

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter, held on  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 commencing at 7pm in the Schoolroom, St. Peter's Church, Mancetter.

**Present:**

**Chairman** Mr T Hopkins.

**Parish Councillors** Mr J Arrowsmith, Mr H Blackburn,  
Mrs S Healy, Mr B O'Keeffe, Mr P Mann, Mr P Kelly

**Borough Councillor** Mrs D Clews.

**County Councillor** Mrs M Bell.

**Police** PCSO M Snape

**Clerk** Mrs K Meads.

**Item 1- Welcome and Apologies**

Mr T Hopkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Parish Councillor Mrs G Forknall. These apologies were accepted.

**Item 2 – Recording of the meeting**

The Chairman asked if anyone recording the meeting could make themselves known. There was no recording of the meeting.

**Item 3 – Notice of Interest**

Mr T Hopkins and Mr B O'Keeffe declared an interest in Item 14 -Allotments.  
Mr J Arrowsmith declared an interest in item 11 – Planning applications

**Item 4 – Public Question Time**

There were no members of the public present.

**Item 5 – Minutes of the last meeting**

It was unanimously agreed that the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be accepted and were signed by the Chairman.

**Item 6 – Matters Arising from the Parish Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Radar Monitoring**

This item is close to the hearts of Councillors who see the increase in traffic and speed through Mancetter and Ridge Lane. The members do not feel that they are getting the support of either the County or the Police with this matter. After much discussion it was decided to try again to get some volunteers to assist with speed monitoring. Councillors will ask residents and the clerk will produce an item for the website and Mancetter Matters. This matter will also be included at the Annual Parish Meeting in April

Signed

Date:

- **Housing Development – Ridge Lane**

The clerk confirmed that **Tom Piper Close** has been accepted as the name of this development.

- **Planning Application for the demolition of Wathen Grange School**

The Borough and County Councillors confirmed that they had influenced the Planning Department to issue a Direction under Article 4 of the Town and Country Planning Order 2015 on this property. The result being that the property cannot be demolished for at least six months. During this time meetings will be held with all parties to discuss the options available to the owner.

The fact that this building is listed as a Heritage Asset in the Adopted Mancetter Neighbourhood Plan was the main reason for the Article 4 being issued.

- **Annual Meeting of Borough, Town and Parish Councils**

This meeting is normally held in January and organised by the Borough Council. There have been discussions about the Northern Area Committee of Parish Councils organising future meetings.

It is envisaged that this will take place later in the year.

### **Item 7 – Report from the Police**

PCSO Molly Snape reported that it had been very busy in Mancetter over the last few months.

The incidents included: 3 residential burglaries; 1 stolen vehicle; 1 arson event; 10 abandoned vehicles; 9 road traffic accidents; 9 suspicious incidents and 3 thefts.

There have also been 29 reports of anti-social behaviour mainly in Church Walk and around Gramer Court. The Police are regularly patrolling the area, warning letters have been issued to teenagers and their parents and a meeting has been set up between agencies, including Social Services.

Molly stressed that although the Police are aware of some problem areas, members of the public should report any incidents that they witness.

### **Item 8 – Report from County and Borough Councillors**

Borough Councillor Denise Clews reported that in Mid-February work will commence in Mancetter Recreation Ground to try to defer unauthorised access. Works will comprise a combination of ditch and mound formation, installation of steel knee railing, timber fencing, bollards and height restriction barriers and gates. It is hoped that disruption will be kept to a minimum.

County Councillor Margaret Bell advised that the NWBC Heritage Group had brought together smaller heritage groups to enable them to work together. There is a grant for projects.

She advised that a display area for Roman Mancetter is to be set up in St Peter's Church Mancetter and further work is planned for The Bracebridge Centre.

County Councillor Bell also stated that she is compiling a list of heritage areas with an aim to create more green spaces to replace the areas lost through housing developments. She will also include Mancetter Quarry in her list.

Mr H Blackburn asked if the Borough and County Councillors had any feedback from our request about unauthorised work and business activity around Stoneleigh Quarry Farm. The Councillors confirmed that they did not have an update and suggested that The Clerk contact the Borough Council Solicitor.

## **Item 9- Any Other Parish Business for discussion**

- **To discuss any grant applications received.**

The Clerk confirmed that no applications had been received.

- **Litter Bin by Gramer Court**

The Clerk had received details from The Streetscapes Project Officer advising that the Mancetter Community Panel had requested a litter bin near to Gramer Court. This was discussed at length and the feeling of the Councillors was as follows:

As stated in the Police report the area around Gramer Court is a problem with drugs and a place where teenagers are meeting. Would a bin be used?

Should the costs of a bin and emptying, if installed, be covered from the Community Panel Funding. The Clerk will report back to the Borough Council.

- **2018 Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll has been received and the numbers in the Parish have reduced from 1872 in 2017 to 1862 in 2018. Mancetter has increased by 7 but Ridge Lane has reduced by 17

- **Website**

A favourable quote for a new Parish Website has been received. Mr Arrowsmith has a few questions. The Clerks will work with Mr Arrowsmith and the provider to obtain a fully detailed quote for the next Parish Council meeting.

- **Damaged fencing**

Mr P Kelly reported an area of damaged steel fencing at the parking area next to Wathen Grange School. Mr H Blackburn will photograph the damage and take up with the Borough Council.

## **Item 10 – Correspondence**

A full list of correspondence received had been passed to councillors. (Appendix I)

## **Item 11– Planning Matters and New Applications**

**The following Planning applications and matters were discussed**

### **New Applications**

- 50 Harpers Lane, Mancetter. Two storey extension. **No objection**

## **Item 12– Finance**

- **Signing of Payments**

All cheques and bank payments were signed in accordance with the bank mandate.

### **Budget and Precept 2019/20**

The Clerk presented an amended budget due to the amount to be available should there be a Parish Election in 2019. Original budget was £2,000. This was increased to £2,234.40 (£1.20 per resident). This amendment was unanimously agreed.

The Council Taxbase has reduced slightly this year, from £672.17 to £666.79 due to the lower number on the Elector Roll. After considering all financial matters it was proposed by Mrs S Healy, Seconded, by Mr J Arrowsmith and unanimously agreed that the precept be increased from £28,680 to £29,254. This is a 2% increase on the previous year and will result in an annual increase of £1.20 on a Band D property.

**Item 13– Cemetery and Maintenance**

- Mr H Blackburn asked Councillors to consider purchasing the flower troughs currently on The Green for the Remembrance Floral Display. This was discussed at length and decided that it may not be appropriate to have permanent displays in the Conservation area, but to bring them in for special occasions.

**Item 14 – Allotments**

- **Allotment waiting List**  
The Clerk passed a copy of the current waiting list to the Chairman for use if any current allotment holders give up their plot.
- **Collection of Allotment rents**  
The Clerk requested agreement from Councillors for The Chairman to collect the allotment rents. This request was unanimously agreed.

**Item 15 – Footpaths**

- **Footpaths Contract**  
WCC no longer have a list of Contractors. In order for the Parish Council to go out to tender Mr J Arrowsmith will review and update the list of tasks to be completed and the frequency.
- **Bridge Repairs**  
The damage and repairs required to the bridge in Mill Lane have been reported to the Footpaths Department at WCC. They have confirmed that the repairs will be undertaken on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Item 16 - Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm