

Manningford Parish Council Meeting - Manningford Village Hall

7th January 2014

Present: Richard Netherclift (RN), Chairman
Bernard Gaskin (BG)
Reg Sampson (RS)
Paul Pelham (PP)
Sue Lympos (SL)
Phil Hossack (PH)
Jacqui Burgess (JB), Clerk

In Attendance: Paul Oatway, County Councillor for Pewsey Vale

- 1 **Apologies:** David Proto (DP), Bridget Lanyon (BL)
- 2 **Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 12th November 2013 were proposed by RS and seconded by PH and approved unanimously
- 3 **Police Matters:** CPO Joe Sadd attended the meeting and presented a report on local incidents from October 2103. This will be circulated to all Parish Councillors. Joe also circulated a document on Oil Tank Security; further information is available to those who use Facebook and PH will put all details on the village website
- 4 **Planning:** RS confirmed that Dhillon's farm was selling the property in Manningford Abbots to his own company and using that manoeuvre to build a second barn adjacent to the existing one. He stated that where a landowner needs a barn for agricultural use and the land is over five hectares, planning permission is not needed; the new owner of one plot – essentially the same company, therefore wants to erect a barn; The Parish Council is concerned that this process could continue with subsequent barns being erected thus creating a site of several barns for industrial usage. A member of the public, Andy Mortimer, has been in contact with the Planning Office at Wiltshire Council and they state they are satisfied. Andy Mortimer has established that the barn has been sold to a company with the same trading address and directors as the vendors. PO has tried to discuss this with David Cox the Planning Officer concerned, but he has not made himself available to date; he will also raise it with Mike Wilmot, the Chief Planning Officer on the basis that the sale merits further investigation. RS will also write letter to Wiltshire Council Chief Planning Officer setting out the Parish Council's concerns

RN asked PO if it was legal to drain a field onto the public highway by breaking the bank; PO confirmed it was not. It was generally agreed that recent exceptional rainfall had caused significant local flooding and PO assured everyone that Wiltshire Council are discussing this; he pointed out that no housing had been flooded. It was agreed that excessive rainfall problems are exacerbated when there is no mains drainage

- 5 **Highways:** RN confirmed that the new signage advising HGVs travelling south is now in place. He expressed his thanks to the volunteers in the

Speedwatch team. RN confirmed that area around the bus shelter has been cleared and the window and bench will be put in place when the weather allows. RN confirmed the intention to carry on with the traffic survey in the summer

- 6 **Finance and Projects:** BG confirmed the Parish Council have around £7.5k for projects as set out in the finance statement provided. The application for the Precept was signed and JB will submit to Wiltshire Council. BG had attended a meeting at Woodborough from which he obtained further details on defibrillators and listed some of the pros and cons identified. He recommended that Manningford Parish install the type selected by Woodborough and Pewsey which would include maintenance and insurance. He said a rota of volunteers would be required to check and operate the defibrillators. The discussion identified probable sites as the village hall, at the south end of the village near the cross roads, and at Indigo subject to agreements. BG to apply for a grant of £1,500. RN suggested that a reserve be set up in subsequent years as the life of the defibrillators is five years and would need to be replaced at that time
- 7 **Village Hall:** SL confirmed that Andrew Marshall has ordered several “giant games” to use at outdoor events. There are plans for a Quiz Night/Pub night but no details are yet available. RN asked about hirings and SL said there are no firm commitments at the present time save for dog training and keep fit. SL confirmed that a proposal for reducing the noise level in the Hall via “acoustic solutions” would be produced shortly. It was hoped that the PC could get some funding for this from the Area Board.
- 8 **Footpaths:** RS is still trying to contact the new officer responsible for footpaths at Wiltshire Council. In general, footpaths are all very muddy but not overgrown as it is still winter. Andy Reed from the public said he had encountered problems with a landowner who had said he had no right to walk on his land but he had pointed out that if the land was not fenced or clearly signed, it was not possible to identify what was private and public.
- 9 **Environment:** Nothing to report save from water problems which had already been covered
- 10 **PCC:** RS reported a leaking roof at the Church the precise source of which, despite investigation, had not been identified. RS also reported that the PC have been told that the grass verge traditionally been used for parking is not available to the Church and is reserved for residents of Church Lane
- 11 **Localism:** Nothing to report
- 12 **Website:** PH has put on links for reporting Wiltshire incidents
- 13 **Correspondence:** JB asked if there was any interest in training – no
Councillors expressed an interest
- 14 **Items from the public:** Nothing was raised
- 15 **Date of next meeting:** 4th March 2014.