



Manston Parish Council

Date: 9th May 2022

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 Manston Village Hall, on Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.30 pm for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned below.

AGENDA

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Subject</u>
14/22-23	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
15/22-23	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS To register any new interests or de-registration by Members, and co-opt any new members.
16/22-23	MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING for approval (Appendix A) To re-approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 th April 2022
17/22-23	FINANCIAL MATTERS for approval (Appendix B) a) To note and resolve to agree receipts and payments as listed. Two Cllrs to sign cheques. b) To note the cash book circulated.
18/22-23	Chairman's Report to note
19/22-23	PLANNING to note (Appendix C) a) To note planning applications
20/22-23	HIGHWAYS to note a) To note any issues regarding the Rights of Way b) Flete Road update on land purchase c) To receive any appropriate updates from the Highways representative.
21/22-23	MANSTON PARK to note a. To review park check.
22/22-23	INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR REPORTS to note To receive updates from a) County Councillor b) District Councillor c) PCSO d) Community Warden e) Clerk
23/22-23	Defibrators
24/22-23	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
25/22-23	PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
26/22-23	DATE OF NEXT MEETING 13th June 2022 at 7:00pm at Manston Village Hall

Manston Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr John Dearing

Clerk: Miss Ashley Jackson

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th April 2022 at 7pm At Manston Village Hall, Manston

Present **Parish Councillors** Cllrs John Dearing (Chair) Roy Matthews, Guy Wilson, Ian Amato, Robin Tritton

In Attendance – Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO), Cllr Abi Smith & Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, Cllr Wright & 5 residents

1/22-23 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr Reece Pugh

2/22-23 **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.

3/22-23 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was proposed by Cllr Wilson to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March 2022. Seconded by Cllr Matthews. These were signed by Cllr Dearing as a true record..

4/22-23 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Matthews all in favour. Signed as appropriate by Cllr Matthews and Cllr Wilson.
- b) The Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the cash book which the Clerk had circulated showing income and expenses to date.

5/22-23 **CHAIRMANS REPORT**
Good evening and welcome to April's parish council meeting.
As some of you will know, I couldn't attend the previous meeting due to catching Covid. Whilst my wife, who tested positive at the same time, showed no symptoms, it hit me very hard and, even after I tested clear, the fatigue lasted more than 2 weeks. I'm not an antivaxxer, I've had my 2 vaccinations and 2 booster jabs: without them I'm certain I would have ended up in hospital! So, for anyone who thinks vaccinations are a waste of time think again.
The Leys kerb installation.
The kerb installation has been completed as much as is possible. Some people will notice that there are several sections where there are gaps in the kerb run. Two of them quite large. The reason is down to the roots of the trees which either come very close to the surface or are even now exposed by the bank erosion. There are two problems here: These trees are subject to a tree preservation order and if a council tree preservation officer decides that work has damaged the tree root structure, the contractor is liable to a £1,500 fine per tree. Secondly one of the trees at risk is already leaning towards one of the Leys buildings. Last year a single branch fell off one of the trees and was probably close to a quarter of a tonne in weight.

Councillor Matthews and I dealt with it as it was propped dangerously against the tree and the council were not interested in dealing with the problem. If the leaning tree were to crash against the Leys property it could cause extensive damage even if, God forbid, no one was hurt. And if it was decided that root damage, due to the kerb installation, was responsible for the tree collapse, the Parish Council and the contractors could be found liable for the house repairs. So, after discussion with the contractor, I accepted that where there was a root problem there would have to be gaps at those points, however, the bulk of the grass bank is now protected by a substantial kerb and should greatly reduce the problem of the bank erosion from parked vehicles.

The kerb project also raised another point that needs clarification. The Clerk has given me two cheques, paid out of parish funds, totalling £10,256.16. The reason is that the council has no arrangement to pay our debts other than by cheque. Mark Knight, of Westbrook Construction who installed the kerb, insisted he didn't want a cheque. So, I transferred the money from my account, in two instalments, to Westbrook accounts and the cheques, that Ashley has given me, are to return to me my money.

6/22-23

PLANNING

The planning list was circulated to members. No objections raised.

7/22-23

HIGHWAYS

- a) To note any issues regarding Rights of Way – nothing to update
- b) Flete Road update – ongoing – waiting on solicitors – land needs to be dedicated to KCC.
- c) Highways -nothing further to update

8/22-23

MANSTON PARK

Manston Park.

As mentioned at the previous meeting, we had an email from a lady visitor to the park who obviously drives a very high vehicle topped with a roof rack. She had entered the park without problem but, on leaving, caught the swinging section of the height barrier with considerable force bending it quite badly. The collision also resulted in serious damage to her vehicle. She was trying to claim from the Parish Council but her emails were quite confused. Councillor Matthew's wife took a photo of the damaged frame which quite clearly showed the warning message giving the height clearance as 2m. The lady driver appeared to think that the council tip barrier clearance was 1.9m which she says she clears easily and, after looking at our photograph of our damaged park barrier with its warning sign of 2m, she says that should she have cleared it more easily since it should be an inch higher.

I had to point out that both the park and the council tip barriers have signs warning of the 2m clearance and that, in reality since I've now checked it, the council tip barrier gives 2.3m clearance or, in Imperial measurements, nearly a foot more than the clearance stated. Our own barrier, although higher than the stated 2m clearance, is nowhere near as generous as the council tip margin of clearance.

Rob of CR Steel, has now repaired and refitted the swinging section to the height barrier. Over the years, the park barrier has been damaged several times and each time its repaired, I checked to ensure we have the 2-metre clearance as does the contractor. The lesson to be learnt from this is that any person, driving a high vehicle, should be aware of the height of their own vehicle and they alone are responsible for ensuring they have sufficient clearance when passing under such barriers. Nor should they assume that all barriers, whatever the advertised height, give the same extra margin of clearance.

