

Minutes of the meeting of Manningford Parish Council
held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors - Richard Netherclift, Bernard Gaskin, Phil Hossack, Bridget Lanyon, Sue Lymposs and David Proto (arrived 7.45pm)

Wiltshire Councillor Paul Oatway (arrived 7.55pm)

Clerk - Ruth Kinderman

1. Apologies

Councillor Andy Reed.

Councillor Reg Sampson has submitted his resignation.

Cllr Netherclift proposed a vote of thanks for Cllr Sampson's outstanding commitment and support during his fifteen-year tenure, especially with regards to planning, saying that he will be sorely missed; this was carried unanimously.

2. Pecuniary and other Interests

None declared.

3. Approve minutes of the annual meeting held on 14th November 2017

Subject to the manual amendment made to item 8/ii, Cllr Hossack proposed that these be accepted as an accurate record; seconded by Cllr Lymposs. No objections; signed accordingly by Cllr Netherclift.

4. Matters Arising

Dispensations have been granted to Cllrs Gaskin and Lymposs.

Clerk has submitted precept request.

Clerk attended the networking event at Trowbridge on 17th November and had since distributed a summary of the day's lectures.

5. Finance

Cllr Gaskin distributed copies of the financial report to date, showing a balance of £8,902.17, which includes £2582.71 in the SID fund. The report is attached as an appendix to these minutes. The bank balance stands at £16,173.69 due to grant

monies now received for the tables and chairs and kissing gates and also due to the telephone kiosk cheque not yet having been sent (see item 8/ii).

(Cllr Proto arrived 7.45 pm)

6. Planning Applications

17/08662/FUL – Cocklebury Farm – conversion of stables into holiday accommodation.

The application has now been withdrawn.

17/05760/FUL – Aero View - To set back existing retaining wall and permitted 1 metre picket fence to achieve a 1 metre wide pedestrian refuge.

The applicant has appealed against the refusal and written representations may be made by the 8th February. It was agreed to continue to support Wiltshire Council. Cllr Netherclift will prepare a response.

Replacement mast near the garden centre – nobody had any objections to the proposal which had been circulated by email and Cllr Sampson had responded accordingly to the pre-planning consultation held by Telefonica and Vodafone.

Further to Cllr Sampson's resignation, Cllr Lanyon agreed to take on responsibility for planning.

(Cllr Oatway arrived 7.55 pm)

7. PCC

No update. In the light of Cllr Sampson's resignation, Cllr Lympos will enquire whether anybody on the PCC is interested in joining the parish council.

Action:SL

8. Parish projects

i) Playground request

Cllr Gaskin will be measuring up and ordering two goalposts and nets within the next fortnight. It was agreed to reconsider the Wicksteed products, even though these are quite expensive; installation and ongoing maintenance in conjunction with the other playground equipment may be beneficial.

Cllr Gaskin reported that he had been unsuccessful in obtaining help and advice on this matter from neighbouring sports facilities.

Action:BG

ii) Telephone kiosk

Cllr Hossack reported that delivery of the kiosk had been postponed due to the necessity of undertaking preparatory groundwork. Mr and Mrs Baker are kindly overseeing this and have the appropriate information from X2Connect; costs to be determined and agreed prior to the commencement of work.

The kiosk will be located in front of the village hall rather than to one side; the kiosk can then be powered directly from the village hall supply and will also benefit from the security light.

Cllr Hossack confirmed that planning permission is not required as the kiosk will a parish amenity and will belong to the parish council.

9. Highways

Cllr Netherclift reported that the Kimmins at the Manor House (c/o The Manningford Estate) are keen to get more involved in village life and have also requested a reduction in the speed limit along the A345. Cllr Proto said that a request for pedestrian warning signs is on the CATG agenda and that he will investigate the rules pertaining to A roads.

Action:DP

CATG has received a request from The Former Rectory for bollards in order to deflect traffic from its boundary wall which was damaged recently. All agreed to support this request; Clerk to respond accordingly.

Action:RK

There is nothing further to report about the new signs to be installed at each end of the C52.

Further to the last meeting, Cllrs Netherclift and Proto still intend to identify some alternative sites for SID.

Action:RN/DP

10. Footpaths

Cllr Reed will attend to the dangerous stile on footpath 14 near the church.

Action:AR

Cllr Netherclift will contact the landowners regarding four other stiles which need anti-slip netting. He will also check whether there should be formal notification to walkers of the presence of the bull.

Action:RN

11. Localism, environment and flooding

No flooding to report.

12. Police matters

Clerk had circulated the latest police report. All were concerned to note the unusually long list of local incidents.

13. Village Hall

Cllr Lymposs reported several successful fundraising events; the Bazaar (£200), the Quiz Night (£450) and the Christmas party which raised £150 for Julia's House. There will be a Pub Night on 26th January. Cllr Lymposs would like to encourage more involvement from Abbots and Bohune residents.

14. Website

Cllr Hossack said that all parish council documents are up to date and that the police report has also been uploaded. He recommended the link to an interactive map showing the location of policing incidents.

15. Correspondence and diary dates

None.

16. Items from the public

None.

17. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall