

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter, held on Tuesday 26th July 2011 commencing at 7 p.m. in the School Room, St. Peter's Church, Mancetter.

**Present:**

<b>Chairman</b>	Mrs J Marshall.
<b>Parish Councillors</b>	Mr H Blackburn, Mrs D Teagles, Mr B Hamson, Mrs J Mawson, Mrs S Healy.
<b>North Warwickshire Borough and County Councillors</b>	Mrs L Freer. Mrs C Fox.
<b>Parish Clerk</b>	Mrs K Evans.
<b>Visitors</b>	Mr J Brown.
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr T Hopkins, Mr M Davis, PCSO A Wynder.

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all present.

**Declaration of Interest**

Mrs Marshall said that she may need to declare an interest in a subject that may be discussed later under any other business concerning a neighbour of hers and some tree roots.

**Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting.**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were approved, after recording the apology received from Mr H Blackburn. There were no matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Reports from the Borough and County Councillors**

Mrs Marshall asked Mrs Fox if there had been any progress made in resolving the traffic humps in Witherley Road and was told that the situation was still the same. Mrs Fox gave out some flyers with her details on to be placed in the notice boards. Mrs Healy asked Mrs Fox if she had an update on the Atherstone Library consultation. Mrs Fox confirmed to Mrs Healy that the library would be having their hours cut.

Mr Hamson reported that the workmanship of the recently tarmaced footpaths in Mancetter Road and his concern in respect of the final inspection having passed them as satisfactory.

Mr Blackburn stated that he was concerned that he had gone into the NWBC offices to report a police incident to be told that the incident was nothing to do with them. Atherstone Police Station is now closed and the public have been informed that they should now report to the 'One Stop' shop in the Borough offices.

Mrs Freer asked Mr Blackburn to pass all the details to her, including the crime number, so that she could 'tackle' the 'One Stop' shop.

Mr Blackburn stated that he had again witnessed the exercising of a horse on land in Manor Road.

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Mrs Freer had reported to Mrs Fox that the traffic enforcing arrows on the A5 island need to commence earlier so that drivers who are not familiar with the area could be forewarned in time for them to take the appropriate action

#### **Planning**

Mrs Healy asked Mr Brown whether he would be holding any of his planning sessions this year, especially concerning the new planning changes brought in by the new government policies. Mr Brown stated that he would probably in October or November.

#### **Vacancy of a Councillor**

Mrs Marshall proposed the advertisement for the vacancy of a new Councillor. A unanimous decision was reached.

#### **Matters arising from minutes**

Ridge Lane Youth Club is still flourishing with more members joining.

SureStart has changed the day from Friday to Wednesday at Ridge Lane due to a new stipulation that a fully qualified teacher needs to be in attendance and the person appointed only works part time.

#### **Any other Parish Business**

Mrs Marshall stated that her neighbour, had been in touch with the NWBC concerning tree roots in his garden. After a visit from Mr Clint Parker from NWBC the neighbour had been told that he could not take down the tree as the NWBC wanted the village of Ridge Lane to be 'green'.

Mrs Marshall stated that the tree roots were damaging the fencing and the same tree was causing problems in the drain outside the shop.

Mrs Mawson stated that she had been looking at Section 4 of the Localism Bill and asked if the Parish Council should respond to it.

Mrs Mawson stated that a letter from Cllr Michael Chater, the Chairman of NALC, advised that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is being celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in which he listed, in detail, the aim to light 2,012 beacons throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, the Commonwealth and the UK Overseas territories. He wished town and parish councils to take part and enclosed literature giving specific details of the type and cost of the beacons available – namely the bonfire beacon and the church tower beacon. It was decided that the subject needed to be placed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Mrs Mawson stated that the Coalfield Regeneration Trust was offering money for local projects and she wondered if the Ridge Lane Youth Club would be able to apply for funds.

Mrs Mawson asked if the Council had responded to the new MIRA planning proposals. The Clerk confirmed that the Council had responded. Mr Hamson stated that he was concerned about the traffic issues in and around the plant.

Mrs Mawson stated that she attended the NWAPC where Mr Bob Trahern from NWBC had given a presentation on Community Hubs. These would be 'built' in order for the public to access the internet. The hubs would be run by volunteers but it was understood that the cost of running the hubs would be met by Parish Councils.

Mrs Mawson asked did Councillors have to register under the Data Protection Act.

Mrs Evans stated she would contact WALC and find out.

Mrs Evans stated that she had received a complaint from Mrs Dawson concerning the parking of contractors outside Wathen Grange. After a brief discussion it was found

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that the contractors were working on Gramer Court and nothing to do with the school at all. Mrs Healy stated she would report it to NWBC.

#### **Clerk's Resignation**

Mrs Evans had previously distributed a timescale of events, an advert and job application to the members of the Council for their perusal. A Selection Committee was decided for the interviewing panel which consisted of Mr Hopkins, Mrs Marshall, Mr Hamson and Mr Blackburn.

#### **Cemetery**

A Specimen Copper Beech tree for the Memorial Garden in the Cemetery.

The Clerk had advised that she had obtained prices and after a brief discussion and due to the high price of the trees, it was decided that the Clerk should obtain more prices.

Mrs Evans informed the Council that she had received notification from Mr Mike Gale at Mancetter Quarry that Tarmac would be pleased to donate a piece of granite/stone for the memorial garden.

It was discussed, and a unanimous decision made, that a box hedge will be placed around the Memorial Garden and this will be arranged at a later date.

#### **Footpaths**

Mrs Evans read out a footpath report that she had received from Mr Arrowsmith in which he stated that he met with Andrew Rothen on the evening of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July when they had agreed the locations of the new posts that he needed on Footpath E103 at White Gate Farm. Mr Arrowsmith stated that it was his intention to get them installed during this season of work. Mr Arrowsmith also stated that he needed the Clerk to send out some letters to landowners to inform them that he would be working on some footpaths in August and September.

#### **Election Costs**

Mrs Evans informed the Council that the fee would be £50.00.

#### **Summary**

The summary minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting were approved, after recording the apology received from Mr H Blackburn.

#### **Website/Newsletter**

Mrs Teagles stated that the unofficial handover was hopefully to take place in September. Mrs Teagles stated that she needed to get approval of the article that she has just written for the Mancetter Matters Parish magazine. The Council approved her article. She would also place the vacancy notice for a new Councillor in the magazine.

With no further business Mrs Marshall closed the meeting at 10.25 p.m.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

Signed By Chairman

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