

Minutes of the Meeting of Manningford Parish Council held on
Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Richard Netherclift, Sue Lymposs, Andy Reed, David Proto, Phil Hossack and
Bridget Lanyon

Councillor Paul Oatway

Clerk Ruth Kinderman

Resident Mrs Alison Young

1. Apologies

Councillor Bernard Gaskin, Mr David Wheen.

2. Pecuniary and other Interests

None declared.

3. Approve minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2018

Cllr Proto proposed that these be accepted as an accurate record; seconded by Cllr Lanyon and signed by Cllr Netherclift accordingly.

4. Matters Arising

Clerk to investigate insurance for the telephone kiosk and the new goal posts in the light of Cllr Gaskin's indisposition.

Action:RK

5. Co-option of Mr David Wheen onto the council

Cllr Netherclift was very pleased to report that Mr Wheen was amenable to joining the parish council as the PCC representative; his experience as a bursar will also make him an ideal temporary stand-in for finance. Cllr Netherclift proposed that Mr Wheen be co-opted without delay, although he was unable to attend the meeting today. This was seconded by Cllr Proto and carried unanimously.

Action:RK

6. Finance

The substantial payments mentioned by Cllr Gaskin at the last meeting have all been paid: kissing gates, telephone kiosk and goal posts. A fuller update will be available at the next meeting. The bank statement shows a balance of £13,189.08 as at 31st August.

Cllr Gaskin's presence as RFO was greatly missed at the meeting and it was agreed to send him a card signed by all.

Action:BL/SL/all

7. Planning Applications

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.

This application is still awaiting a decision by planning officers.

18/06077/FUL – Milford - single storey and 1.5 storey extensions together with external alterations to the existing dwelling following the demolition of an existing garage and shed.

Approved since the last meeting.

17/05760/FUL - Aero View – update on situation

Cllr Netherclift advised that further to the previous planning refusals and appeals granted relating to the land and highway at the rear of this property, there will be a second public enquiry held at the village hall on Tuesday 25th September at 10.00 am.

Although the parish council is not a complainant in the proceedings, the council was unanimous in agreeing to support Wiltshire Council's original position which was that the highway should be reinstated exactly as it was prior to 2014. The parish council noted with disappointment that Wiltshire Council has compromised its position since then.

Cllr Netherclift invited Mrs Young to speak to the council. Mrs Young explained that she and her husband are pursuing their complaint about Aero View on the basis of some fairly complicated legal technicalities and that any councillor who wished to understand this issue or the complaints process in greater detail would be very welcome to attend the enquiry.

8. Boundary Commission Review

Clerk had circulated the relevant information and provided a resume of the situation to date which was that the Boundary Commission (LGBCE) was minded to keep Wiltshire Council at 98 councillors rather than accept Wiltshire Council's request to increase to 99. The next stage of the consultation involves considering how to reallocate the electorate to wards in order to equalise, as far as possible, the elector:councillor ratio.

Cllr Oatway explained that redrawing the boundaries could have a major impact on the Pewsey Vale; the demise of the ward would have a domino effect upon all the other bodies associated with the current Pewsey Vale ward such as CATG, PCAP and the Pewsey Area Board.

After general discussion, it was agreed that Pewsey should remain a central hub rather than become a secondary settlement within another ward dominated by a larger town. Clerk will draft a response to be sent to PCAP, Wiltshire Council and the Boundary Commission (LGBCE). Cllr Oatway advised that Cllr Richard Clewer is the relevant contact at Wiltshire Council.

Action:RK

9. Parish projects

i)Playground

Cllrs Proto and Reed had installed the new goalposts which have been very successful to date, with much usage observed and plenty of positive feedback from parishioners.

ii)Telephone kiosk

The solar panel has been installed and Cllr Reed will now concrete the base. Clerk to enquire from PCAP about replacement panels and how to go about eliminating condensation.

Action:RK

iii)Historic Map

All agreed that the map looked splendid and that it will be mounted on the wall of the village hall to the left of the front doors. Cllr Reed will move the noticeboard to facilitate this. It was agreed to replace the noticeboard soon and relocate it to the fence of the playground opposite the village hall.

Action:AR

iv)Defibrillators

The new memorandum of agreement for the next four years has been signed.

The electrician has agreed to install the new yellow cabinets.

It was agreed to continue with the current location by the garden centre, although Julia Doel had suggested it may be worth exploring alternatives.

Cllr Lymposs and Mrs Victoria Marshall will do the monthly checks. Clerk confirmed there is no liability to them or to the parish council as the ambulance system removes defibrillator details from their system if checks are not completed regularly.

10. Highways

Cllr Oatway advised that there will be works by the garden centre in order to solve the flooding which has been found to be due to blocked culverts beneath the road.

Cllr Proto said that speedwatch counts show a reduction of about 15% in traffic volumes along the C52, which suggests that the 'village only' signs are having some impact.

Clerk will contact Winterbourne parish council to enquire how effective they have found their 'Do Not Follow SatNav' signs to be.

Action:RK

11. Footpaths

Cllr Reed advised that all the new kissing gates are now in place.

Cattle in fields – Cllr Hossack expressed concern about the impact cattle may be having on dogwalkers. Although he recognised that the cows and bull were good-natured, it would be helpful to know how long cattle were going to be in certain fields so that walkers could plan their routes accordingly. Clerk clarified that the grazing was legal as English Longhorn bulls are not on the proscribed list of breeds which may not be grazed in a field with a public right of way. It was agreed that Cllr Reed would speak to the appropriate stockman about the possibility of advertising cattle grazing plans.

Action:AR

12. Localism, environment and flooding

None.

13. Police matters

No report received.

14. Village Hall

The recent vintage fair had been very successful and it was hoped to repeat this event annually; it raised £265.00 for the hall.

The hall has been used for a Hope and Homes charity quiz and it will be the venue for the dog show.

Cllr Lymposs will obtain quotes for the hedge trimming by the next meeting.

Action:SL

15. PCC

No report.

16. Website

Cllr Hossack will upload the link for the Boundary Review consultation.

Action:RK/PH

17. Correspondence and diary dates

The next PCAP meeting will be on Tuesday 18th October at 7 pm in Stanton St Bernard. Sir Angus MacPherson will be attending to answer questions about the recent rise in his PCC precept.

In response to a request from Digger&Mojo, the parish council agreed that it would be impractical to hold a joint village and shop event whereby the road may be closed and parishioners would sell goods from their front gardens; however, Cllr Lymposs will talk to the proprietor as a village antiques 'drive-thru' sale was being considered by the village hall committee as a future fundraiser.

The parish council was supportive of the general idea of any other independent market Digger&Mojo might like to hold in the large space outside their premises.

18. Items from the public

None.

19. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the village hall.