



## MANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held  
on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.15 pm, Manston Village Hall, Manston.**

**Present: Parish Councillors** Guy Wilson (Chairman), Ian Amato, John Dearing, Roy Matthews Paul Bell and Henry Robinson.

**In Attendance:** Cllr L Wright (TDC, KCC), Mrs Hazel Chandler (Volunteer of Manston Park checks), Police Constable Andy Howe and 10 Members of the Public.

### **110/23-24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Sam Bambridge (Personal Reasons)

KCC Cllr Derek Crow-Brown

### **111/23-24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The declaration form was circulated to those present and there were no declarations of interest.

### **112/23-24. MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January meeting were circulated to members.

**Resolved: The minutes were agreed as a true record, Cllr H Robinson proposed, and Cllr Ian Amato seconded. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.**

### **113/23-24. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

a) Authorisation of payments, circulated prior to the meeting.

**Resolved: All were in favour to approve the payments.**

b) Bank Reconciliations

**Resolved: The bank reconciliations were signed by Cllr R Matthews.**

Cllr Wilson suggested that the Natwest account be closed now that the Unity Bank account is up and running. All members agreed.

c) Noticeboard Quotes

**Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr G Wilson to accept the quote of £1,960 provided by Isle of Thanet Joinery, all in favour and carried.**

## **114/23-24. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Cllr Wilson reported that the recent gales had knocked down the Manston Parish Council noticeboard outside of Manston Village Hall. It will be agreed tonight for a replacement.

## **115/23-24. PLANNING**

**Applications received after publication of the agenda:** The following applications were all received after the agenda had been issued.

- a) **OL/TH/23/0685, Land on The North East Side Of, Nash Road, MARGATE, Kent.** Outline Application for the erection of up to 1,461 residential units (use Class C2 and C3); two form entry primary school (use class F1); mixed use centre (use classes E, F1 and F2); and associated infrastructure including provision of a new strategic link road along Nash Road including demolition of buildings, alterations to existing junctions from Nash Road and Manston Court Road; green infrastructure including public open space and associated facilities, landscaping, formal and informal play areas, utilities (including drainage), and associated ancillary works and structures including access  
Cllr Wilson explained this application goes from Manston Court Road to Lydden and all the way to Margate rubbish tip, it is an amended application to which Manston Parish Council had previously objected to.  
**Resolved: Cllr Wilson proposed members discuss and provide comments.**
- b) **PN05/TH/24/0078, Spratling Court Farm, 40 Spratling Street, RAMSGATE, Kent,** Notification of a proposed change of use from Agricultural unit to 1No. dwelling (C3 use class) with associated parking.  
**Resolved: Cllr Wilson proposed in favour of the application, all agreed.**
- c) **FH/TH/24/0044, 4 Highlands Glade, RAMSGATE, Kent, CT12 5GS,** Erection of a single storey front extension following demolition of existing conservatory.  
**Resolved: Members could see no issues with this application and would discuss if needed.**
- d) **TL/TH/23/1571, Spratling Court Farm, 40 Spratling Street, RAMSGATE, Kent,** Application for prior approval for the erection and installation of a shareable 25M Telecommunications Mast with base station, 2.4m high palisade fencing, 6No cabinets, 12No antennas, 1No meter cabinet and ancillary development.
- e)

The owner of Spratling Court Farm was in attendance and explained that he was not aware of this application until the Chairman Cllr G Wilson had contacted him today. In November last year he had been approached to put the mast within his land which he had told them no. The owner has since found out this is a compulsory purchase, and nothing can be done to refuse this. He made it clear that he did not want this mast on his land and would prefer it to be further along Spratling Street. He urged Manston Parish Council to please object to this mast application.

**Resolved: Cllr G Wilson proposed to members to put together some comments in relation to the mast application, all agreed.**

**Decided Applications: No decided applications for this meeting.**

**116/23-24. HIGHWAYS**

Flete Lane update provided by Cllr J Dearing to mention that the plan drawings were rejected by the Land Registry, the plans are to be redone and resubmitted. There will be a HIP meeting with KCC Highways on the 20<sup>th</sup> February to discuss Manston PC’s current Highway Improvement Plan, an update will be provided at the meeting in March.

**117/23-24. MANSTON PARK**

Hazel Chandler provided the park check which had been circulated to all and reported that the benches and equipment were all covered in algae. Hazel reminded Cllr Wilson to arrange a meeting at the park to run through items on the annual inspection with the clerk. Cllr Wilson will arrange a date.

**118/23-24. VILLAGE GREEN STATUS**

Cllr J Dearing spoke about the Village Green Status for Manston Park. After looking through the application he felt legal guidance was required. It was suggested that the Village Green Association could be contacted for advice.

**119/23-24. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS TO NOTE**

**Police constable Andy Howe**

Burglary from the business community stands out as being concerning, however as you may be aware, these related to two incidents where a group of thieves entered and stole from a large number of storage containers on Manston. Three persons were arrested in relation to the second incident and that case is ongoing.

More recently we have had an upsurge in vehicle related theft offences, these have occurred over a two-month period affecting such areas as Minster, Monkton, St Nicholas, Birchington and the Nethercourt Estate in Ramsgate. We have identified two suspects so far and our investigation is ongoing. Unfortunately, I can’t add any meat to this at this current time, but as soon as I can give you more information, I will do so.

