

Manningford Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Richard Netherclift, David Wheen, Andy Reed, Sue Lymposs, David Proto, Phil Hossack, Bridget Lanyon
Clerk Ruth Kinderman
Unitary Councillor Paul Oatway
Members of the public James Kinderman, Richard Lymposs

1 Welcome by the Chairman

Cllr Netherclift welcomed everybody to this annual meeting.

2 Apologies.

None received.

3 Minutes of annual parish meeting 21st May 2018

Cllr Proto proposed that these be accepted; seconded by Cllr Lymposs, signed accordingly by Cllr Netherclift.

4 Report from Neighbourhood Police Team

No response to the invitation to this meeting had been received other than that Team Coordinator PC Beth Butwell is currently on leave.

5 Report from Wiltshire Council (Councillor Oatway)

Cllr Oatway reported that Baroness Scott will step down from 9th July and that the Conservative group has started the process of selecting a new leader; their original choice to replace Cllr Scott, Cllr Jerry Wickham, has had to withdraw from the position due to health reasons.

The Boundary Commission has accepted proposals for redrawing the Wiltshire Council wards and the new boundaries will take effect from the 2020 local elections, with All Cannings and Allington becoming part of the renamed Pewsey Vale West division. Following an increase in funding from central government, there will be an increase in spending on Wiltshire Highways; Cllr Oatway is working hard to direct a considerable amount of this investment to the A342 and A345, both of which are deteriorating. Wiltshire Council is currently developing a new freight strategy to address problems caused by the volume and size of lorries; the old strategy focused on the A 350 and the A303.

Cllr Oatway clarified the result of the Planning Inspectorate's report on Aero View and said that the wall must be taken down and moved back by a metre. It was noted that it would be in the owner's long-term interest to ensure this work is complete, rather than left as a liability for any prospective buyers in the event of future sale of the property.

6 Chairman's Annual Report

Cllr Netherclift presented his report which is attached as an appendix to these minutes. Mr James Kinderman noted that thanks should go to Mr Geoff Milsom for allowing the water trailer to be parked on his land.

7 Items from the public

None received.

MANNINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL (MPC)

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CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR 2018 - 2019

MPC is a voluntary body and I am pleased that, in these increasingly busy times, there are always residents prepared to give up their time, be it as Councillors or helpers. Their time and effort is much appreciated and a big thank you is due to all who have helped during the year. I would also like to give a special thank you to our Parish Clerk, Ruth Kinderman, for her guidance and support over the year.

I have to report, with sadness, the passing of Bernard Gaskin. Bernard had been a stalwart of the PC for many years as both Councillor and Finance lead. He also represented the PC at various wider committees, including the Pewsey Area Board, where he was well-known. He will be kindly remembered by all.

Looking forward, I am pleased to welcome David When to the Parish Council who has now taken up the Finance responsibility. We are currently 2 councillors under strength and would appreciate it if any residents interested in joining the Parish Council would let me or the Parish Clerk know.

The PC meets every two months in the Village Hall, and all residents are welcome to attend. Dates and agendas are posted on the Notice Boards outside the Village Hall in Manningford Bruce and Hen Lane in Manningford Abotts, the Messenger and on the MPC website. Please note that all those mentioned in the report, whether Councillors or not, can be contacted via our Parish Clerk - Ruth Kinderman – m.kinderman57@btinternet.com or 01672 851757.

Finance/Projects – MPC Contact – David When

The main expenditure during the year has been on grass, hedge cutting and path clearing. The new beech hedge on the sides of the Playing field has settled in and the “communal” areas are looking well maintained and presentable. It is good to see that it is regularly used by children of the Village. (See comment under Police). We have now received the precept for this year and continue to have a healthy surplus and the Parish Council is currently engaged in identifying projects that could best utilise the funds to the maximum advantage. The Parish Council will ensure that the money spent is appropriate to the Village requirements and funds available

During the year a number of specific projects were undertaken:

New goal posts and nets were erected in the playing
Installation of an old Red Telephone box outside the Village Hall
Tree lopping and general tidying up outside the Village Hall
Purchase and installation of Kissing Gates on local footpaths

Highways – MPC Contact - David Proto

“Through vehicles” using the C52 through the village are ever-present and continuing efforts of Speedwatch and the Speed Indicating Device (SID) rota (2 weeks 3 times a year) endeavour to ensure that traffic obeys the speed limit.

