

Minutes of the Meeting of Manningford Parish Council  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Present:**

Councillors - Richard Netherclift, Phil Hossack, Andy Reed, Reg Sampson, David Proto and Bridget Lanyon.

Wiltshire Councillor Paul Oatway

Clerk - Ruth Kinderman

**1. Apologies**

Councillors Bernard Gaskin and Sue Lymposs

**2. Pecuniary and other Interests**

None declared.

**3. Approve minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Cllr Hossack proposed that these be accepted as an accurate record; seconded by Cllr Reed. No objections; signed accordingly by Cllr Netherclift.

**4. Matters Arising**

All councillors present confirmed that they had read and understood the Code of Conduct.

**5. Finance**

Cllr Gaskin had distributed by email copies of the financial report to date, showing a balance of £17,146.56, which includes £1406.30 in the SID fund. The report is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

**6. Dispensations**

The Clerk explained how the Localism Act no longer provides for councillors to discuss budgets without having first sought permission to do so. Cllr Netherclift proposed that the Clerk be given power to grant dispensations where appropriate; this was seconded by Cllr Hossack and there were no objections. All councillors present completed request forms for the Clerk's consideration before the next meeting.

*Action:RK*

**7. Planning Applications**

17/05938/FUL – Land at Dragon Lane – replacement single storey dwelling

Cllr Sampson reported that this has been refused by Wiltshire Council for the same reasons as the previous application for the same site; unattractive design and the need to avoid setting a precedent. The applicant has until 8<sup>th</sup> February to appeal.

17/05760/FUL – Aero View – set back existing retaining wall and picket fence to obtain one-metre wide pedestrian refuge.

Cllr Oatway said that due to being the subject of a formal investigation as a result of the previous application and public enquiry for this site, he could not take part in any

discussion about the application nor the Stopping Up Order for Dragon Lane. He would have declared this under item 2 if he had known the application was going to be mentioned.

Cllr Sampson reported that the application has been refused by Wiltshire Council but that the applicant has until 9<sup>th</sup> February to appeal. The legal order for the applicant to reinstate the hedge is still valid.

NATTRAN/SW/S247/2942 – Cllr Sampson reported that the Stopping Up Order for Dragon Lane is still valid. Cllr Netherclift reiterated previous concerns about pedestrian safety and proposed that the parish council support Wiltshire Council and Highways in objecting to the Stopping Up Order; this was carried unanimously.

Licensing Act – all agreed that the parish council has no objection to the application by J W Fine Foods Ltd of Unit 6. Nursery Farm to serve alcohol as part of its food tasting service.

#### **8. Boxes of Old Documents**

It was agreed that the papers contained therein should be inspected for anything important before recycling or shredding as necessary. It was noted that Cllrs Gaskin and Lympson had previously volunteered to spend time on this. Cllr Lanyon and the Clerk offered to help.

#### **9. PCC**

Cllr Sampson noted the forthcoming Harvest Festival on 8<sup>th</sup> October and Remembrance Service on 12<sup>th</sup> November. There is no longer a resident organist.

#### **10. Parish projects**

##### **i) Playground request**

A group of teenaged villagers had written to ask the parish council to consider providing football goalposts and a half-size basketball court at the recreation ground. Cllr Netherclift proposed that the council proceed with the goalposts but that the basketball court be refused on cost grounds. All were in favour and Cllr Gaskin will obtain some quotes.

The existing playground equipment has been inspected and some maintenance work is required to the slide. Cllr Gaskin will report on the likely costs at the next meeting.

*Action:BG*

##### **ii) Telephone kiosk**

The kiosk has been ordered but there are not currently any in stock of the required layout. The supplier – X2Connect – has been instructed to deliver an ‘A’ or ‘B’ design, whichever becomes available first. X2Connect was unable to give any indication as to delivery times as their stock is dependent on what BT lifts from the streets.

Following a discussion about alternative sites, it was agreed that Cllr Hossack will photoshop a picture of the village hall to give an impression of what it would look like with a kiosk closer by.

