

MANSTON NEWS

December 2019

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th November 2019 at 7.00pm
At RAF Manston History Museum, Manston**

Present **Parish Councillors** Cllrs John Dearing, Chairman, Roy Matthews and Vic Champs

In Attendance – District District Cllrs Roper, Hart & Pugh and KCC Cllr Hurst,
Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO), 7 residents

69/19-20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Roger Gale MP & Cllr Wilson, Cllr Tritton, Cllr Dolan

70/19-20 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.

71/19-20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Dearing to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th October 2019. Seconded by Cllr Champs. These were signed by Cllr Dearing as a true record.

72/19-20 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

73/19-20 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Dearing gave thanks to Cllr Matthews for clearing the memorial garden, and for his help putting up the Christmas lights. Cllr Dearing also gave thanks to C & R steel fabricators for the repair of the railings before memorial Sunday. Cllr Dearing advised the Christmas lights switch on is Saturday 30th November at 7pm, there will be a carol service and mince pies available in the church after. Cllr Dearing advised he attended the parish forum, where the main discussions were regarding traveller sites and traffic calming. The proposed temporary traveller site in minster was discussed as a permanent site, Cllr Roper can update further later in the meeting. With regard to traffic calming, Cllr Dearing is experienced in this subject and put forward the view that speed bumps are the only way to slow traffic but some concern about pollution was raised. Cllr Dearing advised the meeting that in his experience, drivers negotiating speed bumps drop their speed to well below the 30 and stay at that speed over the calmed area.

74/19-20 PLANNING

There were no planning applications to review this month.

75/19-20 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Dearing advised that the developers/contractors had been using Manston Court Road for their deliveries and have been advised to use the main roads and not Manston Court road but this is not legally enforceable. There has been a large amount of mud left on the road, they are now spraying the wheels before getting onto the road, which seems to be working better. Cllr Dearing thanked the drainage manager at KCC for the work carried out on the Bradgate lake as it had not reappeared despite heavy downfall. Flete Road – Matthew Bembridge advised that the plans will be taken to the Joint Transportation meeting on 10th December with detailed designs and he confirmed they have taken residents comments into account.

76/19-20 MANSTON PARK

Hazel has submitted a park report – no concerns. Community payback have been back in the park and has been good work and thanks to them. Dogs are digging holes in the dog area – can everyone be vigilant – the gates will be closed if this continues.

77/19-20 INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Champs – advised he was concerned at the lack of Cllr representation, both District and County, and also concern about the travellers. He asked if the website had been transferred over successfully- Clerk confirmed it had.

Cllr Liz Hurst firstly apologised for not turning up at the last few meetings, due to family bereavement, She is not aware of much going on – elections are coming up so in purdah.

Cllr Roper updated regarding the travellers meeting and he confirmed that the Minster site pre-application has taken place, but he is not aware of the outcome. He doesn't think it would be approved for planning. A travellers group has taken place and report is ready to be published following Overview & Scrutiny meeting which does include temporary sites, none of which are a concern for Manston.

Temporary sites will last for 3 months and there will be 3 possible sites, so travellers will rotate round the specific sites. It is a legal requirement that we have sites in Thanet. All local authorities have to have traveller sites. Cllr Champs asked how rates are collected from travellers? Cllr Roper confirmed that on temporary sites they are not charged, but on permanent sites are charged. Cllr Pugh advised that if the travellers are on temporary sites then they can be charged for the use of them, and it is easier to prosecute them. The travellers who have come to Thanet have caused a lot of trouble in the area. District Cllrs advised that all can do is follow the law. Cllr Pugh confirmed that the next Overview & Scrutiny meeting will publish the costs of the travellers. If the travellers come to Thanet they have to use the temporary sites, they cannot just turn up anywhere and park up. The travellers are a protected group and there is only so much we can do about them – the council is trying to use land they have for sites and make it easier to move on. There was a long discussion regarding the government is responsible for the situation that we are in at the moment and they should take some responsibility. Cllr Roper confirmed that he attends a county meeting and travellers are invited but they do not attend. Riveroak SP meeting approximately a dozen Cllrs were there, from Councils across Kent. Aviation consultancy gave a presentation and a lot of people who were there were 'pro airport'. The event was presented as an engagement event, they gave details of the flight paths, 70% of arrivals and departures will be from the west, if they come from the east they have to come over Ramsgate. Flights from 6am – 11pm, 7 days a week. Planes are normally 90/100 decibels when landing, DCO is due 19th Jan 2020, however may be delayed due to election. There are 7 stages to the process and this event was the first stage. Decision re flight path will be early 2022.

