

Minutes of the Meeting of Manningford Parish Council held on
Monday 17th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Richard Netherclift, David Proto, Sue Lymposs, and Bridget Lanyon
Unitary Councillor Paul Oatway
Clerk Ruth Kinderman
Members of the public: Andrew Paine, Liz Young, Robin Gamble, Andy Mortimer

1. Apologies

Cllr Andy Reed.

2. Pecuniary and other Interests

None declared.

3. Approve minutes of the parish council meeting held on 23rd November 2021

Cllr Lanyon proposed these be accepted as an accurate record; seconded by Cllr Lymposs, all in favour and signed accordingly by Cllr Netherclift.

4. Matters Arising

Cllr Netherclift announced the recent passing of former parish councillor Reg Sampson, who served for many years and was a stalwart member of the PCC too. The parish council wished to register their condolences and sympathy for his widow, Myffy.

5. Co-option of Andrew Paine to the parish council

Cllr Lymposs proposed that Andrew Paine be co-opted to the parish council; seconded by Cllr Proto, all in favour. Cllr Netherclift invited Cllr Paine to the table.

6. Co-option of Liz Young to the parish council

Cllr Netherclift proposed that Liz Young be co-opted to the parish council; seconded by Cllr Lymposs, all in favour. Cllr Netherclift invited Cllr Paine to the table.

7. Finance – including to agree precept for 2022/2023

The balance sheet had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting sheet and is attached as an appendix to these minutes. The bank statements had also been circulated.

Further to the last meeting (item 5, 23rd November 2021) Clerk had circulated a variety of potential precept figures for 2022/23 and the corresponding percentage increases. Extra items of expenditure will include the new website, the safety surface for the climbing frame and replacing or renewing the defibrillator contract. If CATG agree any works to improve the C52, the parish will have to make a contribution; it is unknown at present how much this could be.

Cllr Oatway reported that Wiltshire Council has yet to approve its budget for 2022/23 but that it is possible that parish councils will have to fund their own four-yearly elections in future, if contested, as well as funding contested interim elections as at present.

Cllr Proto proposed a precept of £7500 for 2022/2023; seconded by Cllr Lanyon, all in favour.

8. Planning Applications

To note decisions made by Wiltshire Planning Department:

PL/2021/09534 - Land at The Ivies, Manningford Bruce, SN9 6JH - Outline planning consent - some matters reserved - Erection of four bed detached family dwelling and access and associated infrastructure (Outline application relating to access)

Outline planning permission had been granted, to expire in three years.

PL/2021/08816 - Orchard House, Manningford Abbots, Pewsey, SN9 6JA – Change of materials and fenestration to Southern Kitchen Elevation. Replacement Shed. Tennis court construction with open sided pavilion.

This application had been approved by Wiltshire Council, subject to screening/hedging being planted in the first season and replaced whenever necessary; also subject to the condition that no external lighting shall be installed, this condition to apply in perpetuity.

To consider at this meeting:

PL/2021/11879 - Manorfield Farm, Manningford Abbots, SN9 6HY - Demolition and part demolition of 2x agricultural buildings and the conversion of another to form 2 dwellings with associated garaging and hard and soft landscaping.

Cllrs Netherclift and Lanyon had visited the site and reported that it is in need of improvement, whether it remains in agricultural use or changes to residential. It was agreed that the proposed dwellings are not in keeping with the surrounding properties, which are predominately brick and thatch. It was agreed that the proposed dwellings do not add beauty to the site, or increase its sustainability, and that the proposed garage is disproportionately large.

Two residents had expressed concern about the structural suitability of the chicken shed for conversion and queried whether there was a need for further dwellings within Manningford Abbots; they will submit comments directly to Wiltshire Council. The parish council noted that the site is brownfield, rather than greenfield, and that the existing bungalow will remain in situ.

It was agreed to object to the application.

Cllr Lanyon reported that a letter had been received from the residents of Southgate, querying the rationale for the condition applied to the bungalow, that it should revert to office space once the main house was complete. It was agreed that in principle the parish council would have no objection to the bungalow being used as a dwelling, providing it remained ancillary to the main house.

9. Parish projects

i) Playground - repairs to multi-play unit

Cllr Proto said that this should be completed by the next meeting in March.

- safety matting

Clerk reported that this parish does not qualify for most funding schemes due to location, but that Waitrose in Marlborough may be willing to raise some funds towards the safety surface as part of its 'Community Matters' scheme. It was agreed to apply.

ii) Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Whit Monday Bank Holiday has been moved to Thursday June 2nd to create a four day celebratory weekend. It was noted that local celebrations of national events tend

to be well supported; Cllr Lymposs will liaise with the Village Hall Committee to discuss ideas.

