



Manston Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 11 May 2015 at 7.00pm at RAF Manston History Museum, Manston

Present **Parish Councillors** Linda Samme (Chairman) [LS], John Dearing [JD], Vic Champs[VC], Guy Wilson [GW]

In Attendance Sara Archer/Carolyn Johnson (Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer) [SA][CJ] Ken Gregory (District Councillor), Mr Eric Fewkes - Auditor
Plus 4 members of the public.

Cllr Samme opened the meeting and welcomed everybody in attendance. Apologies were noted from Cllr Robin Tritton, Cllr Christine Holmes, Rex Goodban

001/15-16 **MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Samme, seconded by Cllr Champs and resolved to accept the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th May 2014. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

002/15-16 **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Thanks were given to Jenny Fletcher for all that she had done before she left as Chairman. She was a hard act to follow. It has been quite busy and new things have been learned. The car park in Manston Park was patch repaired, this is always expensive, but hopefully will last. Quotes have been obtained for wire fencing at the rear of the children's area and should be carried out soon. Hedges have been now flailed as the ground had been too wet previously for the tractor. Thanks were also given to Roy, Robin, John and Hazel for the work that they had done in the past year which has been appreciated. The figure signs have been acquired and installed for the Social Club, Nursery School and Village Hall. Two defibrillators have been purchased and installed at the Jolly Farmer and Drone Garage, they can be used by anyone when required. No training is needed as there are instructions in the box. The Christmas Tree Lighting and the carols were well received, the parish council provided the pies and sweets, and the church provided drinks, and Vic was thanked for providing the tree. The Parish Council has been very active with the Highways, and we have been waiting for the ground to become available for the re-siting of the reactive sign which has been misplaced by the KCC, and this should be accomplished soon. John and Linda are meeting with the RAF and the man from the KCC Highways on the 12th May 2015, to see if they agree to it going further up the road on the bit of land belonging to the RAF, who say as long as there is nothing underground they do not have a problem with the sign being put there. John has been working very hard with the Highways the traffic calming in Manston Court Road will be starting this week. The road between Valley Road and Star Lane will be closed for four weeks whilst the work is being carried out. It is hoped a meeting will take place soon with Highways to discuss calming through the village itself, we want some signage for HGV's, speed signs and a pedestrian crossing by the Jolly Farmer and Church. We are still supporting the plans to save Manston Airport even though it is not in our Parish. Thanks were given to all the councillors who have supported Linda, and thanks were also given to Sara who has made Linda's job as Chairman a lot easier, and best wished were given to her as she is leaving her role as Parish

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Clerk. A welcome was extended to Carolyn who is taking over the clerk's position, who will find it daunting until she gets to know everyone better. Thanks were given to Doug for letting the council use the room for its meetings. We now have our mandate for the next four years to carry out all the things on our wish list, if there is anything that the public would like us to consider please let us know.

003/15-16 **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT 2013/14**

Accounts have been audited by Mr Fewkes, and everything has come back ok, there were no problems with the accounts. Expenditure was £25,000 which included money paid out on the car park, the figure post signs previously mentioned. The grant of £15,000 has been received from the Community Benefit fund for the solar farm in Preston Road which has been put in. One of the Reserve Accounts has been closed and everything now goes in and out of the one account, which will make life easier for doing the accounts. The problem with the bank and the charges seems to have been resolved.

004/15-16 **MEETING OPEN TO THE FLOOR**

The public were invited to make any comments, suggestions or questions.

005/14-15 **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

The meeting closed at approximately 19.25hrs.

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