

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

February 2018

MANSTON - AN UPDATE

Sir Roger Gale recently issued a statement on the current position, which is summarised as follows:

“Following the completion, last week, of further consultation in the flight path- sensitive areas of Central Ramsgate and Reculver and Beltinge in Herne Bay, the findings will be written up and, as part of the largest Environmental Impact Assessment ever undertaken in East Kent, will then be submitted along with the business case, evidence supporting the national as well as the local case for Manston as a viable and necessary freight hub and passenger airport and other relevant information for consideration as a case for a Development Consent Order. The DCO, specifically, is designed to meet the needs of nationally important infrastructure projects like Hinckley Point Nuclear Power station, HS2, a third runway at Heathrow and, of course, Manston.

Given the Inspector's comments in July last year when rejecting change of use on four current buildings on Manston and his recognition in his summary of the importance of Manston of a potential force for economic and employment development as an airport in the current local plan, it is hard to see that the RiverOak application will not be accepted for examination.

The process is completely transparent. An Inspector is appointed to conduct a thorough examination which lasts for a fixed period of six months. During those six months all of the documents are made public and are open to scrutiny and witnesses for and against the project and those with a case to state on matters such as night flights will be able to make representations. The hearings in front of the Inspector are informal and much less intimidating than old-style public inquiries. There should be no reason for any person to be able to say, at the point when the Inspector closes his door and sits down to write his report, that they have not had the chance to have their say - although some no doubt will say exactly that!

Having determined his findings, the Inspector will submit his conclusions, for or against, to the Secretary of State for Transport whose job it is to make the final decision. The Minister has the power to either accept or overturn the Inspector's recommendation. His decision is final and there is no further appeal.

As explained at the Consultations, measures to mitigate environmental damage have to and will be taken. Thankfully modern aircraft are quieter now than they were even when Manston closed, and an examination of flight paths is revealing some creative ways of limiting the noise footprint still further.

RiverOak has included in its Environmental Impact Assessment for the sake of completeness and for the information of the Inspector a section on the impact of night flights. All significant airports in fact make provision for occasional delayed long- haul

flights, emergency landings and mercy missions to disaster zones but the company has publicly declared - and this of course will also be open to examination - that it neither needs nor wants scheduled night flights that do not fit in with its business plan.

If successful, a Development Consent Order with accompanying Compulsory Purchase Order takes precedence over the Local plan or any other decision by the Local Planning Authority. if it fails the project is dead in the water and in the case of Manston this Member of Parliament has indicated that, although already selected to fight the next General election, he will retire from politics."

ACOL PARISH WEB SITE

January's Acol Parish Council website survey elicited the grand total of two responses! Whilst I am disappointed that the site, so far, does not *seem* to have attracted much interest, we know from statistical monitoring that there are, on average, about 50 Users per month, and have been contacted through the site on several occasions. I'll therefore continue to develop the site - in part, because we have a legal responsibility to publish certain information about the Council's business, but also because the Parish Council really wants to do all it can to engage with the Community it supports.

I've decided to leave the survey on the site as a standing item, perhaps amending it, from time-to-time, depending upon feedback and changing circumstances - although residents can of course, continue to contact the Council directly through the site. Meantime, we will continue to develop the site, adding interesting local content. Did readers, for example, see the interesting piece on "Dolly's War Days" (under About Us - Memories of Acol)?

Councillor Richard Steel

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

The results of the draw held on 7th February will be published in the next edition of Village Voice.

The following draw will be held on Wednesday 7th March 2018. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (840901)

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Sat. 10 th Feb.	1.00 to 5.00pm	AHS Valentine Afternoon Tea
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USEFUL INFORMATION

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black) & waste food

19th February

5th March

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

12th February

26th February

Ring TDC, **577115**, if you are unable to put your bins out, or **577727** for queries.

VILLAGE FACEBOOK WEBSITE

You can keep updated with village events, notices and everything that's going on, or to impart your own information, by linking into our Facebook page: [facebook.com.acol.village](https://facebook.com/acol.village)

VILLAGE HALL

Please ring 841691 to book 2018 dates in the Hall. The calendar is rapidly filling up!

REGULAR BOOKINGS

Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People

First Tuesday evening - AHS meeting

All other Tuesday evenings, Dance Fitness Class

Alternate Wednesday evenings - Life Drawing Art Group

Every Thursday evening - Art Group. **Art Group Website:** www.acolartgroup.org/

Monthly, Saturdays, 10am-4pm - Phoenix Quilters.

(Check hall calendar or email Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com for information)

2018 EVENTS BOOKED SO FAR

Saturday 10th February, 1 - 5pm, AHS Valentine's Tea

Tuesday 27th March, 2pm, Acol Parish Council meeting

Saturday 7th April, all day, AHS SPRING SHOW

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Please ring Iris Osborne on 840901 to be kept informed on suspicious behaviour.

CCTV CAMERAS

Please don't forget to report any incident in The Street to 844706.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

The Parish Council website can be found at: www.hugofox.com/community/acol-parish-council-13724/contact/

THE NEXT MEETING OF ACOL PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD AT 2PM ON TUESDAY 27TH MARCH.

You can ring the Parish Council on Mondays (9am-5pm) on 844706, or the day after a Bank Holiday, or the Clerk any day (9am-5pm) on 832243.

Please ring these numbers if you have problems and do not know who to contact.

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MINSTER SURGERY

FUND RAISING PROJECT

TARGET ACHIEVED - EQUIPMENT ORDERED

The formal presentation was made on 10th January, and with Software Installation and on-site training scheduled for 25th January, Dawn Langdon and members of the Nursing Team will be able to bring the new PC Based ECG equipment into service immediately afterwards.

