



## *Manston Parish Council*

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### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 June 2014 at 7.00pm at RAF Manston History Museum, Manston**

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

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

Plus 2 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 an electronic petition had been circulated with regard to the closure of the Airport.

**2914/14** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Sir Roger Gale, Rex & Anne Goodban

**2915/14** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. No declarations were made.

**2916/14** **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
It was proposed by Cllr Dearing, seconded by Cllr Bell and resolved to accept the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**2917/14** **FINANCIAL MATTERS**  
a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr Champs. Cheques signed as appropriate.

**2918/14** **PLANNING**  
a) A list of all planning applications was circulated prior to the meeting. Application F/TH/14/0436 was noted.

**2919/14** **HIGHWAYS**  
Cllr Dearing, reported that James Wraight from KCC had recently been unwell and therefore the traffic calming along Manston Court Rd had been slightly delayed but should now be in the design stage. He was also in receipt of an email complaining about the potholes along the road and had forwarded the information requested.

Signed.....

Date .....

Cllr Bell advised that a pole had been erected in Manston Road, possibly in preparation for the installation of an interactive sign. This was confirmed by Cllr Latchford who had provided funding for the sign.

a) Hazel Chandler reported that the footpaths TR10 and TR8 were very overgrown and needed to be maintained. A letter of complaint had been received from a member of public regarding the lack of maintenance of the footpath. Concern would be raised with KCC Rights of Way department. TR31 was also becoming overgrown. It was suggested a letter was written to each household to remind them of their responsibility to keep the footpath clear. **Action SA**

It was noted that TR23 had not yet been re-opened by the Solar Farm, this was due by the end of June and would be reported to Planning Enforcement if remained closed.

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#### **MANSTON PARK**

It was reported that the Dog Area required maintenance. Concern was raised that a dog was unleashed in the Children's Play Area. The owner had been advised that this was not permitted, and would be mentioned in the newsletter to remind residents to use the designated area appropriately. The hedge would be trimmed in September to ensure the birds were no longer nesting.

The Clerk would make enquiries with regard to the length of the contract with Serco. **Action SA**

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#### **INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) County Cllr Roger Latchford confirmed that an interactive speed sign would be installed at Manston Road by the end of June. He enquired about the fingersign which was with the supplier and awaiting installation.

b) District Cllr Linda Wright advised that the Travellers at Minster had been evicted and would be moved on by Wednesday. The area had been monitored by Police and no problems had arisen. She was pleased to report of the huge support against the closure of the Airport and had approached Cllr Iris Johnston, Leader, for written confirmation that the Museums would be secure.

c) The Community Warden was not present and no report had been submitted.

d) Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr Bell confirmed that the last meeting of KIACC would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Doug was invited to speak. He had attended the closed meeting for employees of the Airport. Some companies had relocated to Lydd Airport. No flights from Manston were now permitted, however, security and mechanical repairs remained on site. TDC are looking into the possibility of a Compulsory Purchase Order, however, there were many issues surrounding the proposal. Bristows Helicopters were still interested in locating their services to Manston.

Doug confirmed there were currently no plans to close the museums. The RAF supplied the amenities to the museum and if closed, this service would cease.

e) Parish Council Forum – No meeting held.

f) TRRG – Cllr Samme advised the new speedwatch equipment had been purchased and was in use. Manston did not currently have any volunteers to implement speedwatch.

g) Newsletter – Nothing specific to report.

h) Clerks – The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. A training session at St Nicholas had been attended by the Clerk and Cllrs Fletcher & Samme via KALC with regard to Planning which was very useful.

Vogt had paid the monies from the Community Benefit Fund in full to the Parish Council. The money would be used to complete outstanding works in order to improve the Village.

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#### **DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

The meeting closed at approximately 20.00hrs.

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