Over the last month, we have had incidents of youth related Anti-Social Behaviour (“ASB”) mostly around Minster but also hitting Ramsgate Town. The youths have all been identified and proactive activity, disrupting their behaviour has resulted in arrests and Community Protection Notices being issued. British Transport Police and the Thanet Neighbourhood Task Force are working this week on an operation focused on dealing with this group. I understand how frustrating it is when we seem to be unable to effectively deal with youth ASB, but I would encourage anyone to call in asap any ASB activity so we can disrupt and build a portfolio of incidents which then allow for a more robust policing.

My own focus during the last month has been towards ASB disruption, visibility and intelligence building around the vehicle thefts and poaching activity. I have been actively involved around arrest attempts and searches for the theft from motor vehicle offences, along with attending a small number of suspicious poaching calls. I have undertaken speed checks in Acol and Cliffsend and will be conducting further “pop up” speed checks over the next few weeks in and around the villages.

**Calls to Manston:**

16 calls over the last month of which four relate to domesticated issues, two relate to poaching, two were theft based, two assaults and the remainder being traffic or linked to suspicious events.

A question was asked about Manston Park carpark and drug use. PC Howes replied that he will continue to monitor. He urged residents to continue to report drug use to 101 or via the Kent Police website, the more it is reported the more likely to be investigated and the task force can also investigate. Anything urgent should be reported by calling 999.

**Cllr Derek Crow-Brown (KCC), unable to attend tonight but provided the following report, read out by Cllr L Wright:**

In terms of Manston, I recently assisted a resident, who recently advised me that Spratling Lane has been closed for cable laying to the Redrow site on Haine Road.

This coincided with spoil removal from the St Stephens site entrance on Spratling Lane by Thanet Waste. Mr Goodban informed me that trucks travelling via Spratling Street had knocked over the speed limit sign by the site entrance. I asked an inspector to look at the issue.

I also dealt with an issue raised by the owner of the Independent Pedlar café in Preston Road. UKPN had erected road closure signs, severely affecting the café's business. Highways officers instructed UKPN to place business as usual signs on the B2050.

**Cllr Linda Wright (TDC/KCC)**

Cllr Wright has been dealing with Adult Social Care cases, which are of a sensitive nature with vulnerable adults.

Attended the TDC budget meeting, which is quite tight this year and has involved a lot of juggling and is a 3-year plan.

**Cllr Abi Smith - TDC**

TDC budget meeting, 8th February: a measured budget, with a modest increase in Council Tax of 3%, equating to a £7.64 increase each year for a Band D property – or an extra 15p per week., was met with broad, cross-party consensus.

TDC online services outage – now fully resolved and with no damage — it was a cyber attack, perhaps not a very successful one, but the National Cyber Security Service was informed.

**TDC Parking Strategy consultation launch now live on**

YourVoice: <https://yourvoice.thanet.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/review-of-parking-in-thanet/1>

Land off Shottendane Road: public consultation with the Gypsy & Traveller community, regarding possible use for temporary pitches has been opposed by interest groups that want to protect Grade A farmland.

**Cabinet agreed:**

- To conduct public consultation with the Gypsy and Traveller community and neighbouring residents about the proposal to establish a number of Gypsy and Traveller pitches on land off Shottendane Road (area shown in annex 6);
- Following the consultation, bring back to cabinet, and prior to that to the overview and scrutiny panel, any proposal arising to submit an application for outline planning permission for the provision of Gypsy and Traveller Pitches on the land marked 1aii in annex 5;
- To dispose of part of the land at Shottendane Road (areas marked as 1b and 2b on annex 5) to KCC for the proposed Major Road Network (Inner Circuit) improvements and a linked sustainable drainage scheme."

**Haine Road roadworks complaints:**

TDC Enforcement commented: "I have seen wheel washers on the roads cleaning and banksmen adhering to the CMP when receiving deliveries. What I will need to ascertain is if the operations of the road cleaners is adequate and request a site visit to see the wheel washing facilities on site and to ascertain if we need to advise the operations need to be increased. I will be discussing this matter further in the development compliance meeting. We will continue to monitor the development sites along Haine and Manston Roads."

**120/23-24. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

**The following items were put forward by members of the public:**

A gentleman asked about the Manston Parish Council HIP Plan and asked if the plan could be itemised within the minutes. Cllr Wilson suggested that the HIP be added at the end of the February minutes.

D-Day commemorations on the 6<sup>th</sup> June were mentioned from a resident who said that the Church would like to be involved in this with Manston PC. It is also National Fish and Chip Day and he considered that the lighting of the beacon and this could go hand in hand. Cllr Wilson responded that the beacon lighting is more involved than had been originally realised with health and safety issues and insurance. The clerk said that this needs to be looked into further as it will involve a risk assessment and the beacon will need to be checked to make sure that it is safe.

Cllr Wright reported that TRRG are asking all villages to take part in D-Day by putting out bunting and make the villages look special. Cllr Wright also said that she would provide funding of £500 for the D-Day event. The clerk will apply to the KCC Members Grant for this.

Cllr Amato spoke about better communications and helping Manston Parish Council to be more visible. He had asked the clerk prior to the meeting about a social media presence to provide information to residents. The clerk will arrange a Facebook page to be set up.

Cllr Bell reported the roundabout with the dragon will not be open for a further 3 months' time due to fibre optic issues.

Cllr Mathews reminded Cllr Wilson about the cutting back of the hedges in the park as it will soon be nesting season and too late to cut back, Cllr Wilson will chase the contractor to meet at the park.

**121/23-24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7.15pm.**

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm.**

5 Signed by the Chair: ..... Date:.....