

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st May 2018,

following the Annual Parish Meeting

Present: Councillors Richard Netherclift, Andy Reed, Sue Lympoos, David Proto, Phil Hossack and Bernard Gaskin.

Clerk Ruth Kinderman

1 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Lanyon and Cllr Oatway (attending the Pewsey Area Board meeting).

2 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2018/2019

Cllr Proto proposed that Cllr Netherclift be re-elected as chairman for the forthcoming year; seconded by Cllr Reed, carried unanimously.

Cllr Hossack proposed that Cllr Gaskin be re-elected as vice-chairman for the forthcoming year; seconded by Cllr Lympoos, carried unanimously.

3 Pecuniary and other interests

None declared.

4 Minutes of meeting held on 13th March 2018

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

5 Matters arising

Clerk had ascertained that Marc Read, Tidworth Area Board Manager, is the main contact for the Pewsey Area Board during Ros Griffiths' maternity leave.

It is hoped that the Wessex Water works scheduled for later this month will solve the drain problem in Manningford Abbots.

Clerk had reported the fly-tipping to PCAP and to Wiltshire Highways via the MyReporting website; Highways had declined to remove the rubbish as it was deemed to be on private land.

The map with historical text has been agreed and the production of a hard copy is now in progress at the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership.

6 Finance - approve AGAR and Exemption Certificate

Cllr Gaskin had circulated the receipts and payments made since April, with the bank balance currently at £14,770.63, including £2378.71 in the SID fund.

Cllr Gaskin explained the new auditing procedures with the AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) replacing the old Annual Return; the new external auditor for the parish council is PKF Littlejohn. Smaller authorities may choose to exempt themselves from a limited assurance review provided neither gross income nor expenditure exceeds £25000 for the year and a certificate must be submitted to this effect. Cllr Gaskin proposed that this

council self-certify as exempt, as both income and expenditure for 2017/2018 were below £25,000. Seconded by Cllr Hossack with no objections.

Further to item 6 of the foregoing annual parish meeting, all approved the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements.

7 **Planning applications**

17/05938/FUL – appeal at The Wickets, Dragon Lane, for demolition of an existing building and construction of a one-bedroom dwelling. Cllr Netherclift referred the council to the previous application 16/03263/FUL for the same site. It was agreed that as the situation was unchanged, the council would respond in the same manner. Cllr Gaskin observed that all properties in that part of the village are single storey with bedrooms in the roof.

18/04011/FUL – Fairfield, Dragon Lane, proposed garage with room over. This application had just been received and Cllr Lanyon will investigate the details and report in due course.

8 **GDPR**

Clerk reported that due to a government amendment to the Data Protection Bill, parish councils are no longer deemed to be public authorities for the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulations coming into force this Friday 25th and that therefore a Data Protection Officer need not be appointed at this time.

It was agreed that the exemptions as published by the ICO also removed the need to register as a data controller and to pay the data protection fee.

9 **Parish Council projects**

Cllr Proto reported that he had found a set of powder-coated aluminium goal posts available for £667 + VAT, from Networld UK. All were in favour of proceeding with this option. Cllr Proto will confirm what fixings will be required. It is assumed that the posts will be removable if necessary.

Clerk had contacted the electrician regarding the supply for the telephone kiosk and will follow this up; no further work can be done until the electricity has been installed. Cllr Netherclift has some oak suitable for the bookshelves and Cllr Reed will concrete the floor once the electricity supply has been installed.

SWAST has advised that there is an option to swap the current blue defibrillator cabinets for yellow; the defibrillators would be replaced at the same time. All agreed to proceed with this option; clerk to notify Julia Doel of SWAST.

10 **Highways**

Cllr Proto reported that Jo Ridge has assumed the lead for Speedwatch and thanked Jacqui Burgess for taking responsibility to date. Cllr Proto said that more people are needed to join the team.

Cllrs Proto and Netherclift had agreed that next time SID would be located on the first lamp-post on the C52 after the A345 junction. It was also noted that this junction had been extremely dangerous until the recent cut-back of the spring growth.

Cllrs Proto and Netherclift had met Mark Stansby of Highways to discuss the possibility of a footpath along the A345 by Chapel Cottages. Two telegraph poles and the drains prevent proceeding with the original idea of using the verge for this purpose. The only alternative is to install a path beyond the hedge, across the cottage gardens to the car park; this option would not involve Highways at all.

General discussion followed regarding the damage caused to verges during snow-clearing earlier in the year.

Cllr Reed will ensure the steward is aware of the need to cut back the foliage around the road signs, specifically the new ones along the A345.

11 **Footpaths**

Cllr Reed reported that the kissing gate installation is progressing well and that he has already received positive comments from walkers. Cllr Reed plans to attend to various ongoing maintenance items this weekend.

There was some discussion as to landowner responsibilities regarding bulls in fields; Cllr Reed will make enquiries about electric fences as appropriate and the clerk will check the law.

There seems to be uncertainty as to which footpaths Dennis Stevens will be strimming this year.

12 **PCC**

A fundraising drinks party in aid of the church will be held at The Manor House on June 9th.

13 **Localism, environment and flooding**

Nothing to report.

14 **Village Hall**

Cllr Lympos reported that the committee had held its AGM last Monday and that she is now acting chairman following Sandra Hossack's stepping down from that role. Cllr Lympos reported that although people are willing to help with events, they are reluctant to join the committee.

The next event is a Pub Night and Barbecue on 8th June at 6.30 pm.

15 **Website**

Cllr Hossack will make changes to the contact details shown on the website as required by GDPR.

Cllr Proto said that the website address will be etched onto the village hall doors at the earliest opportunity.

16 **Correspondence**

Nobody is able to attend the Highways Briefing this Wednesday 23rd or the Wiltshire Council Networking Event on 15th June.

The Neighbourhood Watch AGM will be on Saturday 5th July in Devizes.

Clerk had circulated a briefing note regarding the proposed electoral boundary changes and advised that Cllr Oatway had said that one option being considered was the abolition of the Pewsey Vale ward with the affected parishes being incorporated into the Tidworth and Devizes wards.

It was agreed that this was unacceptable and that a response should be sent to the consultation which runs until 9th July. Clerk to resend the briefing and relevant links.

17 **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 10th July at 7.30 pm in the village hall.