

AGM Manningford Parish Council - Manningford Village Hall

12 May 2015

Present: Richard Netherclift (RN), Chairman
Phil Hossack (PH)
Bernard Gaskin (BG)
Sue Lymposs (SL)
David Proto (DP)
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 13 May 2014 approved (prop. DP, sec. PH) and signed.

3. Annual Statement of Accounts; BG noted that the PC as of March 2015 was currently in receipt of £6,800 surplus. He was concerned that this could be a restriction on receiving the current precept again. PO noted that this was not an unreasonable sum to be put towards emergency contingencies – see Parish projects below.

4. Chairperson's Annual Report: RN thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their contributions over the year.

5. No items from the public.

Parish Council Meeting

- 1 Apologies:** as above
- 2 Minutes:** of meeting 10 March 2015 signed (prop. PH, sec SL)
- 3 Vacancies & co-option of Councillors:** Andy Reed was co-opted as a new councillor with responsibility for footpaths (prop RN, sec DP). RN agreed to take over police and emergency issues following the departure of Paul Pelham.
- 4 Election of Officers:** RN agreed to stand as Chair for a further term (prop. PH, sec DP). BG agreed to stand again as Vice Chair and Finance Officer (prop RN, sec. PH)
- 5 Website:** PH presented a proposal for a revised website incorporating the 3 village bodies: PC, PCC, and VH. It was agreed unanimously to go ahead with the proposal which will be shown to the VH committee in June. PH said a draft of the site would be up and running by the next PC meeting.
- 6 Flooding:** PO reported that there would be a replacement on WC for Stephen Matthew but candidate not yet appointed. PH on behalf of BL reported that there had been no further news from Kristian Price regarding the A345 – WC says the ditch needs to be dug by the landowner (Oliver Gates) to allow the Vacter crew to jet the culvert. PO to follow this up with PH.
- 7 Finance:** BG reported a balance of £14,387. It was agreed to build up a reserve for potential highway projects following the C52 review and for emergency contingency projects.
- 8 Parish Council Projects:**
 - AR reported that a number of slabs round the VH needed repairing and will bring an estimate for works to next meeting.
 - RN reported that a working party had cleaned and painted the white village entrance gates
 - It was agreed to replace the blackthorn hedge round the playing fields with beech supplied and planted by Wessex Woodland for £1,000. Messrs. Kinderman & Baker had agreed to prepare the ground for planting in late Autumn. Due to current surplus RN felt

this should go ahead without applying for a grant. It would also partly be funded by Wincanton Transport.

- SL and DP to contact Merryfields re apple press and report by next meeting.
- DP queried whether a bin was necessary at the triangle and it was agreed to remove the damaged one for a period of 3 months. He reported Ken Stokes was repairing the sign.
- AR agreed to oversee the replacement of goal posts and securing for them.
- It was agreed that DP would organise a working party to paint the inside of the bus shelter and clean the phone kiosk (reported by SL).
- SL raised the need for Guardians of the defibrillators to be appointed on a rota basis and would report back
- RS reported kissing gates were to be repaired by end of May.

9 Planning Applications:

15/62436/FUL) Malthouse Farmhouse application supported

15/02295/FUL) Snowdrop Cottage no objections but BG reported that the WC had asked for modifications

15/02468/FUL) Glenfiddich – application supported

14/07939/FUL Aero View – PC has resubmitted its concerns to the inspectorate and awaits further developments.

10 Highways: No incidents reported. Speedwatch continues and RN passed PC's thanks to Sandi Proto for organising it. DP noted tarmac had been laid in passing places which slightly eroded the banks. PO, RN and DP to review what further action is required ahead of CATG meeting.

11 Footpaths: Footpath to Mullens Farm has been cut down and other paths are in the process of being cut by Denis Goddard. AR to report back at next meeting on any further work required.

12 PCC: Village Rounders at 12.00 on 21 June.

13 Police Matters – nothing to report apart from break-ins to sheds and walkers' parking spots in the vicinity.

14 Village Hall: Wine Tasting event had to be cancelled due to lack of response but a successful Pub Night was held. Dog Show on 14 June. SL to liaise with VH over insurance situation.

15 Correspondence: None.

16 Items from the public: None.

17 Date of next meeting: 14 July 2015 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.45pm