



Manston Parish Council

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Clerk: Miss Ashley Jackson

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th July 2018 at 19.00pm At RAF Manston History Museum, Manston

Present **Parish Councillors** Cllrs Samme, (Chair), John Dearing (Chair), Vic Champs, Guy Wilson, Roy Matthews, Robin Tritton & Irene Dolan,

In Attendance – Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO) District Cllr Crow-Brown, 7 members of the public.

37/18-19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Roger Gale MP, Tony Gander Community Warden, District Cllr Reece Pugh, PCSO Deborah Forsyth

38/18-19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. No declarations were made.

39/18-19 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Dearing and resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th June 2018. Seconded by Cllr Champs. These were signed by Cllr Samme as a true record.

40/18-19 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Samme Seconded by Cllr Dearing, chqs signed as appropriate by Cllr Samme & Cllr Dearing.
- b) Clerk gave an update on finances following end of first quarter. Income = £10,130.00 Expenses £9773.19 = bank balance £42,208.95

41/18-19 **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Cllr Samme confirmed that Hazel Chandler had reported that children had been climbing in the trees, and therefore she had taken away the rope however the rope holds the barrier in place when open – it was agreed that the key holder to the barrier can have the rope, Cllr Matthews confirmed he has the rope. The zip wire installation has started and we are currently waiting for the concrete to set before final mechanism can be fitted. This should be completed week ending 20/7/18. Cllr Samme confirmed that a number of residents have already commented on it and are pleased with its installation. Cllr Samme confirmed that Manston has a new PCSO and welcomed her to the village, PCSO Debbie Forsth. The pop up café has been extended to cover August, September and October. These dates will be advertised in the noticeboards. Cllr Samme encouraged people to attend the event, attendees to date include a number of dog walkers and the fire brigade. Cllr Samme confirmed that she had asked a TDC employee who was collecting refuse, why the bins aren't emptied regularly? He stated that collections were a timed event, and he was not allocated enough time to empty the bins. He also confirmed that he couldn't get through the barrier. She gave him a key to the barrier, so all bins can now be emptied. Fly tipping was also removed by TDC, and some litter in the

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car park. TDC tie bags to the dog bin, however Cllr Samme asked him not to leave additional bags, so he didn't.

The painting of the slow signs on the road in Spratling street will take place soon. Cllr Samme gave thanks to Cllr Matthews for cutting the grass at the war memorial, and to Cllr Dearing who undertook this task most recently. Cllr Samme has received complaints about overgrown hedging however confirmed that this cannot be cut until august. Mr Peachey has complained again, and also the area round dog area needs cutting back this is part of the Serco contract. The bus shelter on spitfire way has been removed today (16/7) – clerk to write to Roger Gale. Cllr Crow Brown confirmed that unfortunately, the MoD sold off the land and footpath in 2006. In 2007, he provided the KCC footpaths officer several witness statements in that the footpath had been in use going as far back as 1967! Unfortunately, it would appear that KCC hasn't given the route from the bus stop footpath status. He confirmed he has been in contact with both Iain Livingstone and Emma Fibbens at TDC Planning. It would appear that the planning application to erect the fence has expired, meaning the decision to take action against the owners rests with TDC. Essentially, moving back the fence by two feet will enable military and civilian personnel to negotiate the footpath using pushchairs and mobility aids, also making it safe to walk. The fence is also not safe and will not be signed off by highways. Clerk to write to Roger Gale on this matter.

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PLANNING

Planning list was circulated prior to the meeting. No objections were raised.

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HIGHWAYS

Cllr Dearing confirmed Manston Road, Flete Road and Vincent Road have the traffic counters in place from 09/07/2018 until 15/07/2018, however they were still in place today 16/7/18. He confirmed that he will ask for the results once finished. Cllr Samme confirmed that the PCSO would also like to see the results to consider it for speeding and volume of traffic.

