

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 Tuesday 23rd November 2010 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 J Arrowsmith, Mr H Blackburn, Mr B Hamson, Mrs S Healy, Mrs D Teagles and Mrs J Mawson.
Borough Councillors	Mrs L Freer and Mr M Davis
Parish Clerk	Mrs K Evans.
Apologies	Mrs C Fox, County Councillor.

Welcome

Mr Hopkins welcomed everyone present.

Declaration of Interest

Mr Arrowsmith declared an interest in items 13 and 15 on the Agenda, Website and Footpaths respectively. Mrs Mawson and Mr Hopkins both declared an interest in Item 11, Allotments.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were declared to be a true and accurate record.

Any other Parish Business

The Clerk asked the Council if Mr Lewis, of Canal Cottage, Quarry Lane would it be able to have a Grit Bin placed in front of his house. Mrs Healy asked if another one could be placed in Purley View and Rawn View. It was agreed by all present that two new Grit Bins could be ordered.

Reports from the Borough Councillors

Mr Davis informed the Parish Council that the contacts at NWBC regarding any Dog Fouling Bin issues are Alethea Wilson, Richard Dobbs and Chris Jones. If the Parish Council require extra Dog Bins Mr Davis stated that these would have to be financed by the Parish Council. Mr Davis said that dog faeces (if appropriately contained) could be placed in the litter bins around the Parish. Mrs Freer stated that the new government proposals for the budget review should be available by the end of January 2011.

Cemetery and Maintenance

Discussing the price review of the Cemetery costs Mr Hopkins suggested that there should be an increase of £5.00 for Parishioners and £10.00 for Non-Parishioners. It was decided that the Cemetery fees would be reviewed again in two years time.

Summary of Minutes

It was agreed by all that the Summary of the Minutes was a fair and accurate record.

Risk Assessment Review

Allotments. Mr Hopkins stated that he had checked all the Wells in the allotments at Ridge Lane and all were adequately covered, photographed and numbered.

Cemetery. Mr Hamson stated that he had, along with Mr Stevenson the Parish Handyman had assessed the cemetery on the 19th November. It was noted that the slabs needed to be re-laid in the cemetery. Mr Hamson informed the Council that he and the Parish Contractor, Mr Stevenson would be checking the monuments soon.

Date

Signed

Finance. The Risk Assessment on Finance was reviewed. A short discussion on the safety aspects of the financial situation was discussed and found to be in order. Mr Hopkins stated that all three areas had been reviewed and would be reviewed again next November.

Allotments

When discussing the possibility of increasing the rental of allotments it was suggested that an increase of £0.50p per allotment would be sufficient as there are no costs on site at present. This would bring the cost of a full plot to £12.00 per annum.

Emergency Planning

After a brief discussion it was decided that Mrs Mawson would update the details, meet with the Clerk and distribute the paperwork.

The Website

Mr Hopkins and Mrs Marshall were proud of place this month after receiving their Community Awards. Mr Arrowsmith stated that he was looking to improve the presentation of the Website.

Planning

Mr Hopkins stated that the update from the Quarry Liaison Meeting indicated that the Quarry will lodge an appeal following the extension of the Sunday working hours application being rejected. Mr Hopkins also stated that it appears that there may be extended workings on Richard Smith's land at Oldbury Farm, Purley Chase Lane.

Footpaths

Tenders The Clerk passed to Mr Hopkins the only quotation that had been received for the job of Footpaths and Rights of Way Contractor was from Mr Graham Wale, the present Footpath and Rights of Way Clearance Contractor. The quotation from Mr Wale for the years 2011 and 2012 was £1075.00, which in effect was exactly the same as the quotation for the years 2009 and 2010. After further discussion it was proposed that Mr Wale would be offered the new Footpath and Rights of Way Clearance Programme Tender. This would be offered as a two year contract as before. A brief discussion ensued concerning the imminent withdrawal of P6 monies. Mr Hopkins stated that if Mr Stevenson, the Parish Handyman was to be used then he would need to increase his insurance from £2 million to £5 million cover.

Precept

Mr Hopkins pointed out that already this evening the Allotment fees and the Cemetery fees had been increased. Mrs Evans had previously distributed her proposal for the new precept payment. Mrs Healy stated that 2011 was an election year and nothing had been accounted for in the precept for an election. It was decided that £1000 should be budgeted for an election. After a brief discussion it was proposed that the precept would remain constant at the 2010/11 precept budget of £24100. Mr Hopkins reiterated that the Council is a very prudent Council where Councillors rarely ask for expenses.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 10.05 p.m.

Next meeting on 25th January 2011. Mrs Marshall to Chair the meeting as Mr Hopkins will be in Sweden.