



Manston Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 December 2014 at 7.00pm at RAF Manston History Museum, Manston

Present **Parish Councillors** Linda Samme (Chairman) [LS], John Dearing [JD], Vic Champs [VC], Christine Holmes [CH], Robin Tritton [RT], Guy Wilson [GW]

In Attendance Sara Archer (Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer) [SA], District Cllr Linda Wright

Plus 5 members of the public.

Cllr Samme opened the meeting and welcomed everybody in attendance. Members of the public were asked if they wished to make any representations. It was noted that the issue of 'Preston Pond' had been addressed.

2965/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Sir Roger Gale, Cllr R Latchford

2966/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. No declarations were made.

2967/14 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was proposed by Cllr Champs, seconded by Cllr Wilson, and resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 November 2014. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2968/14 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Tritton and seconded by Cllr Champs. Cheques signed as appropriate.
- It was discussed and agreed that an extension to the offer of the grant until the end of June 2015 would be given towards the new toilet at the Church. Rev Aoka would be advised of the decision accordingly. **Action SA**

2969/14 **PLANNING**

- A list of all planning applications was circulated prior to the meeting. No specific issues were raised. Planning Application F/TH/14/0871 had not yet been received but would be circulated once to hand. **Action SA**

2970/14 **WAR MEMORIAL**
Cllr Holmes advised that a grant of 75% towards the cost of the refurbishment had been offered by English Heritage. The remaining balance would potentially be covered by the Parish Council, however, Cllr Holmes was keen to encourage fundraising within the Village in order to meet the outstanding costs. It was suggested approaching local businesses and arranging community activities in order to fundraise. It was agreed that Cllr Holmes should contact the Conservation Officer

Signed.....

Date

at TDC, who maintain responsibility for the memorial garden, on behalf of the Parish Council, to progress and make the necessary arrangements for the renovation to go ahead.

Cllr Holmes would also create a 'Manston Matters' facebook page to advertise such occasions and inform readers of issues and events within Manston.

The website would also be included in the newsletter.

Action CH

Action LS

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HIGHWAYS

- a) Cllr Dearing reported he had been in contact with Gary Andrews, Financial Director -Charles River, and had arranged a meeting in order to discuss the re-location of the reactive speed sign. Mr Andrews was very positive about the scheme and had indicated that Charles River may potentially meet the costs of moving the sign to a more suitable site.

Cllr Dearing also advised that Martin Beeston, KCC, had been contacted with regard to the inappropriate positioning of the HGV signs along Manston Court Road. It was suggested that Cllr Latchford was approached to fund the re-siting of the signs.

- b) No issues to report regarding the Rights of Way.

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MANSTON PARK

It was noted that the grass had not been cut properly, possibly due to the recent weather. The dog area had been re-opened but remained very muddy, users were advised to use the area at their own risk. Cllr Samme had contacted the company to supply replacement bolts for the multigym and would install them once they were received.

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INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) County Cllr Roger Latchford was not present therefore no report was available.
- b) Cllr Wright advised that Sainsbury's was keen to make community links following the new development and there was a possibility of the provision of a community bus service. They also made a room available for community use for up to 1 ½ hour slots. She was also going to suggest another set of traffic lights was installed along the new Star Lane link road as it was felt it was currently hazardous. Cllr Wright also raised concern with regard to the number of fast food outlets being developed at Westwood Cross.
- c) The Community Warden was not present, however, he had reported that following a recent successful Speedwatch operation within the Thanet Villages, a number of cars had been noted and the details passed to the Police. A further operation would be carried out in the New Year. Red House Farm would be suggested as a possible location for the Speedwatch to be carried out.
- d) Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr Tritton reported that it was agreed at the last meeting to continue with the Forum until further notice.
- e) Parish Council Forum – Minutes not yet received.
- f) TRRG – Next meeting to be held in January.
- g) Newsletter – Nothing specific to report. Next copy due January.
- h) Clerks – The Clerk reported that the nursery sign had been provisionally ordered, the quote received was £80.15. The electrician would be instructed to install the defibrillators as soon as possible, quote received £260.00. The bank had continued to issue charges, the Clerk had re-opened the complaint and was awaiting the outcome.

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 12 January 2015 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

The meeting closed at approximately 20:20hrs.

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Date