

Manston Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr John Dearing

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th December 2019 at 7.00pm At RAF Manston History Museum, Manston

Present **Parish Councillors** Cllrs John Dearing, Chairman, Irene Dolan Vice Chair, Roy Matthews, Guy Wilson, Robin Tritton and Vic Champs

In Attendance – District Cllrs Roper, Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO), 7 residents

80/19-20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Roger Gale MP & Cllr Liz Hurst, Cllr Hart, Tony Gander

81/19-20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

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

82/19-20 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Dearing to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th November 2019. Seconded by Cllr Champs. These were signed by Cllr Dearing as a true record.

83/19-20 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Dearing, seconded by Cllr Matthews all in favour. Signed as appropriate by Cllr Wilson and Cllr Dearing.

84/19-20 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Dearing welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year – he advised he had attended the Parish seminar on 14.1.19 and an update on Brexit was given and how Manston airport would be used as a lorry park. On Saturday 30th November the PC held the lighting up of Christmas tree event, Cllr Dearing thanks Reverend Bone for the use of the boom box and carol service, Cheryl and her helpers for providing the hot drinks. Cllr Dearing thanked everyone who helped at the event. Cllr Dearing reflected on this year's events and the sad loss of former Cllr Linda Samme. She stepped down in May of this year and passed away in October. She had served 12 years as a Cllr and 5 years as Chairman of Manston Parish Council, and worked the last 3 years under sentence of her terminal diagnosis. The KCC combined members grant has been approved and a bench will be purchased and placed in the park in honour of Linda Samme and her commitment to the council. Cllr Dearing thanked KCC Cllr Liz Hurst for supporting the grant.

85/19-20 **PLANNING**

Preston road 19/0438 – an amendment has been submitted to move entrance by ¾ m to the right – Cllr Tritton said this isn't going to make any difference but he feels that it doesn't matter what the Parish Council say it isn't going to stop the development. The road and corner are bad enough already. Entrance should be where the entrance is now into the industrial entrance, remove the bank which will make it wider, then this could be the entrance for everyone. Why do they need a pedestrian crossing too? Unanimous agreement that the PC should object to the entrance and it should be moved.

86/19-20 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Dearing advised that at the Parish seminar, he spoke to a member of Highways about getting an extra street light installed in Flete Road with a view to then getting the 30 mile an hour speed limit extended. He was advised to put his request in writing which he did to both the advisor and Matt Bembridge. A few days later, he got a response from Matt Bembridge that they would not consider extending the 30 mile speed limit at the present time. KCC have confirmed that the traffic calming project is going to Joint Transportation Board tomorrow (10/12) , but should go through without any issue. The project will hopefully be installed next year and the effects of that will be monitored, if the speed has increased beyond the 30mph speed limit then a speed check will need to be carried out. Valley Road hedge has been trimmed and Paul Valek has advised that the contractors will be returning to clear away areas beside the existing street lamps in order for them to be replaced with modern versions. In Manston Court Road, Paul Valek has had a series of reported potholes repaired. Tony Gander has also reported potholes in Manston Road and Paul Valek advised that he is hoping to have all reported potholes repaired before Christmas.

87/19-20 MANSTON PARK

Hazel had previously reported some rusting bolts on the swing – 2 children swings and 2 bigger ones to be ordered.

88/19-20 INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Roper reported previously a gap of £1.5m. TDC have managed to trim down so budget looks ok for next year. TDC will lose grant money next year – but year after there will not be a cut. He updated on the travellers pitches at the Overview & Scrutiny Committee they reported 3 possible sites for temporary tolerated sites – Potten Street car park, this land belongs to KCC, Tivoli industrial estate and Ramsgate port. There was a lot of opposition to all these sites, nothing further will happen until public consultation has taken place. Cllr Roper reported approx. minimum £10k clearance costs on the sites which the travellers have left. Cllr Dearing confirmed he accepted the need for the temporary sites, but the three identified were not suitable. Cllr Roper confirmed there would be 7 pitches on each site.

Cllr Wilson asked when the Local Plan will be coming out – Cllr Roper advised it will be published Feb/March. Cllr Roper advised this is when the Manston airport report will also be published.

Cllr Tritton thanked Cllr Matthews for all his hard work on the war memorial.

Cllr Tritton confirmed that Preston Road had been cleaned by TDC.

Clerk updated on the budget and confirmed it will be circulated to Cllrs. Cllrs agreed with the precept request of £20,900.

Cllr Dearing advised that he has asked the developer of Preston Road for a contribution to a pavement there.

Cllr Champs – 3 questions - Banger racing has been put on hold but Cllr Roper confirmed they have gone to appeal. Parkway – Cllr Roper confirmed that it is going out to consultation again, and also on the travellers which Cllr Roper has already updated. Cllr Champs also reported a dozen fridge freezers on the former Jackie Pallo site. Clerk confirmed that this site has been sold so it is responsibility of the land owner.

89/19-20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS & AGENDA ITEMS

Doug advised that the air raid warning siren, situated in the Jolly Farmer car park and in Parish Council ownership, needs maintenance as none has been done recently. Greenery needs removing and it needs repainting, Cllr Matthews and Cllr Dearing will review and update.

90/19-20 DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held 13th January 2020 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.33 pm.