



## *Manston Parish Council*

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### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 March 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]

**In Attendance** Sara Archer (Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer) [SA], Hazel Chandler – RoW Officer

Plus 5 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. Cllr Wilson expressed his apologies for raising an item not on the Agenda at the last meeting.

**2995/15**

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Sir Roger Gale, Cllr John Dearing, Cllr R Tritton, Cllr Linda Wright

**2996/15**

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**2997/15**

#### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Champs, seconded by Cllr Holmes, and resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**2998/15**

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Samme and seconded by Cllr Champs. Cheques signed as appropriate.
- b) Cllr Samme circulated a quote received for the repair/replacement fencing at the Park. Cllr Wilson advised he would arrange a further quote from Ramsgate Fencing for the same. Quotes to be considered at the next meeting.

**2999/15**

#### **PLANNING**

- a) A list of all planning applications was circulated prior to the meeting. Application 0113 was discussed further. District Cllr Grove would be representing the Parish Council at the planning meeting at TDC on 18<sup>th</sup> March and would express the concerns of the neighbouring residents. Those wishing to speak at the meeting direct were advised to contact the planning department at TDC.
- b) Application 0067 was discussed in length. A number of concerns were raised primarily with regard to the loss of grade 1 agricultural land and the archaeological impact on the area.

Signed.....

Date .....

3000/15

**WAR MEMORIAL**

Cllr Holmes advised that English Heritage had allocated a grant of 75% towards the cost or repairs to the Memorial. Paul Verral, TDC, had been in contact and offered financial assistance towards the Land Registry costs, Cllr Holmes would consider the offer before accepting formally on behalf of the Parish Council. The Heritage Lottery had also been contacted and had provisionally offered a grant of 100% towards the works. Concern was raised that the community would not get involved and support any fundraising events. Cllr Samme would include an article in the newsletter to welcome the residents at the Westwood Cross development as it was largely felt that many people are not aware they live in the Parish of Manston.

Cllr Samme advised that she had been approached by the RAF offering the help of the Air Cadets to work in the community. The painting of the Church railings and possibly curbstones at the Park were suggested as projects which could be undertaken by the Cadets. Cllr Samme would approach the Church for permission.

3001/15

**HIGHWAYS**

- a) Cllr Dearing was not present however, highways matters were in hand. Paul Valek – KCC Highways had been asked to attend a site meeting to assess the road crossing at the Jolly Farmer which was extremely hazardous. Cllr Samme would also contact the Community Warden in order to address the hazardous car parking on Spratling Street, Daigor Close and grass verge at Preston Rd.
- b) Hazel reported there were no outstanding issues with regard to the Rights of Way footpaths.

3002/15

**MANSTON PARK**

- The fridge and trolley which had been fly-tipped had been removed.
- Cllr Samme would make enquiries with regard to the cutting of the trees at the dog area.

3003/15

**INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) County Cllr Roger Latchford was not present therefore no report was available.
- b) Cllr Wright was not present therefore no report was available.
- c) Cllr Samme confirmed an extra 75 copies of the newsletter had been printed for delivery to the new housing development at Westwood Cross. Cllr Samme had attended the Thanet Area Committee meeting where the Local Plan had been discussed. Sir Roger Gale had circulated a letter in response to the plan which included representations from all Parishes. Cllr Samme also reported that she would be contacting the Enforcement Officer at TDC with regard to Portland and Queensdown Road and would be updating at the next meeting.
- d) The Community Warden was not present therefore no report was available.
- e) Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr Tritton had attended the last meeting but was not present to give an update.
- f) Parish Council Forum – No meeting held.
- g) TRRG – No meeting held.
- h) Newsletter – As previously discussed.
- i) Clerks – A report had been previously circulated. The defibrillators had now been installed and the Ambulance Service and Insurance Company would be contacted.

3004/15

**DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

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

Cllrs Champs and Holmes's apologies were noted for this meeting.

The meeting closed at approximately 20:30hrs.

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