SURGERY TRAINING DAYS 2018

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 Mid-day on the following days:

Wednesday 21st February; Wednesday 21st March; Thursday 26th April

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information.

For Urgent/Life threatening issues, please dial 999 as normal.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

28 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT.

56 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT.

So - DON'T NEED IT? CANCEL IT - By Phone, Text, or On-Line - Just do It! PLEASE!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month A total of 166 patients responded as follows:

Extremely likely/Likely - 90%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 6%; Unsure/Don't know - 4%

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE - 12th MAY 2018 @ Old Schools Hall Minster

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our meeting in March, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact Mary Hodgson (842764)

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol, at 2pm on Tuesday 16th January 2018

Present: Councillors: Miss Bransfield (Chairman), D. Hayfield, J. Inchley,
Mrs. Osborne and R. Steel.

Also present: Councillors Ms Dawson and Ms Hurst(KCC) & Adrian Butterworth &
Tony Gander

Apologies: Cllr. Crow-Brown (TDC)

55. MINUTES

The Chairman noted that Item 52 mentioned Speedwatch, which was an error. It should read Neighbourhood Watch, which was duly amended and authorised.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

57. REPORT OF THE POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDENS/PCSO'S

The Wardens gave out leaflets on Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Stoppers and advised Council that 8 calls had been received in respect of Acol, with 2 burglaries and scam actions within the Village. There were incidents of fly tipping in Plumstone Road and some on farmer's land for which they could not take action. Reference was made to the Speedwatch initiative and efforts being taken to increase its effectiveness.

58. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported upon the following:

- (i) The Manston redevelopment proposals and the start of the consultation process,
- (ii) Thanks to Norman, Bob and David for their kind help with the Christmas tree and decorations,
- (iii) Crown & Sceptre – TDC had served a section 215 notice requiring the reinstatement of the roof and other works,
- (iv) KCC Presentation of Highways matters – Notes on the recent presentation had not been received and Cllr. Ms Dawson would investigate the matter,
- (v) Development proposals in Plumstone Road – Acol Parish Council has expressed concerns to TDC at the increase in traffic movement within that road and reminding them that contractors should only park on site,
- (vi) The TRRG meeting had discussed measures to increase the profile of the Speedwatch initiative.

59. CRISPE ROAD – SOUTHERN WATER AUTHORITY

Further information was still awaited on where the sewage was being directed for the new Maple Leaf development on the Manston Industrial Estate.

60. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr. Steel reported that the website was up and working but the response to date had been disappointing. Members were invited to submit their views on how to grow the site.

Council also considered the report of Councillor Steel and noted the draft application for funding to allow for a parish council laptop to be purchased to support the initiative.

RESOLVED: That (i) the report of Cllr. Steel be noted; and (ii) that the draft application for funding in the sum of £300 for the purchase and maintenance of a laptop be approved and submitted to KALC.

61. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported upon:

- (i) Manston Park redevelopment proposals,

(ii) Highway Presentation for the Village – The notes on the presentation to be sought from KCC.

62. RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Hayfield reported (i) that Serco were doing an excellent job on grass cutting but he was still pursuing the receipt of invoices for the works undertaken; and (ii) The Clerk to investigate whether funding was available for the replacement of the materials used to fill the play area.

63. PROFILE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Steel reported to Members on his discussions with the Chairman and the Clerk on his thoughts on the future direction of the Parish Council. Members considered measures to publicise (i) the responsibilities of Members; and (ii) policies and procedures to ensure that the Council comply with current and future legislation.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk report to the next meeting on issues relating to

- (i) Measures to make the work of the Parish Council more transparent
- (ii) Freedom of Information – the procedures to be followed; and
- (iii) Code of conduct and role of the Parish Council.

64. DRAFT BUDGET/PRECEPT 2018/19

Council considered the draft budget and noted that increase was due, mainly, to the CCTV system and its future maintenance and the need to make financial provision to allow Members to attend training courses.

RESOLVED: The budget as amended and in the sum of £6879.00 be approved and TDC be advised accordingly.

65. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members noted that the bank balance at 1 January 2018 was £10,118.87 and Members were advised that within this budget was £425.60 which was the balance from the APEG account; and

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
589	R J Wade – Salary	£440.00
590	HMRC – PAYE	£110.00
591	D Hayfield CCTV	£45.00

66. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR MS DAWSON (KCC)

Cllr. Ms Dawson reported that (i) Ms. Liz Hurst had been elected to KCC to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of Ken Gregory; (ii) Village Hall refurbishment details of the grant application would be discussed with Cllr. Mrs. Osborne; and (iii) Bus Services – Paul Carter (Leader KCC) would be discussing with the Bus Companies the future of bus services within the County.

67. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

Cllr. Mrs. Osborne – No matters for report

Cllr Inchley - Thanked the Council for its contribution of £50 towards the cost of the Village Xmas party

Cllr Steel - (i) Expressed his thanks to Karen and June for their help in litter picking within the Village; and (ii) complaints at the low levels of broadband speeds and that the rural broadband indicators should be researched.

68. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 2p.m.

Meeting closed at 16.00

CUMMINS' GENEROUS DONATION OF KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

Acol Village Hall Management Committee has gratefully accepted the gift of a commercial Microwave Oven following the closure of the canteen at Cummins' facility in Concorde Avenue. This will replace the domestic microwave currently installed in the kitchen at the Hall, as it provides much improved functionality, and will be retained for the new kitchen extension which has recently received planning permission, and is on track for delivery in August of this year, subject to a positive response to our application for grant funding.

Our thanks go to the family who facilitated this gift.

If anyone could make use of the Panasonic domestic Microwave now made redundant, the 900W appliance has had very little use and we would be prepared to let it go in return for a modest donation to the Village Hall extension fund. Please contact a committee member if you or anyone you know might be interested.

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