

Manston Parish Council
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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th April 2023 at 7.15 pm
At Manston Village Hall, Manston**

Present **Parish Councillors** Cllrs Guy Wilson, Chair, John Dearing, Henry Robinson, Ian Amato and Roy Matthews

In Attendance -- Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO), Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, Cllr Smith and 5 members of the parish.

1/23-24 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr Robin Tritton & Cllr Amato

2/23-24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. No declarations were made.

3/23-24 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was proposed by Cllr Matthews to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th March 2023. Seconded by Cllr Robinson. These were signed by Cllr Wilson as a true record.

4/23-24 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

5/23-24 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
Nothing to report – from Cllr Wilson. Cllr Matthews commented that the hedge at the solar farm is still bad and needs cutting back – Cllr Wilson to contact owner. Roadworks on the A256 are an issue and causing congestion in the village.

6/23-24 **PLANNING**
Grenham Lodge planning application was discussed. Cllr Wilson gave an overview of the application and agreed it looks like a nice development. The site includes a good planting schedule. Cllr Tritton advised via Cllr Wilson that the access was not good, the Manston residents will not be able to afford the houses, and 'it is a blot on the landscape'
Cllr Robinson, Cllr Dearing, Cllr Amato advised no objections however Cllr Matthews would like to know more about the access to which Cllr Amato agreed.
Resident advised that the traffic calming should be sorted before the application is agreed. Kent Highways will be consulted as part of the application. Cllr Wilson advised that we could recommend that within the section 106 agreement does include a contribution to traffic calming. Clerk to feed back that although in favour but needs a traffic calming scheme.
Mushroom farm application approved.
Golf course application – bunds look higher and work looks like its complete – Cllr Wilson to check, although it looks like the works have already taken place.

7/23-24

HIGHWAYS

- a) To note any issues regarding Rights of Way- no issues for discussion.
- b) Flete road update – Cllr Dearing still chasing Kim Marsden re the Flete Road purchase.
- c) Highway Improvement Plan –2 issues were added to the HIP and it will be resubmitted. The issue of the 30mph at the entrance to the village no longer in the correct place as the village boundary has moved and the request of a reduction in speed limit to 20mph.

8/23-24

MANSTON PARK

Park checked received – quite a lot of rubbish. Cllr Matthews confirmed that the rubbish in the far corner has been cleared. Dog bin has been removed, TDC have removed them all across the district and the public are urged to use usual waste bins.

9/23-24

INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Derek Brown – reported some trees had been cut down on Manston road. It is thought these might be part of the new round about works. He reported that there is a breakdown in infrastructure – water mains leaks are because of over loaded systems – this is because of the massive housing need in Thanet. Cllr Wilson asked how many of the housing numbers identified in the Local Plan were going to be delivered. Clerk to send the NPPF response to the Cllrs . Cllr Derek Crow-Brown advised he had shared some contact details regarding the responsibility of the MOD site. He advised of a memorial event happening in Minster on Wednesday 16th August at 11am in Minster ceremony to mark a famous Belgium soldier.

Cllr Abi Smith – said last council meeting was good and Southern Water were challenged. They confirmed that they are consulted on every planning app but they are not legally allowed to refuse developments. There is a new officer to be recruited to manage the S106 contributions. Cllr Wilson asked Cllr Smith re Build to Rent. Cllr Smith acknowledged that this is a good idea, and would welcome a conversation about this.

10/23-24

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Resident asked about traffic sign by the new housing should be moved. Cllr Dearing asked that he has asked for the signs to be moved. He confirmed that KCC have confirmed that even though the village extended it could not be moved as it is not an accident black spot. This to be added to the HIP.

11/23-24

DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7:15pm 15th May 2023 in the Village Hall @Manston.

The meeting closed at 19.57pm.