

Minutes of the Meeting of Manningford Parish Council held on
Tuesday 10th July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bernard Gaskin (Chair), Sue Lymposs, Andy Reed, David Proto and
Bridget Lanyon
Clerk Ruth Kinderman

1. Apologies

Councillors Richard Netherclift, Phil Hossack and Paul Oatway

2. Pecuniary and other Interests

None declared.

3. Approve minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 21st May 2018

Cllr Proto proposed that these be accepted as an accurate record, seconded by Cllr Lymposs and no objections.

4. Matters Arising

The Electoral Boundary consultation has been postponed whilst Wiltshire Council prepares supplementary evidence in support of its original submission requesting an increase from 98 to 99 councillors. It was agreed to send a message of support to Wiltshire Council in the interim and then respond to the Boundary Commission once it opens the consultation.

5. Finance

Cllr Gaskin distributed the receipts and payments showing a bank balance of £14,584.08 which includes £2,818.71 in the SID fund. Two parishes are yet to pay their SID contribution for 2018/2019. Substantial payments to be made shortly are those for the kissing gate installation, telephone kiosk alterations and the goal posts.

6. Defibrillators

The new contract begins at the end of July and has been paid; Clerk to contact SWAST in order to arrange signatures. Woodborough parish council has paid its share towards the defibrillator located by the garden centre.

Jason Lampard has agreed to deal with any electrical work arising from the change to yellow cabinets.

Cllr Gaskin said that the four-yearly contract renewal will be financed through an increase to the precept from next year.

7. Planning Applications

18/04011/FUL – Fairfield, Dragon Lane Proposed garage with room over
Cllr Lanyon reported that a 'no objection' response had been submitted. This application has since been approved by Wiltshire Council but the conditions are not yet available on the planning portal.

18/05366/FUL - Cocklebury Farm Conversion of two stable buildings into three units of holiday accommodation; use of land for the stationing of shepherd's huts (maximum of 4); associated parking.

It was agreed to support Wilcot parish council in their response to this application; Cllr Lanyon has made contact and will report in due course.

18/06077/FUL – Milford Single storey and one-and-a-half storey extensions with other external alterations following demolition of existing shed and garage.

This application had just been received; clerk to forward details to Cllrs Lanyon and Netherclift.

8. PCC

The church fundraising Summer Drinks Party in the gardens of The Manor House and also Manningford Bruce House was successful – many thanks to Mr & Mrs Charles Kimmins and to Mr & Mrs Alastair Macpherson, also to those who supported & organised this event. The village rounders game was enjoyed by all who attended and gratitude was expressed towards the Farquhars for the use of their grounds.

9. Parish projects

i) Playground request

Cllrs Proto and Reed will agree a mutually convenient date for delivery of the goalposts and Cllr Proto will place the order accordingly.

ii) Telephone kiosk

Further to receiving quotes, it had been agreed by email discussion to proceed with the solar panels as the cheaper option for the electricity supply; Jason Lampard has scheduled the work. Cllr Reed will concrete the base once this is done.

Cllr Gaskin will arrange appropriate insurance for both projects once completed.

10. Highways

Cllr Proto reported that SID has just been installed in its new position but does not appear to be working correctly; he thinks it may need to be lowered, as he noticed it operated for a bus but not for a car. Cllr Proto will speak to Colin Gale about this.

A resident has commented that the new road signs do not appear to be having any effect on the quantity of traffic using the C52; Cllr Proto will feed this back to CATG at the next meeting. In contrast, Cllr Proto reported travelling behind a vehicle which slowed and indicated to turn left but then continued straight along the A345 on seeing the sign.

General discussion recognised that residents may perceive the signs to be an inefficient use of public money; however, until something has been tried, its outcome is unknown.

Residents are always welcome to submit other ideas to the parish council for consideration when dealing with this matter or volunteer to join the Speedwatch group.

Clerk reported that there are official 'Continue straight on-do not use Satnav' signs in the Winterbournes near Salisbury. Cllr Proto welcomed the fact that there is a Wiltshire precedent for these and will investigate in due course.

11. Footpaths

Cllr Reed reported that all the kissing gates have now been installed, except the last, which he hopes to do shortly. Many residents have expressed appreciation for the new gates and for all the footpaths being linked together again.

The parish steward has cut back the foliage around the sign along the A345 and has organised drain clearance outside the village hall as well as some other drains, all of which were looking full of detritus and threatening to flood when the rain next falls.

Cllr Reed has asked the steward to check the situation regarding a possible leak in the drain past the old mill opposite the pumping station.

The bulls which prompted the discussion at the last meeting have since been relocated to another field. Clerk had circulated the relevant legal requirements for future reference.

12. Localism, environment and flooding

As there is very little business under this heading, Cllr Reed agreed to incorporate it into his footpath role until and unless any other councillor wishes to take it on; Cllr Lanyon will be pleased to focus on planning.

13. Police matters

Clerk had just received the June report and will circulate it to all councillors; all were pleased to note a shorter list of incidents this time.

14. Village Hall

Cllr Lymposs reported that the recent Barbecue and Pub Night had been well supported. The next event will be the Vintage Fair on 2nd September.

Cllr Lymposs will obtain quotes for lopping the trees between the village hall and neighbouring house; it was agreed that the parish council would pay for this work.

Cllr Lymposs will also obtain quotes for pruning the oak tree by the old telephone box which has grown extremely large in relation to its proximity to the hall. Clerk advised that this tree may be a Wiltshire Council responsibility.

15. Website

Cllr Hossack had uploaded all documents to the website as required.

16. Correspondence and diary dates

Clerk to circulate the briefing about the changes to what can be recycled in the blue wheelie bins; it was agreed that this could be uploaded to the website.

Clerk to circulate information from Shalbourne parish council, which has succeeded in registering Oxenwood outdoor education centre as an Asset of Community Value.

17. Items from the public

None.

18. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the village hall.