



Manston Parish Council

Date: 7th February 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 7th February 2022 at 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned below.

AGENDA

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Subject</u>
101/21-22	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
102/21-22	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS To register any new interests or de-registration by Members, and co-opt any new members.
102/21-22	MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING for approval (Appendix A) To re-approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 th December 2021, and approve minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 10 th January 2022.
103/21-22	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.
104/21-22	Chairman's Report to note
105/21-22	PLANNING to note (Appendix C) a) To note planning applications
106/21-22	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.
107/21-22	MANSTON PARK to note a. To review park check.
108/21-22	INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR REPORTS to note To receive updates from a) County Councillor b) District Councillor c) PCSO d) Community Warden e) Clerk
109/21-22	Humbers Mill Development
110/21-22	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
111/21-22	Future of Manston Parish Council

112/21-22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

113/21-22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 14th March 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 10th January 2022 at 7pm At Manston Village Hall, Manston

Present **Parish Councillors** Cllrs John Dearing, Chairman, Roy Matthews, Robin Tritton, Guy Wilson.

In Attendance – Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO), Cllr Abi Smith, 4 residents

89/21-22 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr Reece Pugh & Cllr Derek Crow-Brown

90/21-22 **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. No new members were present for co-option.

91/21-22 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was proposed by Cllr Dearing to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th December 2021. Seconded by Cllr Matthews. These were signed by Cllr Dearing as a true record.

92/21-22 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Matthews, seconded by Cllr Wilson, all in favour. Signed as appropriate by Cllr Wilson and Cllr Wilson.
- b) The Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the cash book which the clerk had circulated showing income and expenses to date.
- c) Clerk had circulated the budget proposal for 22/23. Proposed Cllr Dearing Seconded Cllr Matthews all in favour. Clerk advised a precept of £20,995 would support the budget. Proposed Cllr Dearing, Seconded Cllr Matthews.

93/21-22 **CHAIRMANS REPORT**
Happy New Year to everyone and welcome to the first Manston parish council meeting of 2022. On 14th of December, I met Frank White of “the creative workshop” who is going to take away and renovate the oak bench beside the old bus shelter in Manston village. This bench bears the legend golden jubilee 2002. So, if you see a stout, father Christmas look alike in overalls acting suspiciously around that bench, that’s Frank, I hope!

On 16th of December, Councillor Matthews and myself removed two trees in the park. They had grown up beside the park’s boundary fence and the roots had lifted the concrete in one of the Leys parking spaces beside that fence. A resident of the Leys had complained several times during the last year about the problem.

On 29th of December, I had a site meeting in Manston with David Steed to discuss the proposals put forward by a traffic consultation report on the possible installation of a pedestrian crossing in the village. I will cover this in more detail during the highways section of this meeting.

Finally, I have contacted St John's Ambulance Brigade, reference a training course for the use of defibrillators of which we have two in the parish. The basic course is £138 per person, it would last 3 hours and would end with a 3-year qualification. They can only do courses during the working week, and have strict Covid related requirements on spacing in any training room. Before we book any courses, we will look at other training companies.

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PLANNING

The planning list was circulated to members.

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HIGHWAYS

a) To note any issues regarding Rights of Way – nothing to update

b) Flete road update –

c) Highways – Chairman –

As already mentioned, David Steed, a local resident, has paid for a traffic consultation carried out by a specialist firm to look at the possibility of a pedestrian crossing in Manston. Six years ago, I spent a considerable amount of time in trying to achieve the same and finally had to settle for a compromise of reactive speed signs.

There are 3 options presented by the report. All three options involve closing off the side road behind the war memorial garden where it joins the main road through the village. This would allow the footpath beside the war memorial to be extended to the existing footpath to the east of the side road.

All options include widening the path on the south side of the road, that's the Jolly Farmer side. In option 1, this reduces the carriageway to 5m, and in option 2, it reduces the carriageway further, to 4.7 m.

In the third option, an uncontrolled zebra crossing would also be installed, and the bus stop would be relocated to the east of the memorial garden.

In all options, the narrowing of the carriageway would reduce that part of the road to single vehicle passage, and a one-way priority scheme would be part of the plan, giving priority to eastbound traffic IE traffic coming from the airport direction. David's hope is to have the option 3 scheme installed which includes the zebra crossing. The minimum cost would be £100k. It is accepted that this is outside of the parish budget and David would expect the financing to come from local developers.

