

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter, held on Tuesday 22nd March 2011 commencing at 7 p.m. in the School Room, St. Peter's Church, Mancetter.

Present:

Chairman	Mr T Hopkins
Parish Councillors	Mr J Arrowsmith, Mr H Blackburn, Mr B Hamson, Mrs S Healy, Mrs J Mawson, Mrs J Marshall and Mrs D Teagles.
Borough Councillors	Mr M Davis and Mrs L Freer
County Councillor	Mrs C Fox
Parish Clerk	Mrs K Evans.
Police	PC575 Mark Jackson, PC382 Leon Carter and PCSO Ashleigh Wynder
Apologies	Mrs Marshall sent apologies that she would be arriving late.

Welcome

Mr Hopkins welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Declaration of Interest

Mr Arrowsmith declared an interest in items 13 and 15 on the Agenda, Website and Footpaths respectively. Both Mrs Mawson and Mr Hopkins declared an interest in Item 10, Allotments.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were declared to be a true and accurate record, apart from on page 7 for it should read Mr Mawson and not Mrs Mawson.

Any other Parish Business

Mr Hopkins welcomed the Police to the meeting. PC Mark Jackson introduced the new local policeman PC Leon Carter to the Councillors.

Mrs Healy stated that at last night's Residents Committee meeting, where both PC Leon Carter and PCSO Ashleigh Wynder were present the excessive litter situation in Steppey Lane was mentioned. Mr Arrowsmith asked if the graffiti on the railway bridge in Manor Road had been removed

Reports from the Borough Councillors

Mrs Fox informed the meeting that the Quarry application had gone to appeal.

Mr Davis stated that there was a consultation concerning the new development at MIRA taking place at The Red Lion Hotel, Atherstone on 28th March. He continued by stating that this would be a fantastic opportunity for people locally by bringing around two thousand new, good quality jobs.

Date

Signed

Mr Arrowsmith said that the new budget allocation for the Rights of Way department was not as bad as had been previously thought.

Mr Hopkins said that he was attending a meeting on the High Speed Two (HS2) which is a proposed high-speed railway link between London, the Midlands and the North of England. The meeting is to take place in Water Orton on the 15th June.

Mrs Freer said she was pleased that NWBC had managed to save Bee-Line. This was agreed by all.

Cemetery and Maintenance

Mr Hopkins read out a letter detailing all the work that had been done by the Parish Handyman. The Clerk brought it to the attention of the Council that the Mancetter notice board needed repairing. Mrs Evans stated that she was still working on the new grave digging policy for Mancetter. Mr Hopkins asked the Council if he could give Mr Arrowsmith the sizes of the new posts for the cemetery gate so that he could order them from his place of work, in order for the Church gate to be mended.

Allotments

Mr Hopkins informed the Council that all the monies from the Allotment rents had been collected, handed to the Clerk and had been banked. Mr Hopkins continued by saying that all allotments had been rented and there were people on the waiting list.

Emergency Planning

Mrs Mawson stated she had now received the Emergency and Planning document after circulation to the Councillors.

Elections

Mrs Evans distributed and explained the information that she had received from North Warwickshire Borough Council concerning the forthcoming local elections in May.

The Website

Mrs Teagles offered to take on responsibility of the Website with the forthcoming resignation of Mr Arrowsmith.

Footpaths

Mr Arrowsmith informed the Council that finally the Clerk had received the 106 monies. Mr Arrowsmith also announced that Mr Graham Wale the Footpaths and Rights of Way contractor had completed all the jobs that he had been required to do.

Mr Arrowsmith said that he was hoping to finish the painting of the waymarkers in the 2011 season but this would be subject to the availability of volunteers to help. He stated that he needed more volunteers to help.

Discussing the printing of footpath maps Mr Arrowsmith asked the Council if quotes were to be sought or would they use the previous printer. Mr Hopkins said in this current climate it was definitely worth gaining quotes. Mr Arrowsmith stated that the maps needed altering and he needed to find out who owned the art work.

Mr Arrowsmith informed the Council (to the relief of everyone) that although he was resigning from the role as a Councillor he would still be prepared to continue in the role of Volunteer Footpaths Officer for the Parish for at least the next twelve months and possibly a further year; thereafter he would want to discuss with the Parish Council the options available to cover the volunteer work and maintenance.

End of Financial Year

The Clerk informed the Council that it was the end of the financial year and that after balancing the accounts she would be sending them to Mr Nigel Lane the internal auditor for inspection.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 10.10 p.m.

Next meeting on 24th May 2011.