

Summary of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter, held on 26th May 2009 commencing immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.50 p.m. in The School Room, St. Peter's Church, Mancetter.

Present:

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| Chairman | Mr T Hopkins |
| Parish Councillors | Mrs J Marshall, Mrs S Healy, Mrs J Mawson, Mr B Hamson, Mr Arrowsmith, Mr Blackburn and Mrs D Teagles. |
| Borough Councillors | Mr M Davis |
| County Councillors | Mr R Grant |
| Parish Clerk | Mrs K Evans |

Election of Chairman

Mr Hopkins asked Mrs Marshall, the Vice Chair to occupy his seat whilst the election whilst the election of the new Chairman took place. It was proposed by Mr Blackburn and seconded by Mrs Healy, with all in favour that Mr Hopkins should continue as Chairman in the coming year. Mr Hopkins agreed to accept the position.

Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Blackburn and seconded by Mrs Healy with all in favour that Mrs Marshall continues as Vice Chair for the ensuing year. Mrs Marshall agreed.

Signing of declaration book

The declarations of Acceptance of Office register was signed by the Chairman and the Vice Chair.

Declaration of Interest

Mrs Mawson and Mr Hopkins both declared an interest in Item 16 - Allotments on the Agenda. Mr Arrowsmith declared an interest in Items 14 and 16 Website and Footpaths on the Agenda.

Reports from the Councillors of North Warwickshire Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council

Mr Grant gave out his report. A discussion ensued concerning the main topic in the report. The Accident Reduction Scheme on Witherley Road was causing concern amongst the Councillors.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes having been previously circulated were taken as a true record. Mrs Healy proposed, and with all in favour, the minutes were signed by Mr Hopkins, the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting on 24th March 2009

Mr Hamson spoke of the health issues in relation to the radio masts at Ridge Lane.

Any Other Parish Business

Mrs Mawson gave a detailed account of the DeMulders Liaison Meeting she had attended on behalf of the Parish Council.

Formal receipt of external audited accounts for year 2008/9

It was acknowledged that no discussion could be held until all the Councillors were in receipt of copies of the audited accounts.

Correspondence

The Clerk was asked to write to the police and enquire why, after accepting our invitation to attend this meeting, they had not done so.

Mrs Evans confirmed that she had received a letter from M G Evans & Sons, Stonemasons, agreeing to act as a Consultant in respect of the memorials in the Cemetery.

Cemetery

Mr Hamson informed the Council that he had been working on the Risk Assessment for the Cemetery. Although not yet complete, he agreed to the Auditors having sight of the current draft.

Cemetery Maintenance

Mr Blackburn suggested that a handrail be placed down the centre of the path in the old part of the cemetery but comments received were that this might make the area look unsightly. Mr Blackburn was of the opinion that the shed needed clearing out and that the door needed turning. Mr Arrowsmith stated that the condition of the pathway also needed some attention. Mr Blackburn asked if Mr Chris Bowman could be asked to look at the path and submit a quotation for the necessary improvements. It was also suggested that the Clerk should write to the Bishop's Office to see if any funding could be obtained from the Church towards this project.

Freedom of Information

Mrs Mawson and Mrs Healy had been working on a Freedom of Information policy.

Website

Mr Arrowsmith stated that he still needs more up-to-date information to place on the Website, especially from the Residents Community Association. However after the discussion during the meeting earlier this evening, it was looking more hopeful that the association was beginning to gain popularity and become more organised.

Footpaths

Mr Arrowsmith told the Council that he had collected the new Waymarkers. He stated there is around £4000.00 in the 106 fund and that it was thought this money should now be used up. The Parish Council concurred with this view and it was suggested that the monies could be put to several uses including the replacement of the remaining wooden gates on paths in the parish with the County standard kissing gate.

Date of next meeting.

The clerk submitted the new Parish Council Meeting dates for the next twelve months. It is customary for the meetings to be held on the fourth Tuesday every other month. Mrs Evans asked the Council if it would be possible to bring forward the November meeting to Tuesday 10th November 2009 as she will be on holiday on the 24th November 2009. The Council agreed.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st July 2009.

With no other business the meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.