

Minutes of the Meeting of Manningford Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors Richard Netherclift, , David Proto, Sue Lymposh, Andy Reed and Bridget Lanyon  
Unitary Councillor Paul Oatway  
Clerk Ruth Kinderman  
Resident Chris Andrews

**1. Apologies**

Cllr David Wheen

**2. Pecuniary and other Interests**

None.

**3. Approve minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

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

**4. Matters Arising**

None.

**5. Finance**

i)appoint Responsible Finance Officer

Due to Cllr Wheen's imminent house move, it was agreed to appoint the Clerk as Responsible Finance Officer in his place.

ii)agree Clerk's fee

Cllr Netherclift proposed that the Clerk be paid an additional £150 per year for the extra financial administration; all in favour.

lii)appoint third bank signatory

It was agreed that Cllr Lanyon would become the third bank signatory alongside Cllr Netherclift and the Clerk.

iv)to discuss Arnold Baker/Wilcot PC

Wilcot, Huish and Oare Parish Council had suggested that the Clerk might benefit from possessing the latest edition of Arnold Baker on Local Administration and had suggested that this could be purchased jointly by the Clerk's three parish councils; the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition costs £150.00. It was agreed that, as the Clerk had managed without a copy to date, this was unnecessary at present and that the WALC subscription appeared to provide sufficient information.

**6. Planning Applications**

To note decisions made by Wiltshire Planning Department:

21/02227/FUL – Pendulum - second storey extension over existing rear extension

PL/2021/03024 – Southgate - Proposed single storey extension

PL/2021/03069 - Paradise House - Erection of a Studio/office, garden room and garden equipment store

These applications had been approved subject to standard conditions; the studio at Paradise House must always remain ancillary to the main dwelling.

To agree response:

PL/2021/05478 - The Former Rectory - Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single-storey extension

It was agreed to submit no objection.

## 7. Parish projects

### i) Playground

- repairs to multi-play unit – Cllr Reed has taped off the unit while he awaits some promised off-cuts of marine ply to repair the platform.

- safety matting – the Community Engagement Manager had declined an application for funding from the Area Board Youth Budget as playground expenditure should be met from parish precepts. It was agreed to obtain some further quotes to compare with that of £2047.50 plus VAT from Wicksteed in 2019.

## 8. Allotments

### i)approve appendix to tenancy agreement

A request to keep poultry on the remaining plot (number seven) had been received and Clerk had drafted a relevant supplement to the Tenancy Agreement, circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Lanyon proposed that this be approved, seconded by Cllr Lympos, all in favour.

### ii)overhanging trees

Several plots were becoming too shaded; Chris Wardell had removed as much as he could manage, for which the parish council is grateful. It was agreed that Cllr Lympos would obtain two quotes from tree surgeons for the remaining work required.

### iii)bees

The allotment holders would like to keep a hive at the site; enquiries are ongoing as to training courses and insurance. It was agreed that the idea is welcome in principle.

## 9. Highways

### i)C52

Cllr Oatway reported that he has advised Richard Dobson of Highways that the C52/C261 Woodborough Road crossroads are now in a worse state than Cross Hayes, as the road surface is breaking up, there are no visible white lines and sight lines are poor.

Cllr Oatway was unable to report when white lining would be done as the availability of the road-painting team in Wiltshire is yet to be determined.

Richard Dobson and Malcolm Beaven of Highways are promoting the desirability of a STOP sign at Cross Hayes to the Senior Engineer Mark Stansby, despite the site not meeting the usual criteria.

Cllr Oatway is advising that red road markings should be installed on the southern approach and if no progress is made within a month, he will escalate the matter to Wiltshire Cabinet level as Cross Hayes is demonstrably the most dangerous road crossing in his ward.

The possibility of reducing the speed limit along the C52 was discussed. Cllr Oatway reported that the newly-appointed Community Speedwatch Enforcement Officer will be visiting CSW sites during the next few weeks to become acquainted with the teams and problem areas. He will begin using the new Trevello camera which will monitor mobile phone usage whilst

driving and lack of seat belt wearing, as well as excessive speed. The camera will instantly upload summonses leading directly to a driving course or a court case.

#### **10. Footpaths**

i) Walkers Are Welcome/external footpath inspection

It was agreed that although visiting walkers are welcome to enjoy the rights of way throughout the parish, the lack of any suitable parking facilities meant that the parish council could not fully support the initiative. The Pewsey Vale Tourism Group is arranging inspections of the routes they are publicising for walkers and had raised concerns about the overgrowth along MANN15 and MANN28. Cllr Reed will liaise with the Bridleway Association to arrange clearance of MANN28.

Cllr Reed had collected chippings from the recent tree-reduction at the back of the chapel graveyard and has them in store for improving the surface of footpaths where necessary.

The kissing gates contractor is booked to replace the rotten post, date to be confirmed, although this should be done soon, before the horses are let into the field.

#### **11. Police matters**

Nothing to report.

#### **12. Village Hall**

i) Defibrillator training

Training sessions are due to recommence in September; Cllr Lympos will contact Julia Doel of SWAST to make a booking.

The Village Hall Committee is yet to arrange the annual meeting. A barbecue on the field is a potential event to get the program of activities running again, once it becomes apparent that villagers are ready for this.

Clerk will liaise with Democratic Services to advertise the vacancy caused by Cllr Wheen's imminent resignation; the information will be passed to Cllr Lympos for inclusion in the next village email alongside publicity about the other three vacant seats.

#### **13. PCC**

Nothing to report. Cllr Lanyon will ask Miffy Sampson for updates in future.

#### **14. Website**

This item deferred until the next meeting. Cllr Lympos will send the proposals for a new website to the Clerk once received from Wicked Creations.

#### **15. Correspondence and diary dates**

The A345 between Oare and Marlborough will be closed on 27<sup>th</sup> July and 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

The A345 between Salsbury Road/Swan Corner and Pewsey High Street will be closed from 9<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Frith Lane will be closed on 9<sup>th</sup> August for Network Rail to install fencing at the railway bridge.

The main road through Woodborough village will be closed on 16<sup>th</sup> August for sewer works.

#### **16. Items from the public**

Chris Andrews reported that the blocked gully outside the Mill House is causing a problem with stagnant water sitting along the roadside as far as the pumping station. Wessex Water had conducted tests and referred it to Wiltshire Council, who had attempted to clear the gully but appeared to have made the situation worse. Cllr Oatway will visit the site after the meeting and contact Richard Dobson directly.

It was reported that work is said to be due to begin within a month on demolishing the former Aster garages in The Ivies and building a new house on the site, incorporating the oak tree protected by a TPO. Clerk advised that no planning application had been received. Cllr Oatway advised that Clerk should query the report with Mike Wilmott, Head of Wiltshire Planning.

**17. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

*Meeting closed at 8.30pm*