



## *Manston Parish Council*

**Date: March 2020**

**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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned below.

### **AGENDA**

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Subject</u>
<b>122/19-20</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
<b>123/19-20</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To register any new interests or de-registration by Members.
<b>124/19-20</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING for approval (Appendix A)</b> To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2020.
<b>125/19-20</b>	<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS for approval (Appendix B)</b> a) To note and resolve to agree receipts and payments as listed. Two Cllrs to sign cheques. b) To approve appointment of the auditor for 19/20
<b>126/19-20</b>	<b>Chairman's Report to note</b>
<b>127/19-20</b>	<b>PLANNING to note (Appendix C)</b> a) To note planning applications
<b>128/19-20</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS to note</b> a) To note any issues regarding the Rights of Way b) Flete Road update c) To receive any appropriate updates from the highways representative.
<b>129/19-20</b>	<b>MANSTON PARK to note</b> a. To review park check and matters arising .
<b>130/19-20</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS to note</b> To receive updates from a) County Councillor b) District Councillor c) PCSO d) Community Warden e) Clerk
<b>131/19-20</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>
<b>132/19-20</b>	<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA</b>
<b>133/19-20</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING 2020 at 7:00pm at RAF Manston History Museum</b>

## *Manston Parish Council*

Chairman: Cllr John Dearing

Clerk: Miss Ashley Jackson

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### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 19.00pm At RAF Manston History Museum, Manston**

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

**In Attendance** – District Cllrs Roper, Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO), 5 residents

**109/19-20**        **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Roger Gale MP & Tony Gander,

**110/19-20**        **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.

**111/19-20**        **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
It was proposed by Cllr Dearing to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Seconded by Cllr Tritton These were signed by Cllr Dearing as a true record.

**112/19-20**        **FINANCIAL MATTERS**  
a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Tritton, seconded by Cllr Champs all in favour. Signed as appropriate by Cllr Champs and Cllr Dearing .

**113/19-20**        **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
Cllr Dearing stated that Cllr Wilson was not at the last meeting in January, when Parkway Station was discussed. During individual committee reports, Cllr Roper discussed the breakdown of the costs for the proposed parkway station. The Cllrs present said they would not use the new station and the general feeling was that it was a waste of money. Cllr Wilson has since made it clear that if he had been at the meeting he would have supported the idea and he would definitely have used the station. As we did not know in advance, that Cllr Roper would discuss the parkway station, we could not give prior warning to councillors or to ask their opinion. And it's a fact that, if a Cllr is not at a meeting, and we hadn't prior knowledge of the subject, we can't know his view on the subject. It is now on record that Cllr Wilson supports the parkway station scheme and would use it.  
Cllr Dearing advised that at the last meeting Rex Goodban, as a representative of the sports and social club in Manston, asked for his support when they applied for retrospective planning permission for the installation of a container on the perimeter of their grounds to house a lawnmower. Apparently, the club's insurers insist that the lawnmower be housed separately and not in the main building. The club committee had been advised that they did not need planning permission and several local councils do not ask for it unless a large number of containers installed, but in Thanet Council case they do require planning. As the only objection to the container had been about the colour of it, as it was yellow. The club had since painted the container green in an attempt to blend in with its surroundings. I visited the club to see situation and then wrote a letter to Thanet planning department supporting the application but Cllr Dearing stated he did not know the response at present time.

Cllr Dearing stated that on 20<sup>th</sup> January was Village Halls week and he had seen an article from Craig McKinlay online with the headline 'happy to help with hall applications'. In one paragraph, he states 'I am pleased to note a new village hall improvement grant scheme with additional grants of up to £75,000 available to improve hall facilities. Cllr Dearing advised that because he knew that the village hall at Manston had a heating problem, he thought about finding out about applying for a grant to improve the heating. He contacted a member of the Manston Hall committee and they were eager to have the support the Parish Council for an application. Cllr Dearing contacted Craig McKinlay at his Westminster Office and spoke to Mel Barrett one of his support. After he pointed out that he should have contacted Sir Roger Gale, he then agreed to look into it and within half an hour had sent him an email saying that the fund had closed but they could fill out an expression of interest form. Cllr Dearing advised that he looked up the village hall grant scheme on the internet and found out that the scheme closed on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, or when funds ran out which they had in 2 weeks! Cllr Dearing then looked at the conditions of the scheme. It is a project of DEFRA, the Department of Environment Food and Rural affairs. The matter of the village hall heating is on the agenda for discussion later.

**114/19-20      PLANNING**

F/TH/19/1746 – Cllr Tritton advised that this entrance is right on the bend, what is meant by amenities.

**115/19-20      HIGHWAYS**

Flete Road - Cllr Dearing advised that Matt Bembridge, Highways Development Planner has informed him that there was no concern raised at Joint Transportation Board meeting in December. Highways is now moving towards implementation. A new lighting column is required at the junction of Norfolk Road and after that they will continue with the remainder of the scheme. They will let Cllr Dearing know in due course the timescales of the scheme. No updates of Rights of Way.

**116/19-20      MANSTON PARK**

Cllr Dearing confirmed that he had collected the shields from the sign writer on the other side of Canterbury. He advised that he had done an excellent job and we are hoping to have the shields hung soon, with stainless steel rods. Cllr Dearing has asked Rev Bone to bless the beacon, in memory of the young men who flew from Manston to defend our shores in the second world war, at a time when Christianity was much stronger than it is today. Most if not all of those men would have been strong in their faith, and the blessing would be in their honour. .

