

AGM Manningford Parish Council - Manningford Village Hall

10 May 2016

Present: Richard Netherclift (RN), Chairman
Phil Hossack (PH)
Bernard Gaskin (BG)
Sue Lymposs (SL)
David Proto (DP)
Andy Reed
Anne Thompson-Ashby (ATA) Clerk

Paul Oatway (PO), County Councillor for Pewsey Vale

- 1 **Apologies:** Bridget Lanyon (BL)
Reg Sampson (RS)
- 2 **Minutes:** Minutes of the AGM of 12 May 2015 approved (prop.SL, sec. PH) and signed.
- 3 **Annual Statement of Accounts;** BG noted that the PC as of March 2016 was currently in receipt of 11,300 surplus.
- 4 **Chairperson's Annual Report:** RN thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their contributions over the year. He noted the major expenditure was on grass cutting and the website.
5. No items from the public.

Parish Council Meeting

- 1 **Apologies:** as above
- 2 **Minutes:** of meeting 10 March 2015 signed (prop. PH, sec AR)
- 3 **Vacancies & co-option of Councillors:** All councillors offered to stand for a further term. There is one vacancy and it was agreed a councillor could be co-opted during the year if necessary.
- 4 **Election of Officers:** It was voted that all Councillors remain in office for a further term.
- 5 **Finance:** BG reported a balance of £17, 233. It was agreed to build up a reserve for potential highway projects following the C52 review and for emergency contingency projects. BG asked AR to liaise with him once the playground equipment had finally been erected and ground cleared so that BG could arrange for an inspection of the area for H & S certificate. AR also to give BG an estimate of footpath expenditure.
- 6 **Planning Applications:** 16/03263/FUL The Wickets – a two storey dwelling. It was noted that RS would not be overseeing the application; this would be handled by RN who is to set up a sub-committee to consult all householders affected by the application before submitting a report to the planning authority by 27 May. A Member of the Public (MoP) expressed their concern over the application and noted that the existing structure on the site was not a building and moreover outside the building line in Dragon Lane.
- 7 **Parish Council Projects:**
 - DP and RN to paint the bus shelter and clean the white village entrance gates. This to be completed by the next meeting.
 - SL suggested the phone kiosk could be replaced for £50 with a new version on the existing site and transformed in to a village free 'library'. SL to report back to Council on progress.
- 8 **Highways:** DP and RN to have a meeting on 17 May with Highways dept. to discuss C52 proposals. RN made clear that there would be **full** village consultation before **any** decisions were taken and added that initially it was likely that signage would be adopted before any more permanent routing would be considered. MoP expressed a view that the latter would be unacceptable and that he felt the traffic was no longer speeding. This was

not generally agreed, but RN is to review the financial implications of SID which would monitor traffic accurately.

PO reported on various meetings he has held with the council and the contractors Atkins re the proposed closure of the A345 which it was agreed would cause damage to local businesses, risk to emergency vehicles and traffic chaos in the locality. He reported that a one lane temporary road bridge is likely now to be adopted but work would be delayed from original schedule of Aug/Sept. The Council expressed their thanks to him.

- 9 Footpaths:** AR offered to do a full survey of all the footpaths. He noted that the broken footbridge on the 33 had been repaired by the Council after it had been reported by a MoP. It was noted that a footpath sign needs to be replaced by White House to September Cottage. AR to liaise with BG re expenditure see above under Finance.
- 10 PCC:** There is to be a special Sovereign Service in the Church at the later time of 10.30am on 12 May before village celebrations for the Queen's 90th see below.
- 11 Localism, environment and flooding:** No report. PH noted that 'My Wiltshire' site appeared to be working as far as reporting issues but expressed some concern that currently the PC was not able to monitor issues raised independently by parishioners. PO to have site meeting with RN to discuss clearing of drains with Malcom Bevan.
- 12 Police Matters:** following an accident on A345, PH reported that a bus stop sign had gone and would report on 'My Wiltshire' site.
- 13 Village Hall:** SL reported that preparations were going well for the village party on 12 May to celebrate the Queen's Birthday and asked if the PC would be prepared to donate a sum for prizes – it was agreed to donate £250. RS to contact the landowner adjacent to the playing field. Also of the field to the left which is to be used as a car park.
- 14 Website:** PH reported that user numbers on the social media pages were increasing. It was agreed to pay an annual cost of £300 to continue maintenance and monitoring of the site after June.
- 15 Correspondence:** None.
- 16 Items from the public:** None.
- 17 Date of next meeting:** 12 July 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.55pm