



## *Manston Parish Council*

**Date: December 2018**

**To: Members of Manston Parish Council**

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Parish Council. The meeting will be held at the RAF Manston History Museum, on Monday 10<sup>h</sup> December 2018 at 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned below.

### **AGENDA**

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Subject</u>
<b>086/18-19</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
<b>087/18-19</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To register any new interests or de-registration by Members.
<b>088/18-19</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b> To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2018.
<b>089/18-19</b>	<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b> a) To note and resolve to agree receipts and payments as listed. Two Cllrs to sign cheques.
<b>090/18-19</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b>
<b>091/18-18</b>	<b>PLANNING</b> a) To note Planning Applications
<b>092/18-19</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS</b> To receive any appropriate updates from the Highways Representative. a) To note any issues regarding the Rights of Way b) Flete Road
<b>093 /18-19</b>	<b>MANSTON PARK</b> a. To receive any appropriate updates from the Manston Park Representative.
<b>094/18-19</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS</b> To receive updates for the following Committees and responsible bodies. a) County Councillor b) District Councillor c) Community Warden d) Airport Consultative Committee e) TRRG f) Clerk
<b>095/18-19</b>	<b>Public questions/agenda items</b>
<b>096/18-19</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 7:00pm at RAF Manston History Museum</b>



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Chairman: Cllr Linda Samme & Cllr John Dearing

Clerk: Miss Ashley Jackson

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### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 19.00pm At RAF Manston History Museum, Manston**

- Present**      **Parish Councillors**   Cllrs Samme, (Chair), John Dearing (Chair), Vic Champs, Roy Matthews & Irene Dolan, Robin Tritton
- In Attendance** – Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO) District Cllr Crow-Brown, 10 members of the public.
- 73/18-19**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Roger Gale MP, Cllr Reece Pugh, Cllr Guy Wilson
- 74/18-19**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. No declarations were made.
- 75/18-19**      **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
It was proposed by Cllr Tritton and resolved to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Seconded by Cllr Champs. These were signed by Cllr Samme as a true record.
- 76/18-19**      **FINANCIAL MATTERS**  
a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Champs  
Seconded by Cllr Tritton, chqs signed as appropriate by Cllr Samme & Cllr Dearing.  
b) Appointment of external auditor – Cllr Tritton proposed that David Buckett be appointed external auditor, seconded Cllr Champs – All in favour.
- 77/18-19**      **CHAIRMANS REPORT**  
Cllr Samme passed on her congratulations and thanks to everyone who took part in the beacon event there were over 100 residents there. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Clive Stevend DL, attended along with Sir Roger Gale. Cllr Samme paid special thanks to Cllr Tritton's partner Daphne for the excellent food and thank you to everyone. Cllr Tritton also said a special thanks to Cllr Dolan who initially started the process of the event and thanks to Cllr Matthews and Cllr Dearing. He also thanked Cllr Champs for lighting the beacon and Alan for the cherry picker and Horseford Joinery for the wood. Cllr Dearing would also like to thank David Steed for reading out the list of the Manston War Dead and the 'Reverend Pete' for the loan of the amplifier and the 'Last Post' CD. Cllr Samme thanked all and advised it was a great team event which was very successful. The Remembrance bench has been ordered and thanks to KCC Cllr Liz Hurst for the grant. The beacon basket was repaired in time by Clima Gate and thanks were given to them. The Parish Council are still waiting for the barrier to be replaced. The hedge near Leys was cut very well. The Christmas lights will be switched on 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.
- 78/18-19**      **PLANNING**  
F/TH/18/1202 circulated for comments – no objections.

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### **HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Dearing confirmed he had attended the KCC Highways, Transport and Waste Seminar of 6<sup>th</sup> November where he took the opportunity to speak with Paul Valek regarding 'Bradgate Lake'. Paul advised that he has applied for a grant from Capital Grant scheme to deal with this issue and others in the area. He wants to put new soak aways in, however Cllr Dearing confirmed he will press for the road to be heightened if this does not work.

Regarding the hedge in Valley road - Cllr Dearing has received complaints regarding the hedge not being trimmed and he has spoken to Bradgate who have confirmed they have trimmed the hedge and were not going to do it again. KCC have been made aware of this and have twice visited to speak to the manager who was unavailable. KCC have now written to them advising telling them to cut the hedge. The camp owners then responded by trimming the hedge using ordinary hedge trimmers but failed to tackle the worst areas of tangled woody undergrowth. Cllr Dearing will be sending photos of the hedge to KCC. Whilst Cllr Dearing was in Valley Road, he noticed that a number of street lights were out and he saw a highways van who advised him that the lights could not be fixed as they no longer had the parts for them as they were old lights. He does not know the timeframe for the required repairs – he also commented that the overgrown hedge was blocking one of the lights, even more reason to cut it back.

