



Manston Parish Council

Chairman: Mrs Linda Samme & Cllr John Dearing

Clerk: Miss Ashley Jackson

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th September 2018 at 19.10pm At RAF Manston History Museum, Manston

- Present** **Parish Councillors** Cllrs Samme, (Chair), John Dearing (Chair), Vic Champs, Roy Matthews & Irene Dolan,
- In Attendance** – Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO) District Cllr Crow-Brown, 18 members of the public.
- 49/18-19** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Roger Gale MP, Cllr Robin Tritton, Cllr Guy Wilson,
- 50/18-19** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. No declarations were made.
- 51/18-19** **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was proposed by Cllr Dearing and resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th July 2018. Seconded by Cllr Champs. These were signed by Cllr Samme as a true record.
- 52/18-19** **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Champs Seconded by Cllr Matthews, chqs signed as appropriate by Cllr Samme & Cllr Dearing. Clerk confirmed the tax is still being clarified by the accountant.
- 53/18-19** **CHAIRMANS REPORT**
Cllr Samme confirmed that she and Cllr Dearing had been very busy throughout the Summer. The red and white barrier in the car park of Manston Park has been damaged badly and Climagate had been asked for a price to replace it and we are also waiting for them to repair the Beacon. Cllr Samme confirmed that the hedges by Mr Peachey and by the dog area have been cut by Serco. Serco also assessed the hedge by The Leys, but will not cut back whilst the birds are still nesting. This will take place in a couple of months. Cllr Samme confirmed that during a visit to the park, her husband had found 100 unused syringes, she contacted the PCSO who was not concerned and she disposed of them. She then found another 2, along with a drug packet which was empty. The Community Warden has reported today that he found a further unused 30 syringes. The pedestrian signs on Spratling Street are in place, and the writing on the roads will be done soon. It is to be confirmed if it will say SLOW or 30. The Pop up café has been in the park again, and there has been a good turnout. There was a good mix of people including people from NHS, care worker and Kent Fire and Rescue. It is back on 18.9.18. Cllr Samme confirmed the zip wire is proving a success. Cllr Samme advised that she had been to see the tree behind The Leys which is affecting the garage on St Catherines Grove, but this is unfortunately on a piece of land which does not have clear ownership, therefore the only way to resolve this issue is to find out the owner by Land Registry. Cllr Samme also confirmed that she had reported the sign on Preston Road which had been knocked down in an accident.

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PLANNING

There was no planning list this month. The Chairman asked about the Reeves signs on Manston Road – down to the chalk pit – do the signs have planning permission? Clerk to contact planning enforcement.

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HIGHWAYS

Cllr Dearing confirmed that the results of the traffic surveys have been received back. The next step will be a meeting between Cllr Dearing, Cllr Dolan and James Wraight from KCC, to discuss the impact on other roads and the next steps. The meeting will inform the Parish Council how KCC will analyse the results. Cars were doing up to 60mph, which is the legal limit. Cllr Dearing advised he did not understand why the road has a speed limit of 60mph, as there are other roads in the area which are much lower. The road currently has signage stating it is closed due to Virgin works, however it has been used by several residents today.

Public Right of Way TR22 - Cllr Dearing confirmed the mobile home is still on the footpath and the Public Right of Way Officer will approach the owner to move it, if it is not moved they will take legal action against the owner.

Public Right of Way TR23 Cllr Dearing confirmed the owner is under pressure to change the stile and they will have to replace it or KCC will send in an engineer and undertake the works and charge the owner.

Manston Court Road Footpath - Cllr Dearing confirmed that KCC, James Wraight has confirmed that he is still waiting for the legal team to update on the progress, he has however chased them up. He confirmed that as soon as he has the signed deed then a construction date can be confirmed. They are required to give between 8/12 weeks notice for the road closure and a notice cannot be issued before the land is secured.

Cllr Dearing confirmed that KCC are currently undertaking a Public Right of Way consultation, and this is encouraging everyone to respond.

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MANSTON PARK

Hazel confirmed that there is a new bin in the south corner.

There have been complaints about the park and a dog walking business using it to exercise a large number of dogs. This has been referred to TDC,

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WW1 Beacon

Cllr Champs confirmed he has the scaffolding ready to look at the condition of the beacon however Cllr Dearing confirmed that this won't be necessary as the PC have already instructed Climagate to fix the basket. Cllr Matthews has confirmed he has spoken to the bugle player and he can get the time off work and he will be able to play at 6.55pm. Cllr Dearing has written to the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Kent, who had previously confirmed they were attending, to advise him that we have scaled down our event. However, Roger Gale will still be attending and David Steed will be reading the names of the fallen soldiers. Cllr Dearing confirmed he had managed to obtain some plastic fencing, borrowed from Broadstairs Folk Week to place around the Beacon.

