



Manston Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2014 at 7.00pm at Bradgate Social Club, Manston

Present **Parish Councillors** Jenny Fletcher (Chairman) [JF], Linda Samme (Vice Chairman) [LS], William Bell [WB], John Dearing [JD], Christine Holmes [CH], Robin Tritton [RT]

In Attendance Sara Archer (Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer) [SA], District Cllr Linda Wright
Plus 11 members of the public.

Cllr Fletcher 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 hedgerow along the High Street had been cut back.

2879/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Sir Roger Gale, Cllr Vic Champs, Cllr Roger Latchford

2880/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. No Cllrs declared an interest at this meeting.

2881/14 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Samme and resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th January 2014. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2882/14 **CHAIRMANS REPORT**
Cllr Fletcher advised that a meeting with the Highways Department was being held tomorrow (11th Feb) to discuss the recent problems with the Solar Farm construction. An email from a concerned member of public was circulated to the Cllrs and would be raised at the meeting.
Cllr Fletcher also thanked Cllr Dearing for his work with clearing the debris from the Aid Raid Siren.

2883/14 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr Tritton. Cheques signed as appropriate.
Cllr Samme advised that money from adverts had been paid into the account, this would be included on the March Schedule of Payments.

Cllr Fletcher proposed that should it become necessary at the end of the financial year, the Clerk may seek assistance from Mr Wade to complete the accounts. Cllrs agreed to the proposal if required.

2884/14 **PLANNING**
a) A list of all planning applications was circulated prior to the meeting.

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The Manston Green development was discussed. Updated planning documents had recently been received and Cllrs asked the Clerk to apply for an extension to submit a response to the application, to enable the documents to be considered accurately. It was suggested that a copy of the illustrative map of the development was displayed in the Jolly Farmer, to enable residents to inspect and comment on the proposal. Members of Public would be invited to submit their comments to the Clerk and also direct to the Planning Dept at TDC. Planning regulations were discussed at length.

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HIGHWAYS

The Highways Representative, Cllr Dearing, reported that he had contacted Mr James Wraight from the Highways Dept with regard to the meeting being held 11th February and had requested information and costs for various traffic calming measures. Unfortunately Mr Wraight was not in a position to offer pricing for the variety of calming measures available as each was dependant on materials, equipment and power supplies etc...

Cllr Wright enquired whether the chicane could be improved by making it more visible in the dark. The Clerk would make enquiries with Highways.

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- a) After the recent accident outside the Jolly Farmer, concern was raised that the cross roads were extremely hazardous. A pedestrian crossing was not a viable option due to the logistics of the area, it was hoped that the installation of interactive speed signs would assist with the problem.
- b) It was noted that TR23 which runs through the Solar Farm was not accessible whilst works were taking place.

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MANSTON PARK

The grounds were very slippery due to the weather. The welcome sign at the Park required refurbishment. This would be looked at in the Spring.

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MAINTENANCE OF WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Holmes confirmed she had made a pre-application for a grant to assist with the refurbishment of the War Memorial. It was agreed to go ahead with the removal of the tree as soon as possible and for this not to be included in the grant application. The Clerk would contact Broadleys Tree Surgery.

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INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) County Cllr Roger Latchford was not present therefore no report was available.
- b) District Cllr Linda Wright reported that she and Cllr Grove had campaigned against the recent cuts to the Agency payments for the Villages. Although unsuccessful, the consolidation of services throughout the Parishes was considered to see if it would be more cost effective in future. Cllr Wright advised she was exploring the implementation of a local emergency plan to assist the Villages in an emergency such as flooding etc... Issues with the new recycling scheme were also discussed. It was noted that Valley Road did not receive a recycling collection, Cllr Wright would address the problem with TDC.
- c) The Community Warden was not present and no report had been submitted.
- d) Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr Tritton advised the meeting that the airport would be operating different flight times for the forthcoming three months due to training. He confirmed there would not be an air show held this year and residents from Birchington had requested for the number of Public Meetings held to be increased.
- e) Parish Council Forum – No recent meeting attended.
- f) TRRG – Cllr Samme was unable to attend the meeting, however, Speedwatch had been discussed and the purchase of new equipment was in hand.
- g) Newsletter – Cllr Samme apologised for the mis-printing of Cllr Fletchers telephone number in the previous issue. Monies received from adverts had been paid into the bank.
- h) The Clerks report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The insurance claim for the noticeboard was on-going.

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 10th March 2014 at 7:00pm in the Bradgate Social Club and every second Monday in the month thereafter.

The meeting closed at approximately 20.30hrs.

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Date