Public Right Of Way TR23 - Preston Road, Preston Park Caravan park issue – Cllr Dearing confirmed that a PROW Officer undertook a site meeting with the landowner to discuss the pen across the footpath. It was confirmed that the landowner would install a stile or gate to enable users to continue using the official alignment of TR23. A waymark disc will also be installed by the access to show that the path runs through the pen. The Public Right of Way Officer did receive confirmation that the work to install the access would be undertaken. The Public Right of Way Officer then confirmed that apparently some steps have been put in to assist users of the path to negotiate the fencing. They asked for photos direct from the landowner but did not receive any, they needed to know if what had been installed was appropriate or not. Cllr Dearing visited the site and provided the Public Right of Way Officer with photographic evidence. He confirmed that the request to provide access to the original route of the footpath was adhered to but fell far short of a safe practical access for your average walker. He confirmed that the top wire of the fence is 44" high(1.12metres) and there is no solid support to hold onto while negotiating this hazard as the new stiles are not close enough to adjacent fence posts. The Public Right of Way Officer have confirmed to Cllr Dearing that the works are not satisfactory and if the owners do not put in a new stile then the Public Right of Way Officer will undertake these works and invoice the owner.

Manston Court Caravan park on Manston Court Road, Cllr Dearing confirmed that the vans are still on the footpath, and this is still with The Public Right of Way Officer .

There was no further update on Manston Court Road footpath – still being held up by legal matters.

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MANSTON PARK

As previously reported Cllr Samme confirmed that the fly tipping had been removed and the construction of the zip wire had started. Cllr Samme confirmed that the dog area is being heavily used, and one evening there was 20 dogs in the area. People are coming from out of Manston to use it and it is putting local residents off using it. Cllr Dearing suggested leaving the barrier open? Cllr Samme confirmed the earth left by the construction of the zip wire will be spread back into the hedge and Cllr Dearing has agreed to remove the rubbish from the construction of the zip wire. Cllr Matthews confirmed he has cut some broken branches down by the barrier and in the children's play area.

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WW1 Beacon

Bugle player hasn't confirmed attendance yet.

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INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

County Cllr Emma Dawson – was not present.

District Cllr Crow-Brown advised he attended the reserves covenant signing at Manston and it did not have very good attendance. He reported that the fire training has been outsourced to Capita and the RAF are moving to Moreton in the marsh. A meeting was held to discuss the travellers re the encampment at Hengist Way - they left 80 tonne of rubbish, a chicane is being considered to stop them returning. They have also been to Columbus way – Cllr Dolan congratulated TDC on the removal of rubbish so quickly. Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed he had attended a Dreamland event and they are considering opening 365 days a year. Tourism is up 19%. He also attended the Joint transportation meeting where it was confirmed that all money accrued by parking meters on the street goes back to KCC. He advised that the DCO order for Manston has been submitted.

District Cllr Reece Pugh reported by email the following -
Draft Local Plan – as the parish council are aware, Option 2 of the draft local plan has been approved by cabinet and will go to full council vote on 19th July. With this in mind, I am delighted that Manston Airport will no longer be designated for development. But I am disappointed that the houses originally allocated for the site have been moved elsewhere, mostly in Minster and wwx. However I will continue to dispute the housing numbers and do my very best to ensure that any development in the villages is meaningful and compliments their communities. Manston Airport: I am delighted that RSP will soon be resubmitting their DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate. Manston Airport is a valuable asset for our area and the entire country. As such, it must be protected because once it is destroyed, we will never be able to get it back. Casework: After last months parish council meeting, I briefly spoke to a number of residents that are experiencing difficulties and offered my assistance. I would again like to reiterate that I am more than happy to assist residents as much as a can with any issue, whether that be planning applications, noise complaints or housing etc. With this in mind, please do share my Councillor email address with them.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Manston Parish Council, the Chair and all Councillors for their fantastic work in ensuring that Manston remains the wonderful village and parish that it is.

The Parkway Station was discussed by all members and it was agreed the parish council are not in favour of it. It was confirmed that it is EU funded.

PCSO Debbie Forsyth by email confirmed - I feel very lucky to have such a beautiful ward, it is keeping me very busy. Thankyou for updating me with the speeding on Manston Road and I look forward to reading the figures from Flete Road, Vincent Road and Manston Road when they bcome available. There was an incident last week in the car park of the museums, it involved a male in a white audi with a black front bonnet cover and registration ending RX0. Please do not approach this male as he is violent but please call 101. I am trying to keep an eye on the park and the problem of gas canisters and have not doubt this activity may increase in the summer break. I very much look forward to meeting you all and hopefully work commitments permitting I shall be at the next meeting.

