



## MANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held  
on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30 pm, Manston Village Hall, Manston.**

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr Abi Smith (TDC), Cllr Linda Wright (KCC/TDC), Hazel Chandler (Park Check Volunteer) and residents.

### **28/24-25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Derek Crow-Brown (KCC)

Cllr Sam Bambridge (Personal Reasons)

Caroline Flynn (Personal Reasons)

Cllr P Bell

PC Andy Howe

### **29/24-25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **30/24-25. MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June Full Council meeting were circulated to members.

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

### **31/24-25. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The General Election has come and gone and we have a Labour Government once again with 34% share of the vote. Craig McKinley the former MP has been elevated to the House and Lords and has been replaced by a Labour MP. Sir Roger Gale was re-elected for what was Thanet North which now includes Herne Bay and Sandwich due to the boundary changes.

1 Signed by the Chair: ..... Date:.....

The D Day celebrations took place a month ago and I understand that it was a great success and we paid the Jolly Farmer for their fish and chips about £575 which was slightly over the contribution of £500 made by KCC. Thanks to all those who contributed time and effort to keep everyone safe with the lighting of the beacon.

There was another accident involving a lorry reversing into the iron railings and thanks to Councillor Paul Bell for being on the scene and taking photographs. I have not had an update on the situation.

There is an upcoming zoom meeting on 24th July with Andrew Storey the developer in charge of Westwood 1 and Westwood 2 to discuss KCC's concerns on highways issues. This will be covered in Councillor Crow- Brown's report later.

CLlr Wilson explained to members about the issues with overgrown bushes/trees that require cutting back following one tree falling across a resident's driveway. Our contractor for Manston Park provided a quotation of £900 to cut back the overgrown area, all members were happy to accept the quotation provided by Hughes & Son.

### **32/24-25. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

- a) Authorisation of payments and bank reconciliation, circulated prior to the meeting.

**Resolved: All unanimously agreed the payments and bank reconciliation.**

- b) **Quotation for the bushes at Manston Park** – Our contractor Hughes & Sons provided a quotation of £900 for a full day with three men and hire of chipper.

**Resolved: All were in favour of the quotation received.**

### **33/24-25. PLANNING**

**To consider and note applications received from TDC and any late applications received after publication of the agenda**

- a) **Planning Applications**

There were no applications received.

- b) **Decided Applications**

There were no decided applications.

### **34/24-25. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr J Dearing reported that a price has been received for Flete Road, this is just over £10,000. The funding for this has already been ring-fenced and the works previously agreed by Full Council. Cllr P Bell had a traffic census on Spratling Street carried out due to Highways expressing that this needs to be done for further traffic calming considerations. A further meeting is to be arranged with KCC Highways Officer to find out the progress of reducing the speed limit to 20 mph on Preston Road.

**Cllr Derek Crow Brown's Report was read by the chairman.**

**Preston Road**

Following a recent request to me by a member of the public, regarding two large scale developments alongside Maston Court Road, there are serious concerns that Preston Road will be used as a rat-run by new residents in the future. I have contacted Sally Benge, KCC's principal highways planning officer, who has responded as follows:-

KCC Highways are working closely with the developers and have also raised concerns about rat-running on Preston Road, Vincent Road and Flete Road, all of which have substandard junctions. KCC have made a suggestion to the developers that they actually block-off Manston Court Road to the east of Vincent Road as an interim arrangement until such time as the new Manston/Haine link is in place and operational.

This would prevent any rat-running of those roads and may also have a positive impact on the Spitfire junction if people can't use Manston Court Road to gain access to Westwood. They would need to model where the traffic currently using Manston Court Road would disperse on the network which they are currently pushing back on due to timescales. KCC Highways are still negotiating this and are waiting for the developers to come back with their plans.

I want to assure the parish council and members of public that KCC Highways are taking this matter seriously and won't support the application without adequate mitigation in place.

The Chairman of Manston Parish Council will report tonight he has arranged a meeting with the developer to listen to our traffic concerns from the new development.

Cllr Wilson asked if anyone had concerns regarding Preston Road.

There was a discussion from residents and Councillors regarding issues, including Preston Road being overgrown and an increase in traffic with more cars using this as a rat-run.

Cllrs will bring this up at the meeting with Highways on the 24<sup>th</sup> July and will report back.

Cllr I Amato spoke about the overgrown hedges but it is unknown who is responsible for cutting these back. Cllr Wilson said he will speak with the landowner.

Several residents spoke about the overgrown hedges and verges.

Cllr Wright explained that there is a similar issue in Birchington and Paul Valek a KCC Highways Officer was contacted, and he arranged a temporary cut back, Cllr Wright suggested we contact him. Cllr Wilson will contact the landowner first and Paul Valek if needed.

### **35/24-25. MANSTON PARK**

Hazel Chandler gave her report as follows:

- Green bushes have been dumped in the carpark
- Blackberry bush at children's play area needs removing
- Rubbish collected daily

### **36/24-25. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS TO NOTE**

**Cllr L Wright**

- Attended D-Day Events.
- Cllr Wright nominated 3 schools for the teeth brushing and toothpaste regime.
- Working on providing a tech club for to produce a light show.

**Cllr Abi Smith**

- **'Skidz' application F/TH/24/0219** - I called this in further to police concern, but that may have abated... I will advise when it is due to come up at committee. Please advise how the PC wants me to pursue the objection.
- **Manston Control Tower**
- Rumoured threat of demolition. I am working with TDC's Senior Conservation officer to try and have it listed, but that may depend on cooperation from the owners. Cllr L Wright believed the building is unsafe and the reason for its anticipated demolition.
- **Thanet Games** TDC's Community Safety Partnership is promoting health, wellbeing and physical activity, with events 19th-23rd August at various venues (none in the Villages).
- **Sea Link update**

### **Attend a webinar**

A pre-recorded webinar explaining the changes is available to watch on our website. You can also sign up to a live webinar by following the links below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	
Mon 15 July 2024	6:30pm-7:45pm	Our proposals in Suffolk and offshore	<a href="#">Register to attend</a>
Tues 16 July 2024	6:30pm-7:45pm	Our proposals in Kent and offshore	<a href="#">Register to attend</a>
Weds 17 July 2024	6:30pm-7:45pm	Our proposals in Suffolk and offshore	<a href="#">Register to attend</a>
Mon 22 July 2024	6:30pm-7:45pm	Our proposals in Kent and offshore	<a href="#">Register to attend</a>

### **37/24-25 TDC CODE OF CONDUCT**

Deferred to the September meeting.

CLlr R Matthews reported he had put together prices for some new Christmas lights, approximately £25-30 per strip. If members let him know what lights are required, he will arrange, total cost should be around £250. **All were in favour as previously agreed.**

### **38/24-25. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

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

Mr Edwards suggested the Parish Council contact the local MP regarding speeding through the village, now that Sir Roger Gale has been re-elected Manston PC should contact him.

Q: There is a 30mph speed limit in the wrong place now that the houses have been built and asked why it is taking so long to move. Cllr Wilson explained this has come up at previous meetings and this is likely to be due to the expense of moving. There was a long discussion with Cllr Dearing regarding traffic calming and highway issues.

### **38/24-25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7.15pm.**

**The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.**