Cllr Netherclift thanked Cllr Proto for repairing the bench and the bin on the triangle.

10. Allotments

- overhanging trees

Cllr Lymposs has contacted a further tree surgeon, having had no response from the first.

The existing plot holder who was keen to take on plot seven has been willing to stand aside for another resident who came forward. All plots are now let.

11. Highways

Cllr Netherclift had circulated a list of ideas for possible improvements to be made to the C52, to prevent it being used as a 'Pewsey bypass'. These included a review of all signs and road markings, reclassification from a C-road to a single width lane with passing places, white edging lines to create an illusion of narrowness, restricted access, and a reduction in the speed limit with a 20mph zone in Manningford Bruce.

It was noted that the A345 has a limit of 50mph, in contrast to the C52 which is subject to the national speed limit, apart from a 30mph stretch through Manningford Bruce. It was agreed that reducing the speed limit would lead to Satnav systems increasing journey times for the C52, thus directing traffic along the A345.

It was noted that Community Speedwatch data showed that there had been no reduction in traffic volumes since the 'Local Traffic Only' signs had been installed.

Cllr Netherclift invited councillors to suggest other ideas to be considered by Highways.

Cllr Oatway will update the parish council once a meeting with Highways has been arranged.

12. Footpaths

Cllr Reed had reported that the kissing gate has yet to be repaired; he will follow this up.

Cllr Reed had reported that footpath way-markers promised by Wiltshire Highways have not been installed. Clerk had been notified that the bridleway MANN30 is not signposted at the A345. Clerk to pursue both items with Stephen Leonard, Rights of Way officer.

13. Police matters

The Police and Crime Commissioner is proposing an increase to the police precept for 2022/23; Clerk to forward consultation link to councillors.

14. Village Hall

Cllr Lymposs passed a copy of the Village Hall Annual Meeting minutes and accounts to the Clerk.

Cllr Lymposs is hoping that defibrillator training will go ahead as planned on 27th January at 10am.

Further to item 9 ii), the Committee will discuss potential ideas for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

15. PCC

No report.

16. Website

Cllr Lymposs is due to meet Sandra Hossack of Wicked Creations to discuss progress on the new website as agreed last meeting.

Cllr Young asked about avenues of communication within the parish. Cllr Lymposs said that the Village Email and Facebook page are both well used and that relevant information is available to all who wish to find it.

17. Correspondence and diary dates

Email regarding MANN30 – see item 12.

Letter regarding Southgate – see item 8.

There will be a PCAP meeting on Thursday 20th January at Rushall Village Hall.

18. Items from the public

Cllr Oatway reported that Wiltshire Council is due to approve its budget which will address the £27 million deficit. Planned increases in expenditure include an extra £11 million on adult and children's services, an extra £308 million on infrastructure, £46 million on Education and Skills, £10 million on Salisbury and Trowbridge high streets and a doubling of the CATG budget from £250,000 to £500,000. The books will be balanced by a 1.99% increase in Wiltshire council tax, increasing the green wheelie bin charge from £50 to £60 per annum, and increasing car park charges by £1 per hour.

19. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

FY20 as at year end		Manningford Parish Council	FY21 as at 31st December 21	
£6,237.00		Balance at start of year	£8,965.51	
£7,949.63		Income	£7,125.00	
-£5,221.12		Expenditure	-£4,159.98	
£8,965.51		Lloyds Bank Balance as at 31 Dec 21	£11,930.53	
£0.00		Creditors FY17		
£8,966.00		Manningford PC owns	£11,930.53	
income	expenditure		income	expenditure
		Loan Repayment		
	£296.37	Subscriptions, fees & website		£239.86
	£900.00	Secretary's salary		£750.80
	£2,680.00	External maintenance		£1,430.00
	£500.00	Insurance		£505.38
£650.00		Defibrillator		
£50.00		Allotment	£125.00	£300.00
		SID 7 villages	£300.00	£300.00
	£300.00	SID Manningford village hall		£300.00
£300.00	£473.48	Miscel payments		
£6,950.00		wilts council	£6,700.00	
	£71.27	HMRC (VAT)		£333.94
£7,950.00	£5,221.12	Sub totals	£7,125.00	£4,159.98
£2,728.88		Excess income over expenditure	£2,965.02	
£8,965.88		Bank Balance brought forward	£11,930.53	
Richard Netherclift		Ruth Kinderman		
Chairman PC		Responsible Finance Officer		