



## *Manston Parish Council*

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### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 February 2015 at 7.00pm at RAF Manston History Museum, Manston**

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

**In Attendance** Sara Archer (Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer) [SA], County Councillor Roger Latchford [RL]

Plus 7 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 traffic appeared to speed through the village particularly at night, the Community Warden would be notified. The enforcement of the removal of Portland was queried. TDC would be responsible for the issue and an update would be available at the next meeting.

**2985/14** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Sir Roger Gale

**2986/14** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**2987/14** **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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**2988/14** **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Champs and seconded by Cllr Tritton. Cheques signed as appropriate.
- b) It was resolved to agree the predicted precept figures and support an increase of 3% for the forthcoming year.

**2989/14** **PLANNING**

- a) A list of all planning applications was circulated prior to the meeting. Application 0871 was discussed further. The Parish Council comments were summarised by Cllr Wilson however after a majority vote, objections had been raised with the Planning Dept. Mr Chamberlain, the applicant, attended the meeting and offered an explanation regarding the erection of the wall and subsequent retrospective planning application. It was confirmed that TDC would ultimately decide the outcome of the application following the meeting of the planning committee at TDC on 18<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Samme would be in attendance to represent the Parish Council.

Signed.....

Date .....

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**WAR MEMORIAL**

Cllr Holmes advised that an offer of a grant had been received from English Heritage, however, as the ownership of the land was in dispute, the grant could not be accepted. It was suggested that TDC claimed possessory title then transferred the land to the Parish Council. Cllr Holmes would make enquiries and submit an expression of interest to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a possible grant towards the maintenance costs of the railings and garden of the memorial. Paul Verall, TDC, would also be advised of the Parish Councils decision and explore how much TDC would offer towards the costs. It was resolved to agree to retain the Memorial as an asset of the Parish Council.

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**HIGHWAYS**

- a) Cllr Dearing reported there was no further update regarding the relocation of the reactive speed sign.  
James Wraight had been contacted regarding the HGV signage and would be passing the details to the correct department at KCC for consideration of replacing the worded signs with an icon. Cllrs Dearing, Champs and Tritton would conduct a site visit to agree the locations of the signs and positioning of mirror at the Jolly Farmer junction.
- b) Hazel reported there were no outstanding issues with regard to the Rights of Way footpaths. It was noted that TR22 sign had been repainted. The Solar Farm would be contacted to remind them of their responsibility to maintain the footpath.

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**MANSTON PARK**

- Serco had been contacted regarding the unsatisfactory mowing of the grass. This was due to the weather and had since been addressed.
- Cllr Samme would make enquiries with regard to the cutting of the trees at the dog area.
- Cllr Samme would obtain quotes for replacing the fencing in the Park behind the play area.

It was suggested that the Air Cadets could be approached to paint the curbstones yellow at the Park as they were currently looking for a project to support in the Village. Cllr Samme would confirm whether payment would be required.

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**INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) County Cllr Roger Latchford apologised for his absence at the last meeting. He reported that the TDC Local Plan was now available for consultation and urged residents to complete the online questionnaire direct. He confirmed his party would be opposing the Plan in its current form. Funds were available from his Community Grant, the possibility of an application towards the works to the memorial would be considered. The Clerk was advised to submit an application if appropriate by the end of the week.  
The meeting of the Select Committee would be publicised on the web if anyone wished to view it.
- b) Cllr Wright was not present therefore no report was available.
- c) The Community Warden was not present however he had contacted Cllr Samme and advised that speedwatch would be in operation once again in March and the fly tipping and flooding had been reported.
- d) Airport Consultative Committee – Meeting to be held in March.
- e) Parish Council Forum – No meeting held.
- f) TRRG – Three areas suitable for speedwatch had been identified in Manston. Residents were reminded of the importance of completing their responses to the Local Plan.
- g) Newsletter – 50 extra copies had been ordered for delivery to the new houses at Westwood.

Cllr Samme reported that she had received emails raising concern with regard to the offer of a grant to the Church towards a new toilet. The monies allocated were received from the Solar Farm for the benefit of the Community and it was felt appropriate to offer the grant to the Church. The offer of the grant would not be extended beyond June.

Cllr Samme also received a complaint with regard to the lack of attendance of Cllrs at the meeting in support of the Airport, however, there was attendance from previous members of the Parish Council amongst many other residents supporting the Airport.

- h) Clerks – The Clerk reported that the nursery sign had been erected. The electrician would be installing the defibrillators as soon as possible, quote received £260.00. The bank had refunded two months of charges incurred however they had continued to return cheques and charge a monthly fee. The clerk would chase again!

Signed.....

Date .....

The Clerk handed in her resignation with effect from April. The vacancy would be advertised and Clerk would continue to support the Council until a new Clerk had been appointed.

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**DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 9 March 2015 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

Cllr Dearing's apologies were noted for this meeting.

The meeting closed at approximately 20:30hrs.

Signed.....

Date .....