Flete Road – there is no update, this is not a quick process. The PC have completed all requests from James Wraight, KCC, a consultation on the website being the last process and there were no comments.

Manston Court Road footpath – James Wraight has confirmed that contact has been made with the farmer who has advised that it is still going ahead, again it will take some time.

PROW – Cllr Tritton has agreed to take on the role of PROW officer for the PC from Hazel.

Cllr Champs advised he had been contacted about some rubbish dumped in Preston Road – he contacted TDC and it had been removed.

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### **MANSTON PARK**

Cllr Matthews advised the grass has been cut and it is very short. Hazel suggested that the dog area should be temporarily closed when the weather is bad – Cllr Samme advised that someone has to be responsible for closing and opening it. Cllr Samme will review the situation in the week and see how bad the grass is. Cllr Matthews confirmed that he had picked up a lot of fireworks in the park.

PCSO advised there had been some behaviour in the park and suggested a light be put up in the park to prevent it – Cllr Samme advised that it had already been discussed but she had said she would bring it to the members to discuss. Cllrs agreed not to pursue this.

81/18-19

### **WW1 Beacon**

Summary of event above.

82/18-19

### **Review and adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

Documents were circulated to members and no comments were received. Cllr Champs proposed the policies be adopted, seconded Cllr Matthews, all in favour.

83/18-19

### **INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Cllr Crow-Brown apologised for not attending the beacon event, as he was at a British Legion event in Minster. Draft Local Plan has been submitted to Inspectorate – 1500 comments from 500 individuals. He commented on lack of hedges and trees. Housing numbers are projected until 2031. He confirmed that the land has been allocated but it will not necessarily be built. He confirmed there are not many brownfield sites in Thanet. Cllr Champs advised that there are too many empty properties, Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed that TDC has the best record for empty properties. Cllr Champs confirmed that the empty properties should be completed first.

Portland – there is no update, Planning Manager is on leave. Evidence of hare coursing has been seen in Thanet, he urged anyone who sees this to report it to the police. There are travellers on the old Meridian site.

Cllr Champs asked Cllr Crow-Brown what was happening with Operation Stack? Cllr CB confirmed that the contract was to the end of next year. Why are Stonehill Park still getting £6m? There is no further update, the contract is still in place. Cllr Dearing advised that when Operation Stack was last in operation, he had seen 1<sup>st</sup> hand that it had brought gridlock and chaos to roads around Ashford. He supported the use of the airport for Op Stack.

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Update from Cllr Pugh – he recently attended a briefing hosted by Riveroak to update himself re the DCO. He advised it was exciting to hear of Riveroak's forecasts for a fully operational airport and the jobs and local growth that this will bring to the area. The Local Plan has been submitted to the Inspectorate and they will examine the plan and decide whether or not to recommend the Secretary of State accepts the draft plan. Housing – he has dealt with some housing issues recently and more than happy to help with any cases which may arise. Finally, he wanted to extend his thanks to the Parish Council for a fantastic ceremony for the lighting of the beacon in Manston Park. He advised it was very well attended by villagers and he knew a lot of hard work, time and planning had gone into ensuring the event went smoothly.

Resident confirmed that English Heritage have agreed that they will oppose anything proposed on the North Grass.

84/18-19

#### **QUESTIONS**

Resident advised that he has a motorbike and the roads (roundabout with dragon) have a lot of debris on them – Clerk to speak to Waste and Recycling re road sweeper, for whole village. Manston Road main road has leaves and mud.

Rex – Wished to pass on his thanks for the beacon lighting event, which was very well supported and very well organised. Thanks to Cllr Dearing for his support re Bradgate lake, and Valley Road. Rex asked if the Clerk put more detail on the agenda so public know what is being discussed. Rex also stated that the building which had the fire at WWX recently also had a enforcement notice, just to highlight that the notices from TDC do not really hold much weight, as Portland has one too.

Cllr Champs asked if the vehicles parked in Preston Road on pavement had moved? Cllr Tritton advised they had gone.

Resident advised that it wasn't clear where the monthly Parish Council meeting was – Clerk to ask Ray if he could put a separate note on the website.

Cllr Tritton asked if shields on the Beacon pole can be repainted, Cllr Dearing advised about the process and the hinges and brackets also need replacing and should be stainless steel. Cllr Dearing also confirmed that David Steed had offered the use of farm machinery to lift the beacon pole and re-align it upright as at the moment it is leaning over.

Cllr Tritton advised that the lights, in a compound by the junction with Manston Road and Spitfire Way are so bright that you can't see the junction. Cllr Crow-Brown will speak to TDC enforcement.

Resident advised the hoarding is down on Manston Court Road - Cllr Champs will investigate who owns it and Clerk will write.

85/18-19

#### **DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

The meeting closed at approximately 20.02pm.

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