



Manston Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 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], Vic Champs [VC], Christine Holmes [CH]

In Attendance Sara Archer (Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer) [SA], Cllr Roger Latchford – KCC, District Cllr Linda Wright, District Cllr Bob Grove

Plus 9 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.

Concern was raised regarding the speeding of traffic through both Manston Road and Manston Court Road. After much discussion, Cllr Latchford confirmed that traffic calming measures were being addressed and he would be supporting any application made for funding towards interactive speed signs to be installed. Paul Valek of KCC Highways would be happy to discuss the issues further, direct with those concerned. It was also suggested that the implementation of a portable speed sign may be possible. The Clerk would make enquiries with the local warden.

2868/13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Sir Roger Gale, Cllr Robin Tritton

2869/13 **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.

2870/13 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Dearing and resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th December 2013. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2871/13 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
Cllr Fletcher advised that after attending a meeting with TDC, they had confirmed that the Agency payment towards the upkeep of the Park was being withdrawn over the next three years, therefore, most Parishes would have no option but to increase the precept charge. A meeting with the finance committee to discuss the situation further and set the budget would be arranged in due course.

2872/13 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Champs and seconded by Cllr Bell. Cheques signed as appropriate.

2873/13 **PLANNING**
a) No new planning applications had been received.

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- b) This item would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting as there was no representative present at the meeting.

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HIGHWAYS

There were no issues to report from the Highways Representative.

- a) The interactive speed signs had been discussed at length at the beginning of the meeting, therefore there was nothing further to add.
b) Cllrs agreed to cut the ivy from around the Air Raid Siren and remove any debris that could cause damage.
c) The representative was not present therefore no update was available.

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MANSTON PARK

The wooden gate at the far end of the children's play area had been cable tied to make secure. It was agreed to address the cutting of the hedge around the dog area when the weather improved.

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MAINTENANCE OF WAR MEMORIAL

The removal of the tree at the War Memorial was discussed and agreed to plant a smaller shrub in its place. Cllr Holmes advised she would make enquiries with regard to funding towards the repainting of the fence and landscaping of the memorial site. Quotes would be obtained for the removal of the tree. **Action CH/SA**

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INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) County Cllr Roger Latchford confirmed the funding of the fingerpost was in hand, however, quotes were to be forwarded to his office for consideration by next week. **Action SA**
Cllr Latchford would approach Ann Barnes to request the presence of a speedwatch van in the village and the possibility of a fixed speed camera.
b) District Cllrs Linda Wright and Bob Grove reported that due to the current financial restraints, the suggestion of a meeting between all Parishes should be arranged to discuss the options and address the cuts enforced by TDC.
c) The Community Warden had forwarded a report but was unable to attend the meeting. Issues raised included:
- A cold caller asking for name and telephone number and to inspect the roof of your house. Do not pass on any details.
- The warden will provide UV security kits for items to be security marked.
- Speed checks will be carried out in January.
d) Airport Consultative Committee – No recent meeting attended.
e) Parish Council Forum – No recent meeting attended.
f) TRRG – No recent meeting attended.
g) Newsletter – Due to the Christmas break the newsletter was late in being printed. It was suggested to omit the January edition next year.
h) The Clerk reported that details at the Bank were being updated and the outstanding Declaration of Pecuniary Interests Forms would be forwarded to the Monitoring Office once received.

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at approximately 19:45hrs.

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Date