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INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed that the Council has been awarded a Member Charter, after all the training following the review in 2016 advising the Council was 'Toxic'. He confirmed the traveller incursions that Thanet has seen this year has been unprecedented. This has been at a huge cost to the local economy, for example Cummins have spent £100k removing rubbish left, and with bailiffs etc, Stonehill has spent £20k and KCC have also spent resources on waste removal. He has spoken to the Police Commissioner to try and get the trespass laws changed. KCC have blocked off points on Hengist Way to prevent access and the fence at Jackey Bakers has been replaced with a secure one. Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed that he has chased Planning regarding Portland. Cllr Champs advised that this has been on the agenda for the past 6/7 years and still no action. Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed that he has been talking to the owner of the land on the corner of Spitfire Way and he advised that she has spent a lot of money on the site. The bus stop has been removed and they will be speaking to KCC about siting it in a new place. The site will be used for storage. He confirmed that the Local Plan is going through the Inspector in the New Year. The DCO order from Manston airport has been approved – both inspectors will be in TDC for a few months at the same time. The Local Plan

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recommends 17,000 houses to be built. The new calculation which the government are introducing at the end of the year will add another 3000 houses to that number. He advised that this was the reason that he had voted for the Local Plan going though. He encouraged everyone to comment on the plan. Cllr Champs advised that there are houses already within Thanet that are empty. Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed that there are about 1,500 empty properties and TDC are doing all they can to bring them back into use, but some are just being left as they are a low priority. Cllr Dearing said there are 2500 on the housing waiting list and the Council have a target of over 17,500 homes – so who will live in these homes is it people from London? Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed that he had been advised that the number is due to migration. People are investing in the area, and this is supporting the regeneration. Clerk – Confirmed the audit has been received and there were no issues.

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QUESTIONS

Resident asked Cllr Dearing for the results of the traffic survey. Cllr Dearing advised that Cllr Dolan has the figures/results and he proposed that the resident meet with Cllr Dolan to review the results. He also confirmed he would be willing to meet to discuss the results too. Cllr Dearing believes that James Wraight and his colleague will not simply look at speeding in Flete Road, but on the pressure on other roads if Flete Road is closed. He advised that interestingly the survey showed that twice as much traffic went down Manston Road dump side, as to what came back. Resident advised that he and his neighbours had come along to the meeting to show his support to the Parish Council to close the road. He was keen to show that it was not just one person who wanted it closed. Cllr Dearing said he was glad so many had come to support the Council on this subject. He advised it was important that the residents continue to come to meetings to show support as much as possible, as it does make a difference. The resident thanked the Council for giving him the time to speak. He also asked why the Tag Rescue Centre had been allowed to put signs up all round the village directing the traffic down Flete Road, when this wasn't the direct route. It caused massive disruption for the weekend. A resident confirmed that for the last 3 years TAG (Thanet Animal Group) having been using that route as Valley road cannot take the number of visitors. A resident of Valley Road stated that the barrier at the end of Valley Road was put in place due to fly tipping, however, Cllr Samme and Cllr Dearing confirmed there was no mention of fly tipping in the Minutes of 2006 and 2007 when the reason for the barrier was discussed. Cllr Dearing also confirmed that he had contacted the PROW and their historical records, relating to the barrier, did not mention fly tipping. Their noted reason for the barrier installation was given as to prevent illegal vehicle use of Bridle Way. Cllr Samme and Cllr Dearing also confirmed that the barrier was paid for by the Parish Council according to the relevant Parish Council Minutes, but the ex Chairman Rex Goodban said that this was not correct, so to confirm the point, Cllr Samme read the relevant Minute of 2007. Resident advised that they had been shouted at by another resident this week for using Flete Road.

The same Valley Road resident agreed that all the roads in Manston are getting bad and that all roads needs looking at and closing roads is not the answer. Cllr Dearing confirmed you cannot reduce the speed limit.

Cllr Dolan confirmed that all roads will be affected by the increase in housing numbers by 2031. She confirmed that she did have a choice when buying her house, but the increase number of housing is having an impact on the rural roads, they did not choose the problem they are trying to do something about it. She only mentioned Valley Road to try and replicate the barrier. Cllr Champs asked why can't you put in a traffic calming scheme – Cllr Dearing advised its due to the speed limit - speed bumps have to be illuminated and painted. Speed limit cannot be reduced as there are no street lights and pavements. Cllr Dolan confirmed that a meeting will take place with Mr Burbridge and Cllr Emma Dawson when the results of the traffic survey have been analysed. Resident confirmed that a public consultation will take place if a decision is made to close the road.

Resident asked has there been any fatality at Manson Road/Flete Road, - Cllr Dolan confirmed that there hadn't been but there has been an increase in accidents by 100%, and the Local Plan includes another 1400 houses to be built on Flete Road.

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held 8th October 2018 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

The meeting closed at approximately 20.25pm.

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