

Manningford Parish Council Meeting - Manningford Village Hall

13th May 2014

Present: Richard Netherclift (RN), Chairman
Bernard Gaskin (BG)
Sue Lymposs (SL)
Bridget Lanyon (BL)
David Proto (DP)
Paul Pelham (PH) from item 11
Jacqui Burgess (JB), Clerk

In Attendance: Paul Oatway, County Councillor for Pewsey Vale

- 1 **Apologies:** Reg Sampson (RS), Phil Hossack (PH)
- 2 **Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13th March 2014 proposed by DP and seconded by SL and approved unanimously
- 3 **Vacancies:** RN noted vacancies remain for Councillors. No members of the public being present, there was no opportunity to invite anyone to stand
- 4 **Election of Officers:** RN agreed to continue as Chair for a further year proposed by BL seconded by DP. BG agreed to continue as Deputy Chair and Finance Officer proposed by RN seconded by DP
- 5 **Police Matters:** No one from the Police was able to attend the meeting but the report had been sent and JB summarised it and agreed to attach to the minutes. It was noted that there had been a couple of thefts of Landrovers in the past week. PO reported a further theft on the previous day. A copy of the report is to be put on the website
- 6 **Highways:** DP confirmed that the traffic survey had been carried out during the day and it was felt to be a success as all times and points had been manned. The results are to be sent to Highways at Wiltshire Council. RN wanted thanks to be recorded to DP and Sandi Proto for organising the survey
- 7 **Projects:** BG confirmed that defibrillators are to be rented rather than bought as the cost will include maintenance and insurance and this will safeguard against future technological changes; he also confirmed there was no significant difference in cost over three years which was the rental period. BG confirmed that the defibrillators are to be sited at the Village Hall and Nursery Barns, the cost of the latter to be shared with Woodborough PC

RN said children were not using the playing field for football due to the high number of burst balls from the blackthorn hedge behind the goals and proposed that it be replaced with a beech hedge. RN said James Kinderman and Mark Baker had offered to do the work. BG asked RN if he was confident this would happen as previous offers had not always been achieved; RN said he was. SL suggested caution on removing the blackthorn as it was part of the millennium hedge; RN said they believed that proper use of the playing field was more important. Those Cllrs present voted in favour of the proposal save for BG, who abstained

- 8 **Finance:** BG said there were no further comment save to reiterate his enquiry on the payment of the precept
- 9 **Environment:** RN said he believed the flooding problems now seem to have been resolved and that he had met with Steve Matthews of Wiltshire Council to discuss Nursery Barns, the gulleys at which now appeared to be clear. PO asked if the flooding issues on the A345 had now been resolved to everyone's satisfaction. It was thought that although the immediate problem may have been dealt with, the same problems could arise again next autumn if gulleys are not cleared on an on-going basis. Various blocked drains were noted and had been reported but PO suggested a site meeting should be arranged with Steve Matthews to all problem points and RN agreed to do this
- 10 **Localism:** BL stated there was nothing to report on CPRE
- 11 **Footpaths:** RS has circulated a note on Footpaths, Planning and PCC to all Cllrs; RN said there were no significant points arising. BG asked that grass cutting around the newly cleared bush shelter opposite Indigo be added to Denis Stevens's contract and DP confirmed that it had. He also asked if it was possible to create a pathway from Farm Cottages to the bus stop and RN undertook to speak to the landowner concerned. PO stated that funding could be available from Wiltshire Council and RN should let him know if an application was to be made as he would give his support
- 12 **Planning Applications:** See 11 PO asked for a copy of the Manningford Parish Council letter to Wiltshire Council regarding Dhillon's Farm which RN said he would forward to him
- 13 **PCC:** See 11
- 14 **World War 1 Commemoration:** See 11
- 15 **Village Hall:** SL confirmed that she had accepted a cheque for £100 from Pewsey Carnival Committee for the Village Hall. BG asked about the acoustic tiling for the hall and SL confirmed that Andrew Marshall intended to speak to BG about this and in particular about a grant which could be available. PO said matched funding was available of up to £1,000 and he would support an application
- 16 **Website:** PH had circulated a note to all Cllrs; nothing further to report
- 17 **Correspondence:** None
- 18 **A.O.B:** JB reminded RN that comments had been invited on the new Development Plan; RN felt no comments could be offered as they do not directly affect Manningford.

JB pointed out that consultation had begun on the Connect2 Bus service. PO confirmed that this service was to be cut and he had raised particular reservations on cutting the night bus. £6 million funding has been made available for the Campus in Pewsey and use of this facility would be compromised if no bus serves it; this would particularly affect young people in the Pewsey Vale. PO confirmed he would be opposing cuts and RN thanked him for this

- 19 **Items from the public:** Nigel Buck asked if anyone would object if he brought in a digger to clear his allotment; he said he believed no other allotments

were being used. JB confirmed that two others were taken. RN and BG agreed that they saw no problem in using a digger.

Nigel Buck also asked if there had been any further action on rural broadband. PO confirmed this was being rolled out for the west of the county but nothing yet for Pewsey Vale; PO undertook to investigate this

20 Date of next meetings: 8th July, 2nd September 2014

Meeting closed 8.35