**117/19-20      INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Parkway Station - Cllr Roper confirmed that KCC have approved the funding. Manston DCO has been delayed until May. TDC budget has been approved, which includes the recruitment of a climate change officer and 10x street cleaner. £400k has been allocated to homelessness, and also the commitment to build 40 new council houses. Rents will rise but these raises will be covered by housing benefit. Council tax will raise by £4.95, this is the element is going to TDC. TDC only have 62% of spending power which is less than 2010. Cllr Roper advised that there is a new report out regarding options for the Port of Ramsgate. Released by WSP they have come up with various suggestions to use the port, which has had losses of £22m losses since 2010. For example theme parks, ferries, aquariums, conference centre and a hotel. The timescale is 3and half years to be completed. Cllr Champs asked how does it have such big debts? Cllr Roper confirmed it is owned by the Crown and TDC have to pay rent on it.

Cllr Champs asked about the Parkway – what are Network Rail contributing? – Cllr Roper advised he didn't think they were? The costs include the crossings. Cllr Champs stated that the bulk of the money. The funds are coming out of tax payer's money. He asked what is the delay with the airport – Secretary of State has asked

more questions of Riveroak and more information has been submitted which needed looking at. Riveroak own the site.

118/19-20

**MANSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Dearing confirmed that the village hall have a problem with the heating. Users of the hall have been taking convector heaters to warm the hall up before use. The hall committee recently had a new boiler installed but the problem is with the radiators. They are mounted high up on the walls and contain noisy fans to drive the warm air down. That part of the system is not fit for purpose and they are looking at having plumbers install low level radiators. Cllr Dearing stated that he thought the village hall grant scheme, if it had been available, could have provided the funds to cover the cost of moving the radiators, but the scheme is not as generous as it first looks. The scheme will donate 20% of the cost but with the minimum of £10,000 meaning the entire project should be a minimum of £50,000. So taking advantage of the scheme is not a practical proposition. Alteration of the radiator system would only be a fraction of that £10,000.

The hall committee favour cast iron radiators and the estimate for this upgrade would be £3,500. Cllr Dearing has advised them to go for modern radiators with an installation cost of £2,100.

Cllr Dearing proposed £2000 be donated to the village hall for the upgrade. Cllr Champs seconded, all in favour

119/19-20

**NEWSLETTER**

The printing costs were discussed – Linda used to pay £95 per a month to Truprint – TDC quoted £75 per month. Cllr Tritton's partner has agreed to receive and co-ordinate the news. Cllr Dolan asked if there was any way we could target those who needed a paper copy? We could ask people to contact us if they wanted us to deliver to them. Costs to send 800 x 0.61p =£488. Suggestion that the newsletter could go in the shop when we get it? Cllr Champs said that we need to get as much advertising as we can to pay for it, but not only adverts. Clerk advised that the adverts were minimal towards the end of the newsletter and these could not be relied upon or costs. This will be a standing item on the agenda.

121/19-20

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & AGENDA ITEMS**

Doug confirmed **that** there is a shop in Preston Road Caravan site which could be used to place copies of the newsletter. Manston DCO - he advised that the Secretary of state ignored the timescale, and there are four other decisions outstanding. Doug confirmed that the Preston Road is a big site and does not actually need planning permission as they are shepherds huts on wheels, and it is going to be a religions retreat.

Rex confirmed that the sports club was told the container didn't need planning permission as it was portable but TDC advised that if something was installed as a permanent purpose it does need planning permission.

122/19-20

**DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

The meeting closed at approximately 19.45 pm.

# MANSTON PARISH COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Closing Financial Statement, Ashley Jackson, Clerk.

DATE PREPARED				9.3.2020
Bank Balance as at 29.2.20				£40,555.20
Cheques out				
Date	Cheque Number		Details	
09/03/20	1925		A Jackson Wages	311.16
09/03/20	1926		A Jackson Expenses	83.70
09/03/20	1927		Roy Matthews - Expenses	30.00
09/03/20	1928		David Buckett Auditor	323.40
09/03/20	1929		Village Hall Donation	2000.00
09/03/20	1930		John Dearing	16.98
09/03/20	1931		CJ Kitt	630.00
TOTAL				3395.24
Cheques in				
Date	Details			

Payments checked by ..... Date 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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(2 Cllrs who are non-signatories need to sign Schedule of Payments for payment once satisfied with goods or services have been received, invoice additions OK, VAT OK and bona fide supplier).

Planning List –9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Ref & Location	Description	MPC Action & Outcome
F/TH/19/0438 LOCATION: Land Between Manston Road And Preston Road Adjoining Manston Green Industries, Manston, RAMSGATE, Kent	Mixed use residential and business development comprising 28 dwellings, (24no. 3-bed and 4no. 4-bed), 1,013sqm of office floor space (Use Class B1) and a detached building incorporating a shop and cafe, together with associated access roads, paths and vehicle parking	
A/TH/20/0239 Birchington Vale Caravan Park Shottendane Road, Birchington	Erection and display of 3 non- illuminated boards	