



## *Manston Parish Council*

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### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 19.00pm At RAF Manston History Museum, Manston**

- Present**      **Parish Councillors** Cllr Samme, (Chair), Roy Matthews, Vic Champs, Irene Dolan, Guy Wilson, Robin Tritton
- In Attendance** – Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO), District Cllr Pugh, Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, County Cllr Dawson  
Plus 2 members of the public.
- 114/17-18**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllr Roger Gale, and Cllr Dearing
- 115/17-18**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. No declarations were made.
- 116/17-18**      **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
It was proposed by Cllr Matthews seconded by Cllr Champs and resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th February 2018. These were signed by Cllr Champs & Cllr Samme as a true record.
- 117/17-18**      **FINANCIAL MATTERS**  
a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Matthews  
Seconded by Cllr Champs, Chqs signed as appropriate.
- Cllr Samme confirmed that a donation of £500 has been received from Mr Steed towards the war memorial renovation. Cllr Dearing has written a report for the local paper regarding the war memorial, raising awareness to Thanet residents who may be connected to it.
- 118/17-18**      **CHAIRMANS REPORT**  
Cllr Samme confirmed it has been a very quiet month. The tree will be removed in the dog area when the weather is better. She confirmed that Cllr Dearing met with James Wraight and enquired re the footpath and he confirmed it is still going ahead on Manston Court Road although progress is slow. Cllr Samme thanked Cllr Crow-Brown for his support with Southern Water and they are progressing a major sewer repair which will involve road closure - and also with his help with the bins. Cllr Samme met with ARCK re pop-up in the village and it was agreed to put it in the park 4 times a year from April dates to be confirmed. The purpose is as a meet and greet for people within the village. Cllr Matthews will raise the barrier in the car park to enable the pop up to get in.
- Update from Cllr Crow-Brown as he has to leave, TDC are recruiting an enforcement officer this week who can progress the issue with Portland and others in the area. KCC are dealing with Mcarthys

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and the debris on the road. Travellers are in the area and have separated and one group are at Hornby and also on the road at the Jentex site.

**119/17-18**      **PLANNING**

a) A list of all planning applications was circulated prior to the meeting—no further comments.

**120/17-18**      **HIGHWAYS**

No update

**121/1718**      **MANSTON PARK**

No update- however Cllr Samme advised the bins had not been emptied for a month, and she had referred it to Cllr Crow-Brown and they have been done today. Cllr Matthews confirmed that a tree is lose and may need removing.

**122/17-18**      **Fleet Road**

Cllr Dolan confirmed she had received 12 replies all in favour of closing the road. She will chase up those who haven't responded. There are 16 residents total in the road.

**123/17-18**      **WW1 Beacon**

Cllr Tritton he will be able to provide the food. Climagate have confirmed that the fire basket can and will be repaired. Cllr Dolan confirmed the timetable of the event. Cllr Dolan has created an action plan which she will circulate – can members mark what they would like to do. Cllr Tritton will light the beacon. Cllr Champs has confirmed he will provide the wood.

**125/17-18**      **INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

County Cllr Dawson – Cllr Samme asked if she had progressed the number (30 or Slow) painting on the road by Spratling Street, Cllr Dawson confirmed she will chase it up. MPC are willing to pay for it but have been told it needs to go through Cllr Dawson. A resident had asked her about Flete Road as the resident did not want it closed , KCC have confirmed it is being used as a 'rat run' traffic data to inform how well is used - it can measure traffic flow. Are we going to undertake our own speed analysis? Closure could be achieved however it is at the expense of vehicle mileage. Turning point can be achieved by working with the land owner. A consultation would need to take place and would include emergency services and wider residents of Thanet.

Cllr Pugh advised the gypsies are an issue, as advised earlier. They have caused so much damage on the field next to the Beacon that the circus will not be coming this year. Notify the Council and KCC if they are seen. They will pray on the older and vulnerable residents. He confirmed that TDC has a new leader, Cllr Bob Bayford. He has been speaking to the Director of Operational Services and recycling is going to wait another month, but general waste is being collected. Cllr Champs asked if he could have some bigger bins for his sheltered housing scheme - to contact Cllr Pugh. Community Warden via email - Tony Gander confirmed he had reported the new housing development on Manston Road, Ref 339432, they have been moving earth and leaving large amounts of mud and stones on the road.

Clerk – confirmed she had submitted the vat reclaim. She suggested that Eric Fewkes complete the 17/18 audit. Agreed.

Serco contract agreed as 2% increase for 2 years. Cllr Samme signed the contract.

Cllr Champs confirmed he has written to the papers and expressed his views regarding Manston Airport as use as a Car Park and Thanet Parkway – however he stated that he has done it on his on his own and not as a Parish Councillor.

**126/17-18**      **QUESTIONS**

None

**127/17-18**      **DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

The meeting closed at approximately 20.03 hrs.

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