9/22-23

INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A new 94-acre solar farm in North Somerset has been acquired by Kent County Council (KCC) and LASER Energy, massively reducing carbon emissions whilst saving energy costs for KCC.

The Bowerhouse II Solar Farm, which has recently been built by Ethical Power Ltd, has the capacity to have 39,312 solar panels and will provide 22,000 megawatt hours of green electricity to the grid a year.

LASER Energy managed the acquisition on KCC's behalf, using £14.415 million from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme.

Ethical Power Ltd has been appointed to run the operations and maintenance contract for the solar farm.

LASER Energy will continue to be responsible for the ongoing running of the facility, including managing contractors, energy trading, monetary flows and carbon management and reporting.

Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGO) certificates, which provide transparency to consumers on the amount of electricity generated from renewable sources, will show this purchase contributes to about 30% of KCC's Net Zero carbon reduction target.

Cllr Derek Crow-Brown reported that there is a consultation to stop the school bus coming through the village. James Wraight and Paul Valek have been recommended for exceptional awards. He has been speaking to them about Haine Road, and Nash Road and James confirmed that in a couple of years there will be feeder lanes. Cllr Dearing agreed how good James and Paul are, they are a credit to KCC and work really hard.

Cllr Linda Wright confirmed that KCC Social Care are concentrating on those who are caring for others. Flood management survey by SW and they have found out that the drains are blocked with concrete which builders have dumped. She has suggested that there is an independent phone line is set up to report people who do this. Cllr Wright confirmed that they had new generators, Cllr Dearing stated that they didn't, and they still haven't. Cllr Wright confirmed she had seen it, but still don't know why they don't use it when there is an outage.

Cllr Smith went to Humbers Mill talk and they confirmed that the developers have confirmed they will sell it onto housebuilders. Not all housing development is wrong but needs to be built properly and not built on agricultural land she encouraged residents to look at the 'Westgate and Garlinge Action Group' web site whose aim is to fight the decimation of local prime agricultural land..

Cllr Pugh by email Manston MOD site - Rather than use the site as a processing facility for asylum seekers that have landed on our beaches, the Home Office is exploring the option of using the site to help with the humanitarian effort for Ukraine. The hangars at Manston Airport have already been used for this is the last month. Sam Mendes film - I visited the film set at Dreamland last week. I have been told by Riveroak that the 'departed' (sic) building at Manston Airport will be used for some scenes in the film also. Missed waste collection - I'm still trying to resolve this but please let me know if there are more occurrences in Manston

10/22-23

DEFIBRATORS

Cllrs have previously agreed to buy a new defib which will be placed on the village hall outside wall. Cllr Dearing will speak to the hall committee to see if they are happy to allow installation. The company that we buy it from will also undertake a training course to show us how to use it. Resident advised that the new defibs show you to do it, and she offered to show us how they work, she advised that she would not want to be paid for training.

11/22-23

Platinum Jubilee Celebration 2nd June 2022

Councillor Tritton, whose partner is doing the catering, asked how many people are we going to cater for? The suggested menu coronation chicken, Victoria sponge and scones with jam and cream. Tea and coffee. Bunting to go round the beacon and siren. Clerk to order bunting and flags. Cllrs to provide gazebos. Agreed budget £500. Resident advised need to be aware of allergens etc. Cllr Wright advised that you need

someone with DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) certification to deal with lost children, and someone with First Aid training. Cllr Smith advised there is a guide on the website regarding how to run an event. .

12/22-23

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Resident asked about the proposed zebra crossing – is there any update? There has been no update from David Steed. There were 3 proposals but we do not have any further updates. Cllr Dearing advised that he is leaving Mr Steed to it as he does not have the time to dedicate to it. The scheme will cost £100k which will have to be paid for by developers in the village. Resident advised that KCC have criticised the proposal of a zebra crossing in Grenham House Lodge application. The chairman said that he knew it wouldn't get permission as the Grenham House planned crossing was too close to a blind bend. Resident also asked when is the new community centre opening- The chairman has asked people on site but was not given an update.

Reactive signs do not appear to working- Cllr Dearing will have a look.

Cllr Wilson advised that the government is going to recommend that the tip booking system is going to be abolished.

13/21-22

DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7:00pm 9th May 2022 in the Village Hall @Manston.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.09pm.

MANSTON PARISH COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS
Closing Financial Statement, Ashley Jackson, Clerk.

DATE PREPARED 9th May 2022				
Bank Balance as at April 2022				£
Cheques out				
Date	Cheque Number		Details	
9/5/22	2043		Miss A Jackson - wages	338.68
9/5/22	2044		Imperative Training Ltd - Defibs	3178.80
9/5/22	2045		Commercial Services	757.75
9/5/22	2046		Kalc	555.58
9/5/22	2047		Manston Village Hall	120.00
9/5/22	2048		BHIB Insurance renewal	1985.80
9/5/22	2049		Miss A Jackson Expenses	70.74
			TOTAL	7007.35
Payments in				
Date	Details			
28/4/2022	Precept TDC			11364.00

Payments checked by *Date*

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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 – 11.4.2

Ref & Location	Description	MPC Action & Outcome
R/TH/21/0964 Haine Lodge Spratling Lane RAMSGATE Kent	Reserved matters application pursuant to outline planning OL/TH/16/1752 for the erection of 13no. houses (and retention of existing dwelling), for consideration of layout, appearance, scale and landscaping	All ok
F/TH/22/0286 The Drome Garage, Manston Road, North, Manston	Erection of an office and replacement storage outbuilding	All ok