

**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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 commencing at 7 p.m. in the School Room, St. Peter's Church, Mancetter.

**Present:**

<b>Chairwoman</b>	Mrs J Marshall
<b>Parish Councillors</b>	Mr J Arrowsmith, Mr H Blackburn, Mr B Hamson, Mrs S Healy, Mrs D Teagles and Mrs J Mawson.
<b>Borough Councillors</b>	Mr M Davis
<b>County Councillor</b>	Mrs C Fox
<b>Parish Clerk</b>	Mrs K Evans.
<b>Police</b>	PC575 Mark Jackson and PCSO Ashleigh Wynder
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr T Hopkins, Mrs L Freer (Borough Councillor)

**Welcome**

Mrs Marshall 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 declared an interest in Item 11, Allotments. Mr Arrowsmith also informed the Council that he had won a red box lottery run by NWBC; following a check on who was putting out their recycling. He declined the prize as he did not think it was appropriate as a Councillor to accept it.

**Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were declared to be a true and accurate record, apart from the placement of a new grit bin on the corner of Purley Chase Walk, as this does not exist. The minutes were amended to read 'placement of a new grit bin on the corner of Purley View and Rawn View.

**Matters arising from the previous meeting**

Mr Hamson asked the Clerk if the letter of complaint had been sent to the Grave Digger and Mrs Evans replied that it had, but to date had not received a reply from him.

Mrs Marshall introduced old friend of the Parish, PC Mark Jackson, who informed the Council that he was back in Mancetter as the 'local bobby' for a short time. He informed the Council that Warwickshire Police Constabulary was undergoing massive changes.

Mr Blackburn asked if it would be possible to get a speed camera from Harper's Lane through to Dobbies as the traffic is still passing through the village at speeds over 50 m.p.h. PCSO Wynder said that he could arrange for a Community Speed Watch to be set up. PC Jackson stated that statistically it is the local drivers that are the main offenders.

PC Jackson concluded his time at the meeting by reading out the crime statistics for Mancetter and Ridge Lane. He finished by stating that it is still a lovely area to live in.

**Reports from the Borough Councillors**

Mrs Fox reported that there was a real problem with the placement of speed cameras in Witherley Road. She stated that funding for camera usage in Warwickshire had

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been reduced by 25%. Mrs Fox now felt that this left her in a dilemma as Witherley Road had a definite problem, although the accident rate had declined. She stated that she had asked for railings to be placed outside the entrance of the school and that she had asked for speed camera signs to be erected, with the assurance that there would be speed cameras eventually. Mrs Fox stated that it is very difficult at present to make any predictions for the future until she knows what her budget will be for the next year.

Mr Hamson stated that the Bee-line charity had had its funding cut. Mrs Fox stated that the funding totalled £10,000 a year and the charity should be looking to get funding from other sources.

#### **Cemetery and Maintenance**

It was decided that Mrs Evans would obtain several quotes on the cost of a Specimen Tree for the extension part of the Cemetery. It was decided that Mrs Evans would write to the Quarry requesting them for a piece of stone/granite to place in the extension part of the cemetery.

#### **Allotments**

In the absence of Mr Hopkins, Mrs Marshall asked the Council for permission for Mr Hopkins to collect the allotment rent on behalf of Mrs Evans, as was the usual practice.

#### **Emergency Planning**

Mrs Mawson informed the Council that she had attended a meeting with Mrs Evans at the Parish Office to discuss and revise the Emergency Planning Document.

#### **The Website**

Mr Arrowsmith stated that he had spoken to Mrs Lois Hamson concerning the Community Association and was awaiting an update. Mrs Mawson asked Mr Arrowsmith if he had heard anything about the new Women's Institute recently formed in Ridge Lane.

#### **Footpaths**

Mr Arrowsmith circulated a letter that he had written concerning the spending review and its effects on the Countryside Access team. Mr Arrowsmith asked the Parish Council for permission to send the letter to Mr Graeme Fitton, Head of Transport and Highways at Warwickshire County Council. Mr Arrowsmith stated that at present the 106 monies for the footpath/walks leaflet and the outstanding work for the contractor has still not been received from the County Council despite several promises.

#### **Precept**

Mrs Evans informed the Council that she had returned the precept request form back to NWBC. She reiterated that she had requested £24100.00 which was exactly the same amount that the Parish Council had requested last year.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 10.15 p.m.

Next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011.