Moving on, the Flete Road project continues and our solicitors are now going through the process of the strip of land purchase. Luke Mockridge, of KCC lighting department, has confirmed that once the purchase is complete, he will instigate the planning and installation of the street lamp.

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MANSTON PARK

Dog area will remain closed until Spring.

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INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Pugh advised via email that he is still awaiting a response from waste and recycling re bin collection and he is trying to find out information re Humber's Mill development. Cllr Wilson advised that he has received a brochure regarding the new development – from the crematorium to Rex's and Guy Wilsons boundary. He made reference to the development in 2008 for 1000 homes. Cllr Wilson is raising a very serious objection to the 1600 homes which are proposed on Humber's Mill. He advised that government should leave Thanet alone and not destroy the farmland. He advised there is a consultation for an hour 20th January and 25th January between 7-8pm.

Cllr Dearing confirmed that the farmland should not be concreted over for these houses. Roads are gridlocked, sewage can't handle what it has. Until infrastructure is improved, it is not ideal for development.

Cllr Smith advised that TDC do not have the power to stop this sort of development. She advised that the leader has encouraged her to lobby central government. Targets were set pre covid and pre Brexit, and they need reviewing.

Resident advised that he has been approached by a number of developers offering him large sums of money for his land. Cllr Wilson advised 21,700 by 2031 is going to take until 2094. Cllr Smith advised that the new SW infrastructure should be able to deal with the new homes, but they have previously lied to stakeholders. Cllr Dearing asked they should take away their franchise, but no one else will want it – if it goes into public ownership then the public will have to pick up the pieces.

Cllr Crow-Brown via email - Happy New Year to everyone. Despite the uncertainties of the pandemic, KCC continues to be focussed on the county's economic, social and environmental recovery. This means addressing the economic opportunities for Kent, the right infrastructure, the environment, and public services that are sustainable and meet residents' changing needs. In terms of the A28 Relief Road, KCC Highways has received some positive feedback from the Department for Transport (DFT). Their Strategic Outline Business Case has finally been approved, being moved onto the next stage (Outline Business Case) at which stage DFT will provide some initial funding to progress the scheme forward and develop an OBC.

Valley Road Vegetation

Mr Goodban kindly contacted me on 4 January, advising work on the vegetation had finally begun.

My first email of the new year was to compliment KCC Highways for their prompt action repairing a sunken road fault in Preston Road and a collapsed drain in Minster.

Cllr Smith advised that the power pole in Preston Road should be fixed on 12.1.22. She advised that there are several hundred free trees – did we want any? No suitable locations at the moment.

98/21-22 Platinum Jubilee Celebration 2nd June 2022

No update

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Rex advised that the hedge cutting on Valley Road is completed but street lights are still obstructed. Clerk to speak to Paul Valek to advise the cut back was not high enough.

Cllr Matthews advised that a huge lorry came down the high street as had used the incorrect postcode.

Resident asked what the Council view is on Grenham Lodge development – Cllr Dearing advised we had fed back to the planning department that we had asked for improved access, and there was a lack of affordable housing proposed on the site. Residents confirmed that they live in Manston High Street, and it is so hard to get out of the junction at the moment and this development will only make it harder. Cllr Wilson confirmed that there had been an in depth discussion at our previous meeting, and it would have been helpful if the residents had come to that meeting – they confirmed that the planning application was not in at the time of the meeting, and were not aware that it was going to be discussed. Clerk confirmed that the meetings are always the second Monday in the month and it is not possible to know when planning apps are going to be submitted. Cllr Tritton advised that the planning system is so hard to submit comments, why do they make it so difficult. Clerk confirmed that she emailed the feedback on 14th December 2021, Clerk will chase up TDC. Resident advised that all comments that have been submitted and are registered on the application have glossed over the fact that the level crossing is too near the bend, and it is too busy. The application includes taking a hedge out and putting a level crossing over to the green. Cllr Dearing advised that he knows they will not get a crossing at this site. KCC will not approve it there. Cllr Dearing offered to speak to the residents after the meeting and explain how he knows that it will not be allowed there.

Cllr Wilson left the meeting at 20.05pm.

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at approximately 8.06pm.

Planning List – 7.2.22

Ref & Location	Description	MPC Action & Outcome
F/TH/22/0051 Land Adjacent Birchington Vale Caravan Park, Shottendane Road, Birchington, Kent	Change of use of land for the stationing of static holiday caravans and associated works	