

Minutes of the Meeting of Manningford Parish Council held on
Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Richard Netherclift, Sue Lympos, Andy Reed, David Proto and Phil Hossack.

Councillor Paul Oatway

Clerk Ruth Kinderman

1. Chairman's announcements

Cllr Netherclift raised a toast to the late Cllr Bernard Gaskin, who passed away on 30th October after serving on the parish council for many years; his dedication and commitment to the council and especially to his role as Responsible Financial Officer will be missed by all. His funeral is due to take place at 11.00 am on Friday 16th at St Thomas More Church, George Lane, Marlborough.

2. Apologies

Councillors Bridget Lanyon and David When.

3. Pecuniary and other Interests

None declared.

4. Approve minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2018

Cllr Proto proposed that these minutes be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting; seconded by Cllr Reed, no objections and signed by Cllr Netherclift accordingly.

5. Matters Arising

The submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England had been uploaded to the consultation website and an acknowledgement had been received.

Cllr Oatway reported that Wiltshire Council has proposed that the Pewsey Community Area remains viable by enlarging it; proposals being submitted to LGBCE involve the Pewsey Vale division incorporating All Cannings and Allington and being renamed Pewsey Vale West, whilst the current Burbage and Bedwyns division would incorporate Froxfield, Chisbury and Tidcombe and be renamed Pewsey Vale East. LGBCE is due to make a final decision early in 2019.

Cllr Reed had fixed the historic map to the outside wall of the hall as planned; he will remove and renovate the noticeboard and reinstall it on the opposite side of the road. He will continue to look at prices of new noticeboards ready to replace one or both of the existing boards when necessary.

Action:AR

6. Finance

Cllr Netherclift reported that the financial situation is healthy; bank balance at 29th October was £11,081.15. Cllr When is willing to take responsibility for finances in future and he will be meeting with Cllr Netherclift and the clerk shortly to make appropriate arrangements.

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.

Clerk has enquired twice as to the situation with regards to this application and is still waiting for a response from the planning department. Planning officers were due to make a decision by 17th August.

18/08235/FUL – Mount Pleasant Farmhouse - Erection of single storey extensions and porch; provision of first floor extension

Cllr Lanyon had submitted a 'no objection' response and these plans had been approved by the planning department since the last meeting.

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

The public enquiry had taken place on Tuesday 25th September and a response is expected early in 2019.

17/05938/FUL – Building/land at Dragon Lane – appeal

The appeal had been refused by the planning inspector; matter closed.

8. Approve updated Allotment Tenancy Agreement

Clerk had circulated a draft tenancy agreement, based on the 2013 NALC model, to replace the existing document which was based on the outdated 2007 NALC model. Cllr Netherclift proposed that the new agreement be adopted; seconded by Cllr Hossack with no objections.

Clerk reported that no allotments are held at present; it was agreed that they should be weeded and covered with black plastic. Cllr Lympos will arrange for an advertisement to go in The Messenger for the New Year and the clerk will advertise their availability whenever possible.

Action:SL/RK

9. Parish projects

i) Telephone kiosk

Cllr Reed has concreted the base and www.unicornrestorations will now be investigated for fittings and panels. It has become apparent that there is a condensation problem and this needs to be resolved prior to books being placed in the kiosk, possibly by leaving one of the top panels open.

ii) Defibrillators

The upgraded defibrillators and cabinets are in place and a training session will be arranged to take place early in 2019.

iii) Hedge Trimming – moved from item 14.

Cllr Lympos had obtained two quotes for trimming the hedges and trees around the hall and to reduce and reshape the oak tree; there are no relevant Tree Preservation Orders and no permission for this work is necessary from Wiltshire Council. Cllr Lympos reported that both firms had appropriate insurance in place. Cllr Netherclift proposed that the cheaper quote (£1000) be accepted; all were in favour.

It was noted that the foliage around the village gates also needs cutting back and Cllr Reed will ask the parish steward to do this; the gates will also need repainting in the spring. It was agreed that a formal acknowledgement of the steward's good work should be sent to Highways.

Action:RK

10. Highways

SID – Cllr Netherclift had attended a recent meeting of the seven parishes whereat it had been agreed to invest in a second SID at a cost of approximately £2500. The new machine would incorporate software from which data relating to traffic speeds and volumes could be obtained. Two SIDs would mean each parish would have a device running for six fortnights per year rather than three. Cllr Netherclift proposed that Manningford parish council joins the process whereby it becomes part-owner of the second SID. For budgetary purposes, it would be prudent to assume the cost for the first year would be £820, after which the annual cost would revert to £260, only £40 more than at present with just one SID.

It was agreed that it was important to make use of any means possible to reduce traffic volumes and speeds on the C52; Cllr Netherclift's proposal to be part of the new SID was carried with no objections.

Clerk reported that the 'Ignore Sat-Nav' signs in The Winterbournes had been obtained through the CATG process, with rigorous logging and photographing of incidents to provide the necessary evidence; the signs have had some impact but this is still being monitored by that parish council.

Clerk reported road closures at Wilcot and Alton Barnes during the last two weeks of November; plans show that traffic will be diverted to the A345 and then along the C52. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Highways immediately to protest this decision.

Action:RK

11. Footpaths

Cattle in fields – Cllr Reed had spoken to the relevant parties and reported that the cows will be in that field until Christmas. The stockman has no intention of using electric fencing to separate the cows from the path. It was noted that there have been no incidents and that the cows seem to be harmless, despite their rather ‘hornsomeness’ appearance which is a little off-putting to walkers.

Cllr Reed reported that the landowner is willing for walkers to use the unofficial path, which has been in use for years, as the official path is overgrown and would need a lot of work to make it useable. As formalising the situation would involve parish council expenditure, it was agreed to keep to the status quo.

Cllr Reed reported that the bridge at Wick Lane needs some maintenance; he will replace planks as necessary.

Action:AR

12. Localism, environment and flooding

In response to questions, Cllr Oatway said that Wiltshire Council’s policy is to react to extreme weather conditions with its emergency teams but to proactively attend to known hot spots, keeping gullies and ditches in those places clear at all times.

Nobody is able to attend the Resilience Day at the Hopton Industrial Estate tomorrow.

13. Police matters

Clerk has had no police reports since June.

Cllr Reed reported a drugs-related find in the park and is in contact with the police about this matter.

14. Village Hall

Cllr Lympos reported a successful Pig Race Night, with the £670 profit being shared between the hall and the Prospect Hospice.

The annual Christmas party will take place on 19th December and there will be a coffee morning on Saturday 8th December from 10.00 am until midday.

Mr Lympos has painted the railings; all appreciated him giving his time for free.

The village hall committee would appreciate a donation from the parish council towards its Christmas Raffle; this was carried unanimously.

15. PCC

No report.

16. Website

Cllr Hossack reported that the website is up to date. The facebook feed has had to be removed due to new GDPR rules; the facebook group is therefore being run separately and announcements are being uploaded manually to the website.

Cllr Hossack will amend councillor details on the website to reflect recent changes.

17. Correspondence and diary dates

The next PCAP meeting will be held on 24th January in the Woodborough Parish Room.

PCAP has requested parishes to consider three donations; £100 as an annual support grant, £50 to become a partner on the sub-group Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership and £100 towards a PCAP donation to South West Ambulance Trust for a 'raiser chair' to help first responders when attending to elderly patients. Cllr Netherclift proposed that £100 be given for PCAP to use as it sees fit; seconded by Cllr Proto, carried.

18. Items from the public

None.

19. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.