Only councils are allowed to submit questionnaire not public. The northern grass is not up for sale. According to RSP no scheduled night flights. Cllr Dearing advised when he previously lived under the flight path and there were numerous night flights, the vibrations were extremely loud. He raised concerned that the firm will eventually say that they are not viable without night flights and he has great sympathy for those under the flight path.

Cllr Pugh advised that the Manston speedway planning application had been refused but now the Inspector will be making a decision soon - if the Inspector agrees and denies the appeal they can operate for 14 days a year, but have to put the ground back to original use. Local residents of Sevenscore are very concerned about it.

Cllr Pugh gave thanks to the Parish Councils who always give great remembrance services, Cllr Pugh was at St Nicholas and he was at our Beacon event.

Resident asked why KCC don't clean the roads – Cllr Hurst advised that are all bad.

Cllr Hart advised he couldn't add much more other than if we know travellers are operating in our local area can we please look after neighbours and vulnerable.

Cllr Pugh advised that he can't always attend the PC meetings due to work commitments in London, but tries his hardest, that at least one Cllr is present.

No update from PCSO or Community Warden.

Cllr Dearing advised that Linda passed away almost in service and as a result of this Cllr Dearing proposed a bench be placed in the park in memory of her. Cllr Hurst has confirmed that she would fund it, clerk to submit a grant to KCC.

78/19-20 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Standing orders and financial regulations were circulated prior to the meeting – proposed Cllr Dearing seconded Cllr Champs – All in favour.

79/19-20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS & AGENDA ITEMS

Resident asked when the problem tree would be cut down Cllr Dearing confirmed this will take place as soon as possible -Hedge on Spratling Street onto Preston road, big hedge is blocking the view, Cllr Dearing will meet to have a look at the issues.

Hazel asked about neighbourhood watch – has anyone been recruited? Cllr Dearing will contact them and see if there are any plans to recruit new people.

80/19-20 DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held 9th December 2019 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

The Meeting closed at approximately 8.05 pm.

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ALERT

15 NOVEMBER 2019



Amazon refund scam

We have received reports from Kent residents about an Amazon Refund scam.

How this scam works:

- You receive an email from Amazon about an order
- You are told you are due a refund
- You will be asked to click on a link and confirm your account details

Protect yourself

- Be cautious of unexpected emails containing links or attachments... especially if they're offering refunds for goods you didn't buy!
- Ensure you do not respond to a false or phishing email, go to your account on Amazon to review or make any changes to your orders or your account.
- Amazon would never ask a customer to email or text them PINs, card details or passwords
- Call your bank if you have any concerns about an email you have received

Please warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.

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ALERT

03 DECEMBER 2019

Want to report a doorstep criminal



Kent residents warned over bogus Police calls

We have received a warning that residents in a nearby area have been called by a criminal saying they were calling from Kent Police and Kent County Council (KCC) Trading Standards

HOW IT WORKS

- You receive a call from someone saying they are the Police
- You are told KCC Trading Standards carried out a raid on a nearby premise
- You are told a Trading Standards Officer will visit to take your statement



What to do:

Check their identity and verify by calling:

- Kent Police on 101
- KCC Trading Standards on 03000 41 41 41
- If you feel threatened or in danger call 999

REMEMBER the Police and Trading Standards will never ask you for money

DOORSTEP CRIME IS FINANCIAL ABUSE



ALERT

05 DECEMBER 2019

Want to report a doorstep criminal



Scam Alert – Bogus People's Postcode Lottery letters



We have received multiple reports of Kent residents being sent letters pretending to be from the People's Postcode Lottery.

HOW THIS SCAM WORKS

- You receive a letter from People's Postcode Lottery
- It says you have won £375,000
- To claim the money you must ring a telephone number and give your bank account details

PROTECT YOURSELF

- Do not respond to this scam
- You must enter the People's Postcode Lottery in order to win it
- People's Postcode Lottery will see you in person if you win the big Street Prize

[Find out more about People's Postcode Lottery scams](#)

REMEMBER Legitimate lotteries don't ask you to pay taxes, custom fees, insurance shipping, handling fees etc before you can receive your 'winnings'

Please warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.