Tony Gander, Community Warden confirmed by email –

Spitfire Way - trying to again more ground with the new fencing. They have erected the fencing so the bus stop shelter and post are in side the fenced area.

Flytipping has been reported in Valley Road/Shelley Road, there has been an encampment on Columbus Avenue. Tony confirmed he is working with the KCC Gypsy and traveller unit. There was a multi agency meeting held in Manston regarding the encampments on Hengist Way and Columbus Avenue. Nitrous Oxide capsules have been found dumped on Manston Road, He has reported highways issues, and is monitoring speeding issues. There have been a number of break ins in a neighbouring village. He asked that everyone be aware when going out and leaving windows open in the warm weather. Cold Calling is still going on – please do not have work done from these workmen. They always give one price but add extra costs on.

Cannisters also in the football field by the social club.

Clerk – GDPR update – Privacy Statement was circulated for comment - proposed to accept Privacy statement Cllr Champs and seconded Cllr Ssame .

Draft minutes need to be published within one month of meeting – agreed to publish minutes on website – proposed Cllr Samme Seconded Cllr Dearing.

Secure emails – it is important that Cllrs have secure emails.

Memory stick is needed to copy all the PC’s information and secure with a password – agreed to purchase one proposed

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Clerk annual leave 20th August – 3rd September 2018.

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QUESTIONS

Rex showed a picture of some rubbish which he had reported via my Thanet App – the rubbish is on the corner of the reservoir on Preston Road. TDC had confirmed that no action could be taken - Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed that this was because it was on private road.

Resident asked if could the hedges at the back of the Leys be cut down? –they are too high and the sides need cutting too. Serco have previously suggested that it was left to get a bit higher. Cllr Samme to speak to Serco about the works in September.

There was a discussion regarding the land behind the garages at St Catherines Grove which is not owned by anyone and the large tree on the land is damaging a garage roof. Cllr Samme is going to have look.

Cllr Wilson advised Stone Hill Park accounts showed assets of £8m, liabilities of £5.6m, net assets of £2.4m - he asked if anyone knows where the funds have come from? It was discussed that this was probably the money that they are receiving from operation stack. Cllr Wilson asked if anyone knew how the CPO would work – Cllr Crown Brown confirmed that the council couldn't evidence enough finances? Stonehill park have not yet undertaken the environmental works and the archaeological dig. These do not have to take place before the planning application is submitted. It will be declared within 28 days if the planning inspector has been to the site.

Cllr Champs asked when will the money stop going to them for operation stack and it was confirmed this will continue until the end of 2019.

Flete road – Resident advised that people from the village do not know anything about it being shut, however it was confirmed that this is not the case as a decision has not yet been made.

Investigations into the closure of this road are in the early stages. KCC will monitor what effect shutting off the road will have by using the results of the traffic counters. Outcome of the survey will inform our next step, and will involve a public consultation across Thanet. Cllr Dolan confirmed traffic has increased since the building of WWX and with the new houses which are planned this will only get worse. Cllr Dolan confirmed that although she was a resident of Flete Road, she was worried that with the heavy traffic and speeding that someone would get hurt or injured and she was doing all she could to avoid this. There was a discussion regarding the volume of traffic on all roads across the village. It was stated that the closure of this road will have a knock on effect within the village and make other roads worse. Cllr Dearing confirmed that there are plans for a road from the Toby Carvery at WWX to Manston airport, however because the local plan was not approved it has caused a delay as this infrastructure is reliant on funding from the new applications which are now delayed.

Cllr Dolan confirmed she has contacted Cllr Dawson and will meet with her, James Wraight from KCC and the farmer regarding getting a gate or access to the road from Manston Road, once the results of the traffic survey are known. Cllr Champs advised if the bottom of Flete Road is blocked off then how would the emergency services access the houses which are there as it would be a long way for them to travel - KCC have confirmed that the emergency services would have a key to the barrier if this was agreed as the way forward. Rex confirmed that if Valley Road was opened then he would support the closure of Flete Road. Cllr Dearing confirmed that is not possible Valley road is an unmade road.

Resident asked if there was an update on Portland - Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed he had nothing further to update.

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held 10th September 2018 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

The meeting closed at approximately 20.27 hrs.

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