of the plans was passed around for discussion.

After much discussion by all councillors concerning the project, the care to be provided and the close proximity to Wathen Grange School it was agreed that the objective for this meeting was to concentrate on any Planning issues the Parish Council may have.

The Parish Clerk, Mrs K Meads was asked to respond to Housing 21 with the following concerns:

- The main entrance in Church Walk is very close to the Manor Road, Church Walk junction. This is already a very busy area with traffic from and to Mancetter Road.
- There seems to be very limited parking considering the number of apartments, offices, shops and communal areas.
Will any spaces be designated for: Residents, Staff, Shops, Visitors?
- Concern expressed about the close proximity of the first bungalow in Manor Road, to Wathen School, concerning noise from the school.

Planning Applications – 6 Semi- detached houses in Old Farm Road.

Plans for this scheme were discussed and supported by all Councillors.

Mrs K Meads was asked to write to The Planning Department of NWBC to advise them that Mancetter Parish Council support this scheme.

Signed By Chairman

Date:

Mr Trevor Hopkins

Reports from the County Councillor

Mrs C Fox advised that as part of her process for preparing her budget for repairs she would be visiting areas in the Parish to ensure that funds were allocated with the best effect.

Mrs C Fox advised that:

- She has authorised re surfacing of the footpath in Ramsden Road, Mancetter.
- The re surfacing in Ridge Lane will be done.
- She is aware that the drainage near Dobbies is not satisfactory.
- The drainage at the Cemetery needs attention.
- If disabled parking bays are required, there is a process to request them.

Mr T Hopkins advised that the lamp standard in Ridge Lane had still not been repaired.

Mrs J Mawson asked Mrs C Fox if a date had been set for the Coffee Morning discussed at the previous meeting. Mrs C Fox advised that she was to discuss this with Mrs L Freer and Mr M Davis suggesting the possibility of a joint meeting.

Mrs C Fox then left the meeting.

Statement re Code of Conduct

In November 2011 NALC issued a Legal Briefing entitled.

The Future of Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England

This document was distributed to all Councillors before this meeting.

The briefing states, “ When provisions in the Localism Bill about the future of councillors’ conduct were debated at Committee Stage in the House of Lords, the Government acknowledged that there was opposition to them and made a commitment to consider them further”

WALC have advised; “The current Parish Council Code of Conduct is in place until 15 Feb 12. Until we receive further guidance from Government, we would recommend that the council re-adopts the current model code ensuring that the principles which accompanied the Code are adopted with it, as these principles cover the seven listed in the Localism Act”

It was proposed by Mr H Blackburn and Seconded by Mrs S Healy that the original code be re accepted.

In accordance with The Localism Act 2011 the Mancetter Parish Councillors listed below have accepted the Standards of Conduct consistent with the following principles:

Selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; leadership.

Mr T Hopkins, Mrs J Marshall, Mrs J Mawson, Mr B Hamson, Mr H Blackburn, Mr M Hopkins, Mrs S Healy.

Cemetery and Maintenance

- Mr B Hamson advised the Councillors that he has purchased the camera for use around the Parish, particularly within the Cemetery to photograph headstones.
- New Cremation area – Mr T Hopkins reported that he had been in contact with the company who have offered to produce the plaque to be fixed to the stone. The ordering of the tree was also discussed. Mrs K Meads advised that she would contact Mr R Drakeford to confirm when he would be available to plant the tree. She would then order the tree from Coles Nurseries.

Signed By Chairman

Date:

Mr Trevor Hopkins

Grit bins and Streetlights

Mrs K Meads advised the Councillors that she had received an email regarding the location of grit bins within the Parish, as there didn't seem to be any in the vicinity of Old Farm Road. Mrs K Meads and Mr T Hopkins have confirmed the location of the grit bins around the Parish and Mrs K Meads has updated the register accordingly. It was unanimously agreed that this matter would be raised later in the year to agree the purchase of any further grit bins.

Mrs K Meads reported that The Postmaster at Mancetter Post Office had stressed concern to her about the streetlights in Manor Road being very dim. After discussion, it was requested that Mrs K Meads advise Mrs C Fox about this matter, as she may be able to include this when she travels around the Parish.

Footpaths

- County Partnership Grant – Mrs K Meads advised Councillors that a claim for up to 50% of footpath costs for 2011/12 has been sent to WCC.
- There was no report from John Arrowsmith, as no work has been undertaken since the last meeting.

Allotments

- Wells – Mr T Hopkins reported that there was still one well which hasn't been capped. The allotment holder has confirmed that the work will be completed.
- Collection of Allotment Rent. – The Parish Clerk, Mrs K Meads requested permission from the Councillors to allow Mr T Hopkins to collect the allotment rent on her behalf. This was unanimously agreed.

Website and Newsletter

Mrs K Meads advised that the report for the February edition of Mancetter Matters has been sent in. Mr T Hopkins signed a paper copy of the report for the files.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Mrs K Meads distributed costs and requirements for the Church Beacons. After much discussion it was decided not to proceed with a beacon.

Mr T Hopkins stated that the Borough Council have not confirmed any Diamond Jubilee celebrations at this time. Mr H Blackburn and Mr B Hamson confirmed that a meeting of Mancetter Village Community Association had taken place and Diamond Jubilee Celebrations were being arranged.

Handyman Contract

Mr T Hopkins reported that there had been one tender for the Parish Handyman Contract from Mr B Stevenson. It was unanimously agreed by the Councillors that this tender be accepted.

Draft Core Strategy Planning

Mr T Hopkins reported that a meeting of the Draft Core Strategy sub Group had been held, and a report written. Mrs K Meads advised that this report had been circulated to Councillors and sent to NWBC before the end of the Consultation period.

Planning

- Footpath on the green in front of Mancetter Manor – Mr T Hopkins reported that at a recent Quarry Liaison meeting it had been raised that members of the public were walking on the road in front of the Manor, as there was no footpath. After much discussion on this matter it was thought that the footpath on Mancetter Road and at the side of The Green was adequate.

Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 27th March 2012

Signed By Chairman

Date:

Mr Trevor Hopkins