Shed-Education

Burglaries of sheds and Garages are growing!



The value of property in sheds and garages is more than people think. Thieves are targeting them for power tools, cycle and sports equipment. Hand tools are stolen and used to break into homes.

So let's weed out these thieves by getting some SHEDUCATION!

Secure the access to your shed or garage by locking gates and using thorny bushes next to walls.

Have you visibly marked the contents of your shed? Make a note of the serial number and photograph valuable tools and other items. If you don't know how to mark your item then speak to your local Kent Community Warden or Police Community Support Officer.

External security lights which are activated by movement are useful.

Doors of sheds require attention. Use strong padlocks. Windows should be secured with locks or grilles

Use coach bolts or non-return screws to secure door hinges.

Chain cycle, mowers, ladders and tools to a strong anchorage point.

Alarms for sheds and garages are available for under £20 at most DIY stores or on line.

Together we'll crack crime. Join a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Exactly what insurance cover do you have? Check that your household policy covers you for theft from your garden and outbuilding



Cat spikes



Shed alarm



Security lighting



Window bars



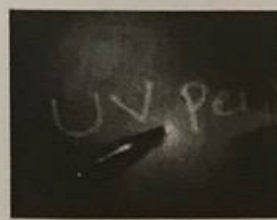
Bull bar



Fencing



hawthorn bush



Security marking



PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our Patients and Friends for their generosity and kindness in donating so many prizes for our raffle and tombola that was held at our Christmas Bazaar, and also, to all those who have supported us by purchasing raffle tickets and making such a wonderful selection of cakes. You can keep an eye on how our fund raising is going by checking out our notice board in the waiting room. In the meantime, we are also looking to purchase a new 'Examination Couch' with automatic controls, for Dr Crosfield's consulting room, we will publish further details later.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - PRIZE WINNERS

As this newsletter goes to press before our Bazaar has taken place, and for those who were not able to attend, a full list of prize winners will be displayed on our noticeboard in the surgery. Wherever possible, all prize winners will be contacted directly by telephone and invited to attend an official presentation. A full report will be published in the first issue of this magazine in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please note the Surgery's open/closed arrangements over the Christmas period:

Christmas Eve 24 December	- AM Normal opening hours - PM Emergencies Only
Christmas Day 25 December	- Closed all day
Boxing Day 26 December	- Closed all day
Friday 27, Monday 30, Tuesday 31 December	- Normal opening hours
Wednesday 1 January	- Closed all day
Thursday 2 January onwards	- Normal opening hours

Should you need to see a doctor during times when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service direct, on 111 where you will receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For urgent/life threatening cases, please dial 999 as normal.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you throughout the holiday period and that all 'Repeat Prescription' requests are submitted in good time to allow for the increased demand, both at the surgery and at the various pharmacy's, and remember to check your local pharmacy's opening times as well. Also ensure that if your prescription is due during the holiday period or if you are going away, check that it will be available for collection in advance before Christmas.

Obviously, we appreciate that "urgent" prescriptions may still be needed at any time.

Also, if your 'MEDICATION REVIEW' is due during this period please ensure you make an appointment in good time, to avoid further unnecessary delays.

If you have any concerns please contact the surgery direct on 821333

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Thank you to all those patients who responded and please continue to do so. We welcome all your feedback, good and bad, because they help us to continually improve our service to all our patients.

Last month we received 320 responses to the question "Would you recommend our Practice to your family and friends" whose responses were: Extremely likely/likely 93%, Extremely unlikely/unlikely 4%, unsure/don't know 3%.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

25 patients did not attend their doctor's appointment, a big improvement thank you, however

51 did not attend their nurse's appointment, many of which were for flu vaccinations, unbelievable.

So that's still 76 missed and wasted appointments and a further £12000 of NHS funds.

So, a plea to all our patients throughout the villages and surrounding areas, next year if you don't need it, please cancel it. It's so easy, by phone, text, or online, just do it.

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our next meeting, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact either Ken Self on 821200, Jeanne Lawrence on 821049 or email kenself@me.com

AND FINALLY - We would like to wish all our patients and friends a very Happy Christmas and a very healthy New Year.