

Manningford Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 16th May 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Richard Netherclift (Chairman), David Proto, Sue Lympos, Liz Young, Andrew Paine and Bridget Lanyon

Unitary Councillor Paul Oatway

Clerk Ruth Kinderman

Resident Guy Lock

1 Welcome by the Chairman

Cllr Netherclift welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Parish Councillor Andy Reed, residents James Kinderman (Pure Pastures) and Milly Woodard.

3 Minutes of annual parish meeting 17th May 2021

Cllr Lympos proposed that these be approved as an accurate record; seconded by Cllr Paine, all in favour, and signed accordingly by Cllr Netherclift.

4 Report from Wiltshire Council

Cllr Oatway reported on the progress of Wiltshire Council's review of its Code of Conduct. As Chairman of Wiltshire Standards Committee, he had set up a focus group to adapt Wiltshire's existing code to the new National Code, which was published in January, the effect of which would be to give Wiltshire's code more 'teeth'. Several councillors appear to be uneasy with the idea of adopting a more stringent code of conduct and the focus group's suggestions are due to be considered by the council's political group leaders. The Standards Committee will then present its final recommendations to full council for approval, although the outcome of its deliberation may be a decision to retain the existing code.

Cllr Oatway said that his strategic meeting with the Cabinet Member for Highways, and Senior Highway Engineers is due to take place shortly, to discuss solutions to the C52, which has unintentionally become a Pewsey by-pass, resulting in Seven Wells becoming as bad an accident blackspot as Cross Hayes. The meeting will consider all suggested solutions irrespective of money; funding will be considered once a solution has been agreed on.

Wiltshire Council's expenditure for 2022-2023 includes an increased budget for CATG/LHFIGs from £250,000 to £500,000; this may be helpful in implementing the agreed solution for the C52.

5 Chairman's Annual Report

Cllr Netherclift thanked all councillors for their work throughout the year, and the Clerk for having taken on the position of RFO once David When moved away from the village.

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Cllr Netherclift trusted that the meeting minutes for the year provided an ample summary of the parish council's achievements, and he is very grateful to Cllr Oatway for addressing the C52 problems at the highest level. Cllr Netherclift looks forward to an increased level of parish council activity now that the Covid impact has been minimised.

6 Update from Pure Pastures

Cllr Netherclift explained that James Kinderman is applying for a haulier's licence and is currently undertaking the necessary training; this will enable him to purchase a truck and take control of vehicular movements at Pure Pastures, which are currently dependent on the logistical demands of other haulage companies. Other plans for the future include the installation of solar panels on the Pure Pastures buildings to address rising electricity costs.

7 Items from the public

None.