

Manningford Parish Council Meeting - Manningford Village Hall

11th March 2014

Present: Richard Netherclift (RN), Chairman
Reg Sampson (RS)
Sue Lympos (SL)
Phil Hossack (PH)
David Proto (DP)
Jacqui Burgess (JB), Clerk

In Attendance: Paul Oatway, County Councillor for Pewsey Vale

- 1 **Apologies:** Paul Pelham (PP), Bridget Lanyon (BL), Bernard Gaskin (BG)
- 2 **Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7th January 2014 proposed by RS and seconded by PH and approved unanimously
- 3 **Police Matters:** Nothing to report as PP not in attendance. JB circulated the Police report, a copy of which is to be attached to the minutes. PH will put report on the village website
- 4 **Planning:** PO stated that he was disappointed with Wiltshire Council's response on the sale of the barn and land at Dhillon's farm in separate parcels; he has been promised a report but this has not yet been made available even though he has chased. RN said that he believed the Council's process needed to be reviewed and it was agreed that he or RS would prepare letter to Mike Wilmott at Wiltshire Council. RS said that PP had suggested that the barn could have been sold on already and PO suggested a Land Registry search would clarify this. PO will follow up again with Mike Wilmott.

RS reported the Planning sub-committee had met to consider the planning application for the Old Post Office and agreed that the proposed extension would enhance the property; the recommendation was unanimously approved

- 5 **Environment:** PH explained the flooding problems on the A345 close to Willow House mainly because culverts had become blocked and had not been cleared by landowners in the autumn. PH and DP had spoke to Christian at Wiltshire Council who had tried to clear the culverts but to no avail he had also agreed to try to look again later for a remedy before next winter. PO asked for details on where problems arose and he will take this information forward to Wiltshire Council. PO stated that the Council had been late with setting up traffic lights at road floods and they would learn lessons from this for the future; PO stated that £50m would be made available to highways next year. JB confirmed that details of this flooding and that at Barsett Farms had had been reported to Wiltshire Council
- 6 **Highways:** RN stated that flooding was the main point under highways which DP agreed. Some potholes had been repaired and the damage to ditches had been noted.

DP stated he had met with Spencer Drinkwater in Trowbridge and agreed that the traffic survey should go ahead in the village. This would capture necessary data on traffic and it was proposed that the team of Speedwatch volunteers would be asked to conduct this.

PO asked if the bus shelter opposite Indigo had been completed and DP confirmed that the new window was ready to install. Andy Reed will put the window in next weekend. PO reminded the Parish Council that they could apply for funding if this has not yet happened

- 7 **Finance and Projects:** BG had circulated the finance report which all had read. RN said decisions still needed to be made on other Projects but it was generally agreed that at least one defibrillator was to be installed at the Village Hall; sites for others still need to be agreed. As BG has lead on this, RN will ask him to confirm details of the defibrillators agreed on, particularly the insurance aspect and organise the installation. RN to ask BG for input on possibility of joint project with Woodborough Council for defibrillator at Woodborough Garden Centre.

JB reminded RN that there had been no response to the document on the Community Levy and explained that this was a levy which could impact on parish councils. RN agreed to wait to see outcome of talks as it was now too late to input comments

- 8 **Footpaths:** RS said the fallen tree behind Rose Farms had been removed; all footpaths are now drying out
- 9 **PCC:** RS reported there is to be a Drinks Party fund raising event at Manningford Manor on 21st June 2014 from 6.00 pm to 8.00pm. The intravillage Rounder's match is scheduled for 22nd June 2014
- 10 **Localism:** JB said that BL had details on the Best Kept Village competition and had said she would prepare a report. RS mentioned that Manningford had once won this
- 11 **Village Hall:** SL said an area around the Village Hall had been cleared and the area to the side would be grassed. SL asked if RS could liaise with Denis Stevens to cut this area in due course which was agreed.

Acoustic panels are to be installed in the hall and a quote of £2,200 + VAT has been obtained but another quote is awaited. Andrew Marshall is applying for PAB in April.

SL will attend a Pewsey Carnival Committee meeting in April as they have indicated that they will make an award of £100 but this must be collected in person.

The recent pub night, hosted by Matt and Lindsay Faber was successful.

The young people using the football area have complained that when balls are kicked into the hedge it is impossible to retrieve them. RN said he would ask James Kinderman to pull out some discarded fencing to put against the hedge to stop balls going into it

- 12 Website:** PH said the links for reporting Wiltshire incidents was very useful and easy; SL suggested that the next email about the village could include this and encourage parishioners to look at the website. He has set up a Notice Board but noted that no one was using it. PH asked for the Police Report to be sent electronically so this could be included. PH also asked if the maps which had been sent by Steve Matthews at Wiltshire Council could be made available. JB explained that the original circulation did not include Manningford as there were no relevant grass maintenance areas but it was agreed that the maps would be helpful and JB agreed to follow up with Steve Matthews
- 13 Correspondence:** RS pointed out that a letter had been received asking if the Tump could be available for a family reunion. JB explained that she had not yet been able to follow this up with the owners and would report back to the Parish Council when she had done so
- 14 A.O.B:** None
- 15 Items from the public:** Nothing was raised
- 16 Date of next meeting:** 13th May 2014.