

**Summary of the Parish Council Meeting**  
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**Parish of Mancetter**

Summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter, held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 at 7.00 p.m. in The School Room, St. Peter's Church, Mancetter.

**Present:**

<b>Chairman</b>	Mr T Hopkins
<b>Parish Councillors</b>	Mrs J Marshall, Mrs J Mawson, Mr B Hamson, Mr J Arrowsmith, Mr H Blackburn
<b>Borough Councillors</b>	Mrs L Freer and Mr M Davis
<b>Parish Clerk</b>	Mrs K Evans
<b>Apologies</b>	Mrs D Teagles, Mrs S Healy and Mrs C Fox (County Councillor)
<b>Parishioners</b>	Mr B Stevenson, Mr D Atkin.
<b>PCSO</b>	Ashley Wynder

**Declaration of Interest**

Mr Arrowsmith declared an interest in Items 16 and 18 on the Agenda, Website and Footpaths respectively. Mrs Mawson and Mr Hopkins declared interest in Item 11 Allotments. Mr Hamson declared an interest in Item 8 Cemetery and Maintenance, sub heading - Contract for Maintenance.

Mr Hopkins declared the meeting open at 7 p.m. He welcomed two new faces to the meeting Ashley Wynder, Mancetter PCSO and Barry Stevenson, Handyman. The Council introduced themselves to the PCSO and Handyman. Both the PCSO and Handyman explained their roles within the community.

Mr Hopkins stated that there was a notable increase in dog-fouling.

Mr Arrowsmith said he had seen a Police Notice placed in the bus shelter. He continued by saying that any notices should be handed to the Clerk and placed in the official notice board.

Mr Arrowsmith asked PCSO Wynder whether the incidents of bogus water meter readers in the area had been sorted out. The PCSO stated that the police had caught the culprits but the victims would need to identify them. The PCSO informed the Council that they were going to do a leaflet drop around the area informing people of the bogus callers and to raise awareness of the situation.

Mrs Freer said that all the drain covers all the way up to Meriden had disappeared and she was concerned as to which scrap dealer was receiving them.

Mr Hamson requested that the PCSO's details be placed on the notice board. PCSO Wynder replied that he would get the details to the Clerk.

### **Borough Councillors**

Mrs Freer complimented Mr Stevenson and Mr Drakeford (in his absence) on the superb state of the cemetery when she visited it on Mother's Day.

Mrs Freer stated that the Play Area was finally being developed.

Mr Hopkins stated that the proposed development of the Play Area was looking good. Mr Hopkins also stated that the Parish Council was yet to have a final consultation on its proposed funding for the new fence.

Mr Arrowsmith asked the Borough Councillors why Mancetter Parish Council Tax bill was 3%, when in fact this was not the case at all. It was suggested that the Clerk write to the Borough Council to ask for an explanation of their breakdown.

Mr Davis stated that the Borough Council had been allocated £5,000.00 for a future awards ceremony. The Mayor will present awards to citizens for outstanding contribution to community life. If anybody at the meeting knew of anyone who was deserving of such an honour would they contact Mrs Freer or Mr Davis with their suggestions.

Mrs Freer informed the Council that she had attended a presentation by the Planning Board concerning the building of a Motor Cycle Centre at Judkins Quarry Site. This centre would accommodate people from the whole of Warwickshire and would be established to address the issues concerning theft, off road riding and the safety of motor bikes.

### **Any Other Parish Business**

Mr Hamson informed the Council that he had not received any feedback from Wathen Grange School.

### **Cemetery and Maintenance**

The Clerk read out the letter that she had received from Mr Drakeford, the Cemetery Maintenance Contractor, concerning an application for an extra year's extension to the two year contract that he already had with the Parish Council. After a brief discussion the Council agreed to extend the contract for one more year on the condition that the rates of pay would remain at the same level, with the tenders still being sought in September.

### **Adoption of the Standing Orders**

It was decided by the Council that although the Council members had not had sight of the new Model Standing Orders, they should be accepted, with subject to change, once they had been viewed by the Council. These amendments would be tailored to Mancetter Parish Council's needs and could then replace the new model standing orders if needed. This was agreed unanimously.

### **Allotments**

Mr Hopkins handed Mrs Evans a letter that he had received from a Mr Gary Oxford

applying for an allotment in Ridge Lane. Mrs Evans said she would reply to the letter stating that at present there was no availability for an allotment but she would place Mr Oxford's name on the waiting list.

Mr Hopkins handed Mrs Evans a set of photographs that he had taken of the Allotments in Ridge Lane. All seven of these photographs had been labelled Winter 2009/10 and were to be forwarded to the Warwick Archives when appropriate.

### **Wells**

Mr Hopkins handed Mrs Evans photographs of the wells in the allotments. He stated that all 5 wells were of brick construction and had been measured and sounded. He continued by stating that all the 'owners' were aware that they had to be covered and made secure.

### **Communications and Protocols**

Mr Arrowsmith stated that the Parish Website is only for Mancetter Parish matters.

### **Emergency Planning**

Mrs Mawson told the Council that she had distributed a folder with details concerning Emergency Planning. She said that she was devising an Emergency Plan.

Mr Hopkins stated that the Emergency Plan Network in effect worked downwards, starting with Warwickshire County Council at the top down to the Parish Council at the bottom of the system. Mr Hopkins emphasized how local knowledge was very important in any emergency.

### **Planning**

Mr Arrowsmith told the Council that he believed the planning permission for an extension on The Blue Boar Inn had been withdrawn.

### **Footpaths**

Mr Arrowsmith informed the Council of his dismay of the late withdrawal of the confirmation that had previously been given by WCC Countryside Access to pay Graham Wale for some Rights of Way maintenance work in the Parish. The payments were to be made from the remaining Section 106 monies provided by Tarmac Quarries.

### **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

With no other business the meeting closed at 9:58 p.m.