

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Of the Parish of Mancetter

Minutes of the Mancetter Annual Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday 24th May 2016 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 C Tooby, Mr J Everitt, Mr H Blackburn.

Parish Clerk

Mrs K Meads.

Assistant Clerk

Mrs E Higgins.

Parishioners

Mrs E Everitt, Mr & Mrs R Drakeford, Rev T Tooby, Mr B Stevenson, Mr I Lewis, Mrs A Lewis, Mrs A Southcombe, Mr C Woodward, Mrs J Marshall, Mrs J Mawson, Ms G Forknall, Ms K Meads, Mr R Smith.

County Councillor

Mr C Clark.

1. Apologies

Mrs D Clews, Mr M Davis, (Borough Councillors) Mr J Holt, Mrs S Holt, Mrs S Healy, Mr T Benham, (Parish Councillors) Mr J Sparrow, Little Stars Nursery, Mr M Briner.

2. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present to the Annual Parish Meeting for 2016.

3a. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting had already been approved and signed at the July 2015 meeting of the Parish, as is the custom.

3b. Matters arising from the previous meeting.

All matters from the previous meeting were covered.

All reports marked ✪ are available

4. Chairman's Report ✪

The Chairman, Mr T Hopkins gave his annual report.

5. Financial Officer's Report ✪

The Clerk, Mrs K Meads, as the Responsible Financial Officer of the Parish Council, gave her report.

Signed by: Mr T Hopkins Chairman

Dated: 26th July 2016

6a. Borough Councillors

There was no Borough Council report due to a Full Council Meeting. Mr M Davis sent an e-mail thanking everyone for supporting his year as Mayor. His chosen charity during his year in office was The Alzheimer's Society and fundraising events have raised approximately £7,000. Special thanks were given to the Parish Council, St Peter's Church and Mancetter Memorial Hall for their support.

6b. County Councillor

Councillor Clark commended the leadership of the Parish Council on the way they had championed the view of residents over two challenging planning applications this year.

The campaign against the Chicken Broiler has been successful with the Borough Council voting to refuse the application although an appeal may be likely in the future. The Judicial review on the proposed Travellers Site is progressing and a date is pending for a legal challenge in the Birmingham Law Courts.

Councillor Clark has some funding available through the Councillor Grant Fund to support local activities, and an Annual Delegated fund of £32,258 will be looking at road repairs, signs and accident reduction schemes. Funding has enabled bollards to be installed in Margaret Road to ease parking issues and barriers have been installed along Tuttle Hill.

A review of the bridges at Clock Hill and Quarry Lane is planned paying particular attention to heavy goods vehicles, as well as exploratory work on the infrastructure of Nuneaton Road with Severn Trent Water.

It is anticipated that an additional 10,000 new homes will be built as part of the duty of co-operation with other areas, therefore a review of amenities needs to take place.

Parish Councillor Mr J Arrowsmith raised the issue of the ineffective speed bumps along Witherley Road.

Although no budget exists for their removal Councillor Clark agreed to forward these concerns to the Warwickshire County Council Portfolio Holder.

7. Police Update

There was no Police report.

8. Footpaths Report

Mr M Briner was unable to attend the meeting but he did send a report on the state of all public footpaths in the Parish which gets forwarded on to contractors. Volunteers are required for helping to walk around the routes to monitor their condition.

9. Atherstone District Brownies and Guides ✨

Ms K Meads read the report for Brownies and Guides.

10. Mancetter Community Panel ✨

Mr and Mrs J Holt were unable to attend so Mrs E Higgins read out their report.

11. Gramer Cottages ✨

Mrs S Drakeford gave her report.

12. Mancetter Memorial Hall Committee ✨

Rev T Tooby read out the report for Mancetter Memorial Hall.

13. St Peters Church

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Rev T Tooby fed back that there are some problems with the roof, but that the Church is continuing to be involved with the local community and has supported the campaign against the Broiler application.

14. Ridge Lane Community Hall ✨

Mrs J Marshall presented the report for Ridge Lane Community Hall.

15. Ridge Lane Allotments

The Allotments are fully occupied and thanks were given to Mr B Stevenson for the upkeep of the paths.

16. Mancetter Scout Group

Mr C Woodward, Chairman of Mancetter Scouts reported that the groups are functioning but not thriving. The Beaver's pack was doing well and they have a vacancy for a permanent leader for Beavers. The Cub pack is almost full, but the Scouts are struggling mainly due to the need for more leaders. If anyone knows of someone interested in these vacancies, please let Clive know.

17. Little Stars Nursery

There was no report from Little Stars Nursery, although 99 families currently access the nursery provision.

18. Quarry Liaison Group

Mr T Hopkins explained that the Quarry is now known again as Tarmac with the Blue Circle Logo and once the last of the stone is extracted they will be looking to landscape the area. If anyone has any complaints concerning lorries or odours Tarmac will be happy to deal with them directly. A recent odour issue has led to the quarry suspending the use of recycled material.

19. Ridge Lane Youth Group

There has been a reduction in numbers due to members getting older and leaving the area. As a result, the Youth Group are looking to recruit some new members. Skittles have been purchased allowing games nights and the Gardening project has been successful with insect boxes being placed around the village. A local Wildlife group has brought along animals for them to study, and they have held a circus workshop and jewellery making session.

20. Ridge Lane WI ✨

Ms G Forknall as Secretary gave the Ridge Lane WI report.

21. Mancetter WI ✨

Mrs E Everitt read the report from Mancetter WI

22. De Mulder Liaison Committee

Mr T Hopkins explained that De Mulder is now SARVAL a German company who have invested approximately 14.25 Million Pounds in building a new plant. They are in the process of negotiating with Severn Trent as the current sewage pipe is inadequate. Any issues that the public have should be logged directly with their office.

23a. Mancetter Village Action Group ✨

Rev T Tooby read the report for the Mancetter Action Group

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23b. Ridge Lane Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Mrs J Mawson feedback that cybercrime was a big issue and that the group had been given a talk on password security. A meeting is taking place on 26th May to look at Rural Crime especially as there has been a number of chicken thefts in the local area. All crime should be reported to 101 to ensure a record is kept. An issue was raised about personal judgement being used by 101 operatives when responding to calls and that the new Police Crime Commissioner should be informed. The North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch website has links to all of the local Watches if people would like more information.

24. Any Other Parish Business

There was no further business and the Chairman; Mr T Hopkins thanked everyone for their attendance. He also thanked Katie Meads for providing the refreshments.

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm and refreshments were served.

25. Date of next meeting will be Tuesday 23rd May 2017

Signed by: Mr T Hopkins Chairman

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