



Manston Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 June 2015 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]

In Attendance Sara Archer (Clerk/RFO), Ken Gregory – District Councillor, Derek Crow-Brown – District Councillor, Roger Latchford – County Councillor

Plus 10 members of the public.

Cllr Samme opened the meeting and welcomed everybody in attendance. Unfortunately the newly appointed Clerk had left by mutual agreement, therefore, Sara Archer had agreed to Clerk the meetings until a replacement was found.

3029/15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr R Tritton, Cllr G Wilson, Sir Roger Gale

3030/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. No declarations were made. The Acceptance of Office Form was signed by Cllr Holmes and witnessed by the Clerk.

3031/15 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was proposed by Cllr Dearing, seconded by Cllr Champs, and resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 May 2015. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3032/15 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Champs and seconded by Cllr Dearing. Cheques signed as appropriate.

Cllr Samme advised that the chain link fencing at the Park had been renewed and a traffic counter had been placed in the village to monitor traffic levels with a view of possible calming measures being introduced. This had been paid for by the Parish Council.
Councillors had also recently attended a training session run by KALC which was well received.

3033/15 **PLANNING**
a) A list of all planning applications was circulated prior to the meeting.
It was confirmed that an application had not yet been submitted by Manston Green Industries, however, they had been advised to make any proposed plans available to the public prior to submission to TDC. Concern was raised with regard to the trees behind the buildings, it was suggested that the issue was raised with Simon Thomas, Planning Manager, who would instruct an enforcement officer to investigate the problems.

Signed.....

Date

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HIGHWAYS

- a) Cllr Dearing advised that the new traffic calming measures along Manston Court Rd had been implemented to good effect. Thanks were given to James Wraight and his team.
A traffic counter had been placed in the village to monitor traffic levels, initially with a view to installing a VAS sign, however, it was suggested that a speed bump may be more effective. Cllr Dearing will update on the progress at the next meeting.
Roger Casement had been contacted to provide an estimate for iconic HGV signage.
Cllr Dearing reported that the Highways department were happy to relocate the VAS sign which was currently located outside the RAF History Museum, providing written permission was gained from the RAF who own the land of the new proposed site for the sign. A letter of authority had been requested and would be passed on as soon as it was to hand.
- b) Hazel was not present, however, there were no outstanding issues with regard to the Rights of Way footpaths. Thanks were extended to David Steed for clearing TR22.

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MANSTON PARK

Cllr Samme confirmed there was no outstanding issues to report. Cllr Tritton had repaired a couple of fencing posts and the painting of the curbstones would be going ahead on 27th July. The gate at the Leys would be looked at as it does not currently lock.

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WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Holmes confirmed that a grant of £5000 had been awarded by English Heritage for the restoration of the railings and tidying of the garden. Boys & Maughan Solicitors had agreed to register the land on behalf of the Parish Council, free of charge, however, it was currently uncertain as to who owns the land/memorial. Until proof of ownership is agreed, the funding cannot progress. Discussion took place with regard to previous maintenance of the memorial and gardens and possible solutions to register the land. Cllr Holmes would make more enquiries and update at the next meeting.

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INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) County Cllr Roger Latchford advised that the KCC Libraries Consultation had currently been put on hold due to the departments for registering Births, Deaths and Marriages being separated from the Libraries Service, a change in legislation is pending, therefore at present there would be no change in the service.
Cllr Latchford offered the Parish Council a grant of £1000 towards the re-siting of the VAS sign along Manston Road, providing the letter of authority was sought from the RAF, which was accepted with thanks.
A vote had been taken at KCC for the Airport to return to being a working Airport. Paul Carter advised he would not support the Airport until he had seen a viable plan.
The Street Lighting initiative was in progress despite strong objections being made against the proposal.
Cllr Latchford also offered a further grant of £1000 towards the renovation of the War Memorial.
- b) Cllr Derek Crow-Brown introduced himself as a District Councillor for the Villages.
Cllr Ken Gregory advised that a team had been employed by TDC to enforce action against litter droppers and dog mess. Penalty notices had currently been issued in Ramsgate and the team would be monitoring all areas across Thanet in due course.
Cllr Gregory would be attending site visits to Manston Green and Crabapple Farm on 12 June.
- c) Cllr Samme had nothing further to report.
- d) The Community Warden was not present, no report submitted.
- e) Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr Tritton not present, no report available.
- f) Parish Council Forum – No meeting held. Next meeting – 16 June.
- g) TRRG – No meeting held. Next meeting – 9 June.
- h) Newsletter – No further update.
- i) Clerks – Sara confirmed she had sent the Audit and cheque for the renewal of the insurance policy.

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 13 July 2015 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

The meeting closed at approximately 20:05hrs.

Signed.....

Date