In conjunction with the other local Parishes involved, it has been decided to invest in a second SID machine. This will mean that a SID will be in the village 6 times a year each time for a 2 week period.

Thanks go to Jo Ridge and the volunteers that turn out to operate the Speedwatch system and there is no doubt that the “random presence” of the speed gun and dayglo jackets does have an effect.

We would welcome new Speedwatch volunteers, if only on occasional basis. If you are interested in supporting the initiative please contact Jo Ridge.

Also whilst no system is perfect, the number of passing HGVs has reduced, although efforts continue to ensure that deliveries to local businesses are correctly guided in.

Police MPC Contact – Richard Netherclift

Crime is normally at a low level in our area and luckily this year has been quiet. However, there has been evidence of thieves targeting garden machinery in the Pewsey area and, as ever, it reinforces the need to be vigilant, noting anything “unusual” in the village.

There has, however, been an increasing number of instances of anti-social behaviour and drug taking/trading outside the Village Hall and in the playing field. The police have been involved and residents are encouraged to record any suspicious or antisocial behaviour and report it using the 101 phone service as this is the only way a log is created.

Warnings about the potential risk from break-ins to cars at the various local rural parking areas continue to be issued from time to time. It is important to ensure when leaving a car at these locations, that any valuables are left out of sight. We continue to be enrolled in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Planning – MPC Contact – Bridget Lanyon

There was only one contentious planning issue during the year, which was the Public Inquiry in regard to AeroView stopping up order etc. in which the resident prevailed.

Otherwise all applications in the parish were straightforward and supported by the PC. More details are in the Parish Council minutes through the year.

PCC – MPC Contact – as Finance/Projects

Cllr When reported that thirty-five services held during the last year have been attended by 850 people; 95 had attended the Remembrance Service, with Christmas and Easter also attracting reasonable congregation

Footpaths/Parish Steward – MPC contact – Andy Reed

As stated under projects, new kissing gates have been installed on a number of footpaths and have made a great impression with the public. Bridleway No 30 off the A345 has been reopened. Ongoing maintenance continues as normal and our overall footpath network is in much better shape.

Given the change of “process” last year with Parish Steward visits, it appears that the reporting of issues via the “My Wiltshire” portal on Wiltshire Council’s website is proving to work. Once an issue is reported, it is then prioritised against other issues and addressed accordingly. It is important to remember that this is the ONLY way for an issue to be registered.

Parish Website – MPC Contact – Phil Hossack

The website has been updated to comply with the latest accessibility and data protection rules. The Facebook feed has been removed to comply with the new GDPR rules and the Facebook group is now being updated separately and announcements being uploaded manually to the website. Councillors contact details were also amended to comply with GDPR rules. There are now 81 members of the Facebook group and still growing.

The Notices and information section was expanded with additional links including the regular Police reports. We would be delighted to receive any feedback.

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Village Hall - MPC Contact – Sue Lympos

The village hall continues to be used to as the focal point in the village to encourage social interaction, especially during the winter months. Events held this last year include pub nights - one of which incorporated a BBQ and another a “Chilli Bowl” evening, a Prize Bingo night, our second Vintage Fair which is something we hope to hold annually, a Pig Race evening held in November which was well supported and resulted in a profit of £670 half of which was sent to The Prospect Hospice, a well attended Village Christmas Party for all ages, plus a couple of “pop up” cafe’s where cakes & bakes were donated by villagers and monetary donations from that have made £90 for Cancer Research and £50 for Stand up to Cancer. Any profit made from other VH events go towards the maintenance and running costs of the hall.

We are a small team and try to organise as many events as we can manage. The village email and entry in The Messenger comes via the VH team too. This year the hall has been booked out a lot with both private hire for parties and the various classes that are now held regularly. Contact for booking is Victoria Marshall.

Flooding/Environment – MPC Contact – Bridget Lanyon

No flooding issues have occurred during the last year and there is therefore little to report.

Allotments – MPC Contact - Ruth Kinderman

Ruth Kinderman has kindly agreed to take over the Allotment role and we are in the middle of “renovating” 3 areas and to date 2 of them will be taken up. Further work will be undertaken over the coming months.

We would also like to thank James Kinderman for his help in providing water to the site.

Richard Netherclift,
Chairman, Manningford Parish Council