

# Manningford Parish Council Meeting - Manningford Village Hall

9 September 2014

**Present:** Richard Netherclift (RN), Chairman  
Phil Hossack (PH)  
Sue Lymposs (SL)  
Paul Pelham (PP)  
David Proto (DP)  
Reg Sampson (RS)  
Anne Thompson-Ashby, Clerk

**Apologies:** Bernard Gaskin (BG)  
Bridget Lanyon (BL)  
Paul Oatway, County Councillor for Pewsey Vale

- 1 **Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 8 July 2014 approved (proposed PP, seconded DP)
- 2 **Police Matters:** PP reported that there had been no significant issues although the police had been active on hare coursing incidents.
- 3 **Highways:** DP attended the CATG meeting on 23 July and reported that the result of the traffic survey was top of the agenda. He added that traffic had increased 50% since first approaching WCC 5-6 years ago and this was mainly due to 'rat running' from the A345. Mark Spanswick recognised the issue and confirmed that WCC finances would be released to put together a full survey by 2015. RS felt that the amount of HGVs appeared to have diminished.
- 4 **Projects:** SL confirmed that a defibrillator would be installed at the Village Hall next week beginning 15 September. The defibrillator at Woodborough Garden Centre would have a bespoke pole but the electricity feed still needed to be established – John Brewin is to come back on this. RN reported that South West Ambulance Services will provide training and once a date established, it would be important to get all councillors and as many parishioners as possible invited. Unanimously agreed that training was crucial. RN confirmed the cost of the defibrillators would be shared between Manningford and Bottlesford.
- 5 **Finance:** The report shows a current balance of £8,967.45. RN asked all councillors to come to next meeting with suggested projects to enhance the village. He noted a number of trees needed surgery.
- 6 **Footpaths:** RS reported that the kissing gate project was progressing with the £1,500 made available and would be working with the members of the Council to set up a working party to erect them in due course. Andy Reed reported to the Council that a number of footpaths were breaking up and access by the woodpile was blocked. RS agreed to check on this.
- 7 **Environment:** RN noted he had further correspondence from Nick Jones of Nursery Barns re flooding. A meeting has been arranged with Steve Matthews of WCC Highways for a full village inspection on 1 October and asked PH and BL to attend. PH reported there had been recent drainage clearance but this had merely been a combined operation with regular council clearing and no strategic decisions had been made. It was agreed this would be raised at the meeting and notes taken to ensure any solutions would be clarified.  
RN reported that Wincanton Transport were committed to provide compensation for the replacement of the millennium tree if - with the VHC – that was deemed to be the best option. The alternative, to be voted on at next PC meeting, is to use the cost of a tree to be provided by Wincanton to replace the blackthorn hedge in the playing field with beech.
- 8 **Planning Applications:** RS reported three applications: 14/07118FUL. Merryground Orchard – approved; 14/07973/FUL 4 Wick Lane – a 2 bay garage with space over (site meeting pending); 14/07939/FUL Aero View – retrospective planning permission sought for the erection of a high fence and opening of disused access. This has been rejected by the Parish Council and is now being considered by the Planning Officer.

- 9 **PCC:** There is to be a Family Service on 13 September and Harvest Festival Service on 12 October at 9.30.
- 10 **Village Hall:** SL is to attend the PAB on 15 September when the request for funding for the acoustic panels for the Village Hall is to be decided. She confirmed that attendance for the WW1 celebrations had been well attended and £129 for the Poppy Appeal had been raised. The Village Hall AGM is to be held on 24 September at 7.30 and a Pub Night on 17 October.
- 11 **Website:** PH confirmed the website is up to date and would be including under 'information', a report about NHS services across the Council area.
- 12 **Correspondence:** None
- 13 **A.O.B:** RS is to circulate the Pewsey Neighbourhood Development Plan to all Cllrs. PH was investigating how to improve the broad band capability across the village.
- 14 **Items from the public:** None.
- 15 **Date of next meeting:** 11 November 2014 at 7.30

Meeting closed 8.35