

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Of the Parish of Mancetter

Minutes of the Mancetter Annual Parish Meeting held on  
Tuesday 30th April 2019 commencing at 7 p.m. in the School Room, St. Peter's Church Mancetter

**Present:**

**Chairman**

Mr T Hopkins.

**Parish Councillors**

Mr J Arrowsmith, Mrs G Forknall, Mrs S Healy, Mr P Mann, Mr P Kelly.

**Parish Clerk**

Mrs E Higgins.

**Assistant Clerk**

Mrs K Meads.

**Parishioners**

18 Parishioners attended the Annual Parish Meeting excluding Parish Councillors.

**County Councillor**

Mrs M Bell

**Borough Councillor**

Mrs D Clews

### **1. Apologies**

St Peter's Church, PCSO J Eales.

### **2. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all present to the Annual Parish Meeting for 2019.

### **3a. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting had been reviewed at the May 2018 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. The minutes were formally approved and signed at this meeting for the records.

### **3b. Matters arising from the previous meeting.**

All matters from the previous meeting had been dealt with.

**All reports marked \* are available to read in full on request  
in the Parish Council office within Mancetter Memorial Hall.**

### **4. Chairman's Report \***

The Chairman, Mr T Hopkins gave his 27th annual report as Chair of Mancetter Parish Council and a copy was distributed to all those present. The report will also be published on the Parish Council Website.

Signed by Mr T Hopkins

Dated

## **5. Financial Officer's Report \***

The Assistant Clerk, Mrs K Meads, as the former Responsible Financial Officer of the Parish Council, gave her report and also distributed a copy to all members of the public in attendance.

## **6a. Borough Councillor**

Councillor D Clews confirmed that she had also received confirmation of Police attendance this evening and although active police work must take precedence, was disappointed that a representative could not attend.

Thanks to the Borough Council and the Mancetter Parish Neighbourhood Plan the immediate threat of demolition of Wathen Grange School had been averted for the time being.

Positive work is taking place to promote heritage in the area with a funding bid for a Roman Mancetter and Boudica Visitor Centre at St Peter's Church.

The proposed Gladman Development has been refused at the Planning and Development Board Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 although the decision may be appealed. Proximity to the Scheduled Ancient Monument and the flood risk were cited and although the proposal contained up to 20% affordable housing the traffic movements and lack of connectivity to the village did not outweigh the proposed benefits. Members of the public were concerned that this would now lead to the building of the chicken broiler but permission for this has already been granted and the Gladman application had to be considered on its own merits.

## **6b. County Councillor**

Councillor M Bell reported that a meeting with County Highways, the Parish Council and the local MP was in the process of being set up to look at the speeding issues along Harpers Lane and Nuneaton Road.

A financial contribution towards the cost of keeping the street lights on is also being looked into.

A new Female Inspector has been appointed with 50 officers in training and 100 further officers being recruited.

The Police are accountable to the electorate and need to work with people to enforce issues.

The first stage of improvements to dual carriageway the A5 corridor from the M42 island to the Atherstone Bypass will require some diversions from the existing route due to houses being both sides of the road. The location of any new housing developments also required to be factored in.

The local Parish and Town Councils along the A5 have a contact group to discuss ongoing issues.

Signed by Mr T Hopkins

Dated

## **7. Police Update**

There was no representative present from the Police so members of the public who wish to take part in the Speed Awareness programme were asked to contact PCSO Jessica Eales with their contact details. As dates of birth and personal details are required then due to GDPR legislation it was agreed that the Clerk should not have access to this information.

Hartshill Parish Council had purchased a speed gun but were having difficulty with the Police authorising it's use due to calibration issues.

During April 74 incidents had been reported with 7 relating to the recent anti-social behaviour issues. This is a decrease on previous statistics due to work ongoing with the young people and their families. A drink driver had also been arrested.

It was re-iterated that all incidents should be reported and a crime number obtained.

It was suggested that the Police Crime Commissioner organise more meetings in the northern area.

## **8. Community Speed Watch and Traffic Calming Measures**

Members of the public suggested that additional signage as well as speed monitoring may help motorists recognise that the stretch of road from the A5 island along Harpers Lane and Nuneaton Road through Mancetter, and along Ridge Lane through Ridge Lane village are supposed to be 30 mile per hour areas.

As well as training to use speed cameras it was suggested to consider additional roundels, 30 mile per hour markings on the roads and upgrading the existing flashing speed signs in Mancetter to record the actual speed being done.

Ultimately changes to road layout and the installation of a pedestrian crossing outside of the church would be longer- term plans.

Parish Councillor Mr P Mann would be willing to chair a speed action group.

Monitoring would be best to take place between 8am and 10am and 4pm and 6pm and a record made of the classification of vehicles.

## **9. Parish Councillor Vacancy**

The Parish Council consists of 8 councillors and 7 have been elected unopposed. A vacancy exists for one more councillor to join the team and anyone interested should make contact with the Clerk.

Signed by Mr T Hopkins

Dated

## **10. Feedback from Organisations and Community Groups Invited.**

### **Volunteer Footpaths Partnership**

Mr J Arrowsmith explained that the rural footpaths are well maintained within the parish with support from section 106 funding from the Tarmac Quarry at Mancetter. A new Rights of Way Contractor has recently been appointed, and a volunteer provides the council with a quarterly report on the condition of footpaths within the parish. Rights of Way markers have been disappearing which will need to gradually be replaced and the quarry are looking to provide some volunteers to help with some of the maintenance work required.

### **Mancetter Community Group**

Mrs S Holt is the Chair of the Mancetter Community Group which has been running for 10 years now, providing weekly indoor bowls and bingo sessions at Mancetter Memorial Hall. They are holding their AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am in the Memorial Hall. Mr T Hopkins gave his apologies.