*Action:PH*

## **11. Highways**

Cllr Proto said that the pothole in Hare Street has been reported twice via the MyWiltshire online service. It was agreed that it is important to strike a balance between deterring through traffic whilst maintaining the road adequately for locals. During discussion it became apparent that the pothole is actually within Wilcot parish. Cllr Netherclift will reiterate to Highways the importance of avoiding inadvertently widening the road by also filling in the lay-bys, which have been created by vehicles eroding the banks.

Cllr Proto had circulated some proposed signage which Highways has suggested as suitable for each end of the C52 as a means to reduce through traffic. All were in favour in principle and Cllr Proto will report back to Highways to agree the final design.

Cllr Reed reported that he has requested the steward to cut back the overgrowth covering the existing signs.

Cllr Netherclift reported that there is still no response from the Sat-Nav companies but he will persevere.

The 'TriCountries' lorry driver who knocked down the white gate at the northern entrance to the village on the C52 recently, whilst trying to pass a Connect2 bus, has denied responsibility. Cllr Netherclift is in possession of all the evidence and he will be pursuing the matter. He noted that TriCountries has now banned its lorries from using the C52.

## **12. Footpaths**

Cllr Reed exhibited the footpath maps prepared by Stephen Leonard of Wiltshire Council showing the locations of the ten kissing gates which have been ordered; permission has been obtained from the relevant landowners and the installation team has been instructed but the work cannot proceed until the grant has been received from the Area Board. Cllr Gaskin has submitted a bid for 50% of the total cost.

Cllr Reed reported a very satisfactory job done by the steward in clearing the footpath by September Cottage and the parish council was grateful to the Clerk for having put them in the way of achieving this result. Cllr Reed has requested that the steward's next visit involves clearing the path number Mann 16.

## **13. Localism, environment and flooding**

Cllr Lanyon had nothing to report.

## **14. Police matters**

Clerk had circulated the recent report; there had been no local incidents. Cllr Hossack has uploaded the report to the website.

## **15. Village Hall**

Sandra Hossack was sorry not to be able to attend this meeting but she and Cllr Lympson had reported that the hall electrical work had been completed satisfactorily

and was now fully compliant for insurance purposes. The committee wished to thank the parish council again for the generous donation made towards this work.

Another defibrillator training session is due but the village hall committee feels that the turnout will be poor and that it would be better to postpone it until the Spring.

The parish council agreed that this would be best.

Cllr Lympson had reported forthcoming events: a jumble sale on 7<sup>th</sup> October, a vintage and bric-a-brac fair on 19<sup>th</sup> November, a quiz night on 25<sup>th</sup> November and a Christmas party, date yet to be confirmed, though combined with carol singing as usual.

#### **16. Website**

Cllr Hossack said that the website is fully up to date and noted the benefits of uploading the police reports so that people can take advantage of the links provided therein.

Cllr Hossack and Cllr Proto are progressing arrangements for the website address to be etched onto the village hall doors.

#### **17. Correspondence and diary dates**

WW1 treeplanting – this is a national project and Wiltshire Council plans to submit an order to the Woodland Trust in January. Interested parishes must identify sites and submit applications by the end of November, proving a commitment to after-care and long-term maintenance. Cllr Sampson will pursue this.

*Action:RG*

Mobile library review – it was agreed that the service had been dropped previously due to under-use and there was no reason to think that the situation had changed; the planned village book-share to be housed in the telephone kiosk would suffice.

Cllr Hossack will attend Claire Perry's Broadband information evening on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Following general discussion of the broadband provision, he will send some relevant links to all councillors to further their understanding.

*Action:PH*

A letter of grateful acknowledgement for the £250 donation had been received from Citizens' Advice.

#### **18. Items from the public**

The existing allotment tenant has retired to Pewsey but her relatives, who have helped her with the allotment for many years despite not living in the village, would like to keep on the allotment if possible. All were in favour. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Gaskin as to how the allotments are currently administered and make appropriate arrangements.

*Action:BG*

#### **19. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm in the Village Hall

*Meeting closed at 8.50pm*