



Manston Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 September 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], Vic Champs [VC]

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

Plus 11 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. The concert in support of saving Manston Airport was well attended and it was suggested that Sir Roger Gale was invited to the next meeting to update the Parish on the progress of the Riveroak proposal. An update with regard to the Solar Farm planning application was requested. It was confirmed the letter of objection had been sent to TDC outlining the concerns of the Parish, a copy of which would be posted on the noticeboard for the public to view.

2933/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Sir Roger Gale, Cllr C Holmes, Rex Goodban

2934/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. No declarations were made.

2935/14 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Samme, and resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th July 2014. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

County Cllr Roger Latchford was then invited to speak.

- Cllr Latchford confirmed that a 'Save Manston' meeting had taken place at TDC with 8 speakers and a constitution was agreed for the Group. Cllr Iris Johnston was due to be briefed by Madeline Homer in the absence of the CEO with regard to the Compulsory Purchase Order supported by Riveroak. Cllr Latchford assured the meeting that all parties were working together to save Manston as a working Airport.
- The purchase and installation of a second interactive speed sign on Manston Road was in progress. Cllr Latchford would enquire whether the position of the sign could be relocated further towards Charles River.
- A Dispersal Order had been granted to give the Police the appropriate powers to remove groups behaving antisocially in various locations locally.
- Cllr Latchford encouraged residents to register any complaints they may have with regard to the Street Lighting Proposal on the KCC website. He would be attending a meeting the following day to discuss the proposal and concerns further.

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- Cllr Latchford would make enquiries with regard to the potential cuts to the Community Warden Service by 50%.

District Cllr Linda Wright was then invited to speak.

- Cllr Wright confirmed she had attended the concert in support of the Airport and would contact a representative from Riveroak to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss any potential issues with regard to the Rights of Way if necessary.
- Leaflets from the Resilience Forum were circulated for information.

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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) The purchase of defibrillators was discussed and it was resolved to agree to order two defibrillators via KALC at the cost of £2748 which would include the heated external boxes. The defibrillators would be sited at Drome Garage and The Jolly Farmer. Cllr Champs would confirm the position with The Jolly Farmer. Once installed, the machines would be added to the insurance and South East Ambulance Service would be informed.

2937/14

PLANNING

- a) A list of all planning applications was circulated prior to the meeting. No specific issues were raised. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with regard to the opening hours of the Catering Unit at the Jolly Farmer and also the new barn conversions at Vincent Mews.

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WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Holmes was not present therefore there was no update available with regard to the grant funding for works to the war memorial, however, the applications were in progress. It was felt that currently it would not be appropriate to fundraise towards the project and suggested that it was considered that any shortfall in the costs of the project were funded by the monies donated to the Village from the Solar Farm.

- Cllr Fletcher then introduced Mr Wilson to the meeting. Mr Wilson was interested in applying for the Councillors vacancy. Councillors would be asked to vote on his appointment at the end of the meeting and if successful, Mr Wilson would be appointed at the next meeting.

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HIGHWAYS

Cllr Dearing reported he had contacted James Wraight with regard to the speed restrictions at Manston Court Road who confirmed that the design team were liaising direct.

- a) Hazel Chandler reported that footpath TR31 had now been cleared. Cllr Dearing thanked David Steed for his assistance with the work. It was confirmed that it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to maintain the vegetation at Elm Grove.
- b) The Clerk gave an explanation regarding the request to relocate the noticeboard opposite the Jolly Farmer. BT required to install a broadband cabinet in the current position of the noticeboard and had requested that it was moved further along the footpath at their expense. The Clerk had contacted KCC Highways who agreed to the relocation as identified by Darren Hibbert of BT.

2940/14

MANSTON PARK

Cllr Samme reported that the gate at the rear end of the Park was to be replaced. The Elder trees had been removed and the hedge in the dog area was due to be flailed in due course. Cllr Fletcher confirmed in Autumn, Beech trees would be planted in place of those removed.

Cllr Fletcher had obtained a quote for the resurfacing of the Car Park and would confirm details with the company before instructing them to carry out the works. It was agreed for this to be completed as soon as possible. Discussion took place with regard to the installation of a solar powered security light in an attempt to discourage antisocial behaviour at night in the Park.

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INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) County Cllr Roger Latchford had reported earlier in the meeting.
- b) District Cllr Linda Wright had reported earlier in the meeting.
- c) The Community Warden was not present and no report had been submitted.

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- d) Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr Bell confirmed that the next KIACC meeting was to be held on 30th September at Minster.
- e) Parish Council Forum – No meeting held.
- f) TRRG – No meeting held.
- g) Newsletter – Nothing specific to report however a further 50 copies would be required to include the new houses at Westwood.
- h) Clerks – The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllrs Fletcher and Samme would attend the bank in order to instruct the bank to cease returning the cheques and discuss the bank charges. The purchase of new Christmas Lights was discussed, Cllr Samme would make enquiries.

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 13th October 2014 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

The meeting closed at approximately 20.30hrs.

Cllrs were asked to vote on the appointment of Mr Wilson as new Councillor.

The results were as follows:

3 votes for the appointment, 2 abstained and 1 not present.

It was therefore resolved to appoint Mr Wilson as Councillor at the next meeting.

Signed.....

Date