### **Gramer Cottages \***

Mrs S Drakeford read out a report on behalf of the Gramer Cottages Trustees. They meet regularly on Tuesday afternoons in the schoolroom of St Peter's Church and would welcome donations and new members in order to preserve these grade II listed properties for the future.

### **Mancetter Memorial Hall Committee**

Mrs E Higgins fed back that the Memorial Hall continues to support a wide range of events and activities for the local community. Regular groups and activities include Mind mental health drop ins and individual appointments, health visitor appointments, yoga, brownies and guides, karate, t'ai chi, bowls, WI, cake bake and craft club, tea and chat, bingo and mature movers. Work on refurbishing the kitchen is planned for later in the year.

### **Mancetter WI \***

Mrs E Everitt shared that membership of Mancetter WI continues to expand and meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Mancetter Memorial Hall. The venue provides a versatile space and the group are grateful for storage facilities. Recently, the WI hosted a celebratory party with 100 guests and a variety show.

### **NWBC Community Development Team, Mancetter Scouts and Laurel Gardens.**

There was no representation from these groups and organisations at the meeting.

### **Atherstone District Brownies and Guides \***

Mrs K Meads read out a report on behalf of Atherstone District Brownies and Guides. There are currently 19 brownies, 18 guides and 10 rangers meeting on a Monday evening at Mancetter Memorial Hall. The programme has changed recently and includes new badges, although life skills, camping and holidays still form part of the work involved. The group is always looking for volunteers to help deliver a varied range of activities from ages 5-18 years. A party to celebrate 50 years of the guide unit was held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at the Hall.

Signed by Mr T Hopkins

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### **St Peters Church**

In May 2019, St Peter's are due to welcome their new vicar the Rev Linda Mudd after a period of interregnum which has seen a range of guest preachers attend the church and lots of hard work by the churchwardens and PCC. The Church in partnership with Atherstone Civic Society are applying for Leader funding to create a Roman Mancetter and Boudica Visitor Centre within the church to help promote the history and heritage of Mancetter.

### **Ridge Lane Community Hall \***

Mr T Hopkins fed back that the Community Hall continues to provide a room for meetings for the Ridge Lane WI, youth club, boys brigade, ladies group, the community café, North Warwickshire allotment federation and neighbourhood watch. The building is well used and appreciated by the local community and is the only place in the village large enough to accommodate families or groups. The community café which meets on a Monday morning is well attended and helps to alleviate loneliness and promote social interaction.

### **Ridge Lane Youth Group \***

Mr T Hopkins read out the report from the Ridge Lane Youth Group who continue to meet at the Community Hall on Tuesday's from 5pm -7.30pm for children between the ages of 6 and 13. A grant from Councillor M Bell allowed the group to replace some small tables.

### **Ridge Lane Allotments\***

All allotments are currently let and thanks given to the Parish Handyman for maintaining the roadway. The vast majority of allotment holders are happy with the way the allotments are run and appreciated the provision of two skips to clear old carpeting which is now banned from the site.

### **Ridge Lane Neighbourhood Watch Group.**

The group has its own Facebook page and uses social media to communicate issues around the area. Support is given by Carol Cotterill the Rural Crime Co-ordinator and the local PCSO's. It is important that all crimes are reported to the police and a crime number obtained. There is a website and online shop where items regarding crime prevention can be purchased.

### **Ridge Lane WI \***

Ridge Lane WI have 18 members and meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at the Community Hall from 7pm - 9pm with a varied programme of events. Poppies were made to decorate inside and outside of the building to remember the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great War. Next year the Ridge Lane WI will have been going for 10 years.

Signed by Mr T Hopkins

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### **Quarry Liaison Group**

Tarmac Quarry in Mancetter has undergone a major restructure and now has a new manager Mr Morgan Grant. They have been asked to reintroduce a log sheet for complaints and are renewing their lorry fleet which will hopefully be numbered to make identification easier.

An application to extend site arrival times is being considered, along with the replacement of the Iron Bridge in Quarry Lane. The Quarry is still working towards its completion date and will be looking to dispose of the golf club site in the near future.

At the end of the Quarry lifespan, land will be reinstated and the County Council were offered but refused the opportunity to purchase the land for £1.00 with an additional maintenance grant. The Quarry have been approached to consider funding a pedestrian crossing opposite St Peter's Church as a lasting legacy to their time in Mancetter.

### **Sarval Liaison Group**

Sarval experienced odour issues with the breakdown of a bio bed in the summer of last year. They worked alongside DEFRA and imported material to reinstate the bed at a significant financial cost. Sarval continue to trade in difficult times and their bi-products of tallow is used in diesel and bone meal in pet food. They have had problems with Hartshill Quarry road sweepers using their main entrance to turn around spreading mud across the road.

### **10. Any Other Parish Business**

- It was highlighted that defibrillators are now situated in three locations in the parish: Laurel Gardens and the Blue Boar in Mancetter and the Community Hall in Ridge Lane.
- Mr R Drakeford asked if the flowers in the planter on the green will be replaced. It is hoped that a tribute will be made to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day in June.
- Residents had noticed that a car sales business was operating opposite Dobbies Garden Centre with between 20 and 30 vehicles being advertised for sale. This will be reported to the Planning and Enforcement department at NWBC.

Mr T Hopkins thanked everyone for their attendance.  
He also thanked Mr D Meads and Miss K Meads for providing the refreshments.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm and refreshments were served.

**11. Date of next meeting** will be Tuesday 28th April 2020.

Signed by Mr T Hopkins

Dated