

Manningford Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on

Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Andy Reed (Vice-Chairman), David Proto, Sue Lymposs, Liz Young, Andrew Paine, and Bridget Lanyon

Clerk Ruth Kinderman

1 Welcome by the Vice-Chairman

Cllr Reed, Vice-Chairman of the parish council, welcomed everybody to the meeting. A message had been received from Richard Netherclift, who would like to record his thanks to all Councillors and Clerks past and present for their time and support during his period as Chairman. He enjoyed working with everyone and wishes everybody well for the future.

2 Apologies

Unitary Councillor Paul Oatway.
Resident Linda Tamani.

3 Minutes of annual parish meeting 16th May 2022

Cllr Paine proposed that these be agreed as an accurate record of last year's meeting; seconded by Cllr Reed, all in favour.

4 Annual Report from the Parish Council

Cllr Reed presented his report, which is attached as an appendix to these minutes. There were no questions.

5 Report from Wiltshire Council

Cllr Oatway hoped that the meeting would accept his apologies and understand his many commitments at this time of year, with fourteen parishes in his division, all of whom are legally obliged to meet during May. Cllr Oatway had nothing further to report since his update given to this council in April, other than that due to delays with recruitment of drivers, the new Direct Route Transport bus service will now commence on 1st July.

6 Items from the public

Items received in writing relating to The Ivies, blocked drains and overgrown footpaths will be addressed in during the meeting of the parish council.

MANNINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT FOR 2022/23

We would like to start by conveying a message from Richard Netherclift, who would like to record his thanks to the Councillors and Clerks past and present for their time and support during his period as Chairman. He wishes you all to know that he enjoyed working with everyone and wishes you all well for the future.

We are sure we also wish to formally record our thanks to Richard for his fourteen years as councillor, twelve of which were in the chair.

Planning - Cllr Lanyon has been very busy this year, taking the lead with seventeen planning applications, of which three were for listed building consent and one for consent under a Tree Preservation Order.

Projects – the parish council appreciates the incredibly active Village Hall Committee, which has had a royal year, starting with the Jubilee last June and ending with the recent Coronation. The allotments continue to thrive, with thanks to the plot holders for keeping it tidy, and the council is on top of the playground, with a very pleasing inspection report in the spring following the installation of the tiger mulch last year.

Footpaths – We would like to take this opportunity to ensure landowners are aware of their responsibility to keep public rights of way clear of overgrowth, especially important at this time of year, and to maintain stiles and gates.

Highways – with everything else under control, the council turns its focus for next year to the C52 and a meeting with Cllr Oatway will be arranged shortly. With regards to all roads in the parish, we would like to remind everyone of the parish steward scheme and that any odd jobs that need doing round the parish must be requested in advance. Please let the clerk know by telephone or email, or let Cllr Reed know. Jobs for the steward can include anything from clearing blocked drains and gullies, strimming dangerous verges, cleaning and repairing road signs so it is always worth asking.

With regards to general administration and finance, I would like to remind everyone that meeting minutes and financial documents are all available to read on the website. Our new site went live just over a year ago.

Lastly, we would also like to thank our Unitary Councillor Paul Oatway for his support for the parishes in his division and for doing his best for us at County Hall.

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