

Summary of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter

Summary of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter, held on Tuesday 24th May 2011 commencing at 7 p.m. in the School Room, St. Peter's Church, Mancetter.

Present:

Chairman

Mr T Hopkins

Parish Councillors

Mrs J Marshall, Mrs D Teagles, Mr B Hamson,
Mrs J Mawson

North Warwickshire

Mrs L Freer

Borough Councillors

Parish Clerk

Mrs K Evans

Parishioners

Mr J Sparrow, Mr F Hands, Mr Spence, Mr G Evans,
Mr R Smith, Mrs J Thomas, Miss M Goddard, Miss J
Goddard, Mrs J Wright, Mrs R Dale, Miss L Kirven,
Rev T Tooby, Mr M Saunders, Mr J Arrowsmith

Apologies

Mrs S Healy, Mr H Blackburn, Mr M Davis, Mr D Akin,
Mrs B Woods, Ms L Hall, Ms L Sheedy

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting had already been approved and signed at the July 2010 meeting of the Parish, as is the custom.

Matters arising from the previous meeting.

Mr Hopkins stated that planning applications had been granted and refused at the Stoneleigh Quarry Farm Site and that the Parish Council is going to invite a member of the Planning team at NWBC to enlighten the Councillors on the way that the applications have been determined.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Mr Hopkins gave his annual report (Copy appended). Mr Hopkins also thanked Mr Arrowsmith for his devotion to the Parish and wished him luck in the future now that he had retired from the Council.

Financial Officer's Report

The Clerk, Mrs K Evans, as the Responsible Financial Officer of the Parish Council for the last financial year gave her report. (Copy appended). Chairman Mr Hopkins commented that the accounts were still in a healthy position which was due to a slow save policy and the Council always being conscious of impending costs.

Ridge Lane Youth Club

Two young ladies, Misses Jody and Millie Goddard stood up and enlightened the meeting of the activities that were happening at the new Youth Club. The two girls were also able to inform the meeting that the membership of the Youth Group had reached 21.

Mr Hopkins read out a report from Irene Boffin, Leader of the Ridge Lane Youth Club. (Copy appended).

Police Update

PCSO 6237 Lucy Kirven from the Police stated that since the last Parish Council meeting Signed by Mrs Marshall

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in March the number of incidents for Ridge Lane and Mancetter had actually decreased. Previously in Ridge Lane, 29 incidents had been reported whereas only 10 had been reported since that date. In Mancetter there had been only 94 incidences reported whereas in the period before the total had been 139. The police officer stated that anti-social behaviour had decreased, as had the abandonment of vehicles and burglary and theft in general had also decreased.

Footpaths and Heritage Way Report

Councillor John Arrowsmith kindly gave his report. (Copy appended).

Ridge Lane Women's Institute

Mrs Rowena Dale (Chair) and Mrs Janet Wright (Secretary) informed the meeting of the newly formed group in Ridge Lane village and that 29 members had attended the last meeting. They had invited many local speakers, including Mr Hopkins who had spoken about the role of the Parish Council and he had shown them some of the Council's historical documents.

Gramer Cottages

Mr M Saunders informed the meeting that the cottages were continuing to be maintained to a good standard. The outside of the cottages had also been decorated.

Memorial Hall

Mr M Saunders kindly gave a report (Copy appended).

Ridge Lane Community Hall

Councillor Jean Marshall reported on the Ridge Lane Methodist Church and Community Hall (Copy appended).

Ridge Lane Allotment Society.

Mr John Sparrow informed the meeting that the driveway to the Allotments had been strimmed and was looking good. Mr Hopkins stated that all Allotments were rented and that there was a waiting list of prospective tenants.

SureStart Nursery

Mrs Jo Thomas introduced herself as the newly appointed Deputy Head of the SureStart Nursery in Mancetter. Mrs Thomas informed the meeting that SureStart had also employed a new fully qualified teacher who would be working in Mancetter and the surrounding area.

Little Stars Nursery

Although Ms Hall and Ms Sheedy could not attend the meeting a report was submitted. (Copy appended).

Mancetter Scouts Group

Unfortunately, there was no representative to speak on behalf of the scouts at the meeting and the reason for that was unknown.

Wathen Grange

No-one was at the meeting to represent Wathen Grange and they had not responded to their invitation to attend.

Quarry Liaison

Mr Hopkins reported to the meeting that the Quarry site had been tidied in an effort to get the present planning application appeal through. There had also been a keen interest in pursuing further stocks of stone which would in effect extend the life of the quarry.

Mr Graham Evans stated that he had attended two meetings at the quarry at which he had addressed drivers there with his personal views. He had told them that he was worried

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that unless they slowed down that there was an accident waiting to happen. All the lorry drivers could now be identified by a fleet number displayed on the side of their vehicles and appealed to members of the public to report any dangerous driving to the quarry.

De Mulder Liaison Committee

Mrs Mawson reported to the meeting (Copy appended)

Any Other Business

Mr Spence asked when the humps in Witherley Road would be removed. Mrs Freer answered that when the cameras are erected then the humps should be removed. Mr Hands stated that he suffered from back problems and the humps caused him great discomfort when he travelled over them. Mr Arrowsmith stated that he had noticed that the children at Queen Elizabeth school had not been using the pedestrian crossing. Mr Hamson stated that the school had employed a security man to escort the children up and down to both schools and across the road.

Mr Saunders informed the meeting that a new club run by volunteers had started in Mancetter called T & Chat. This was held at Mancetter Memorial Hall every Thursday morning from 10-30 am to mid-day.

Rev T Tooby stated that he was looking for some kind of Youth provision in Mancetter. He stated that Mancetter was the only place that he had worked in that did not have kind of youth provision. He informed the meeting that he had placed a bid for £30000 funding towards setting up some kind of facilities to benefit the youth in Mancetter Mr Hopkins thanked all present and stated that the meeting was very positive and possibly the best attended annual parish meeting that had been held.

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed by Mrs Marshall

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