

Mancetter Parish Council

Minutes of Mancetter Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting, Held at 7pm on Tuesday, 7 April 2026 at Schoolroom, St Peter's Church Mancetter

Attendance: Cllr Hopkins (Chair), Cllr Tither (Vice Chair), Cllr Blackburn,
Cllr Ford-Rogerson, , Cllr Healy

Other Attendees: Borough Cllr Barnett.

Members of Public: None

1. Welcome

Chairman welcomed Jo-Anne Ambrose to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Forknall, County Cllr Warren, Borough Cllr Clews – accepted.
No apologies were received from Cllr Mann.

3. Chairmans Request

The meeting will be recorded to allow for openness and recognises practicalities.

4. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

 None to be declared

5. Public Participation Time

 (up to 15 minutes) to raise any issues
No members of the public in attendance.

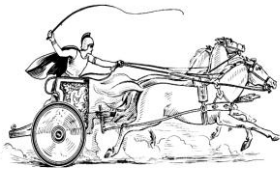
6. Police

 no feedback received.

7. Borough Councillor Update

- Cllr Barnet gave the following updates: Playground Ridge Lane, grass was laid but not watered in, it's turned up at the edges, it no longer knits together, contractors are unhappy with the turf. Snagging issues are being addressed by contractors.
- Pavilion Mancetter recreational grounds works to begin next week.
- Former Allotment site had to be fenced off prior to the bank holiday. Injunction has been obtained to make it easier to remove anyone trespassing.
- Borough Councillor Grants scheme & North Warwickshire SPF fund announced in the budget. £1million for each of this year & next year.
- Road Traffic Accident member of public fatality, Chair announced his immediate neighbour had been killed, walking back from Atherstone on what is the safest part of Monks Park Lane, vehicle struck him and failed to stop. 2 persons later arrested and charged on 2 counts.

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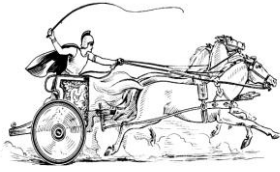
- Cllr Barnet said that there is not a single safe route to walk or to cycle either in Ridge Lane area.
- Regulation 18 Local Plan: it was requested that Cllr Barnet raise the following issues, including walking distances, other villages and communities are not on a high hill with steep gradients, with no footpaths, no passing or pulling in points, no street lighting, there no single safe routes for walking in Ridge Lane Community/catchment.
- It was requested if Cllr Barnett could lobby Forward Planning Team to safeguard Ridge Lane and acknowledge rural challenges that are unique to this community. Because Ridge Lane has a development boundary, and more importantly, the Borough does not have a 5.5 year land supply, it could find, despite any future refusal, developers could get approval on challenging the decision with planning inspectorate finding in favour of the developer. Despite acknowledging lack of local facilities because of national policy, development could be totally inappropriate and still be approved and yet there's no safe walking routes. To contact forward planning team to see if there could be additional wording in the policies that reflects our set of unique circumstances and adds further protections to this vulnerable community.
- Having read all submissions on regulation 18 it was stark, whereas Mancetter Parish concentrated on our parish. There are a high number of respondents who are suggesting that development should be close to major towns such as Coleshill, Atherstone and Polesworth and that if they cannot take the amount of development required, then the nearest villages to these were suggested as overflow, which could mean more development in the Mancetter Parish.
- Cllr Barnet noted that there was no requirement for the respondent to say where they lived in the Borough or if they didn't live in the Borough. There's a concerted drive from Warton & Austrey to respond and this may possibly account for some of the suggestions.
- Road traffic accidents, serious accidents and fatalities, unless something goes in the local plan to acknowledge our unique circumstances, the planning inspectorate cannot object to development as we have a development boundary and the Borough Council does not have 5.5 years land supply for housing. We require added protections within the local plan to reflect our unique circumstances and protect ridge lane.
- Its was also noted that it is the second serious accident within 3 months, and the road crossings still hasn't been installed.

8. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Motion: "To resolve, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, whether it is the public interest that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A of the Act. Reason likely disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual

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and/or contractual negotiations.". Disclosure of sensitive information relating to an individual and / or organisation. **Agreed unanimously.**

PART I: PRIVATE SESSION

Appointment of Proper Officer - Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

It was unanimously resolved to appoint Jo-Anne Ambrose, on the terms outlined in the pre offer sent.

Meeting concluded 7.43pm

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