



MANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Cllr Paul Bell

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held. on 8th June 2026 at 7.30pm, Manston Village Hall, Manston.

Present: Parish Councillors Paul Bell (Chairman), Ian Amato, Roy Matthews, Stuart McRae, Henry Robinson, Guy Wilson & Graham Elliott

In Attendance: Cllr Luke Evans, Gary Groombridge (Community Warden) 8 members of public.

19/26-27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Abi Smith and Cllr Peter Evans.

20/26-27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

21/26-27. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th May had been circulated.

RESOLVED: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Amato and seconded by Cllr Robinson as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

22/26-27 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair noted the vandalism of the park barrier and confirmed that options for remedying the issue will be discussed with councillors.

Members were reminded of the Protocol on Member Relations, including the need to avoid unannounced visits to another councillor's workplace or home. An acknowledgement from all councillors to follow this Protocol was requested.

The Chair highlighted the legal implications of social media use, noting that posts constitute publications subject to the Code of Conduct and relevant laws. The Clerk was asked to prepare a Social Media Policy incorporating TDC's "Golden Rules."

Councillors were reminded that any discussion informing council decisions must take place at a properly convened meeting, in line with the Local Government Act 1972 and the Openness Regulations 2014. If further discussion is required, an extraordinary meeting should be called. Private meetings to discuss council business are not appropriate.

23/26-27. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

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

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Bell and Seconded by Cllr Amato. Cllr Bell approved Bank Reconciliations

24/26-27. PLANNING

FH/TH/26/0488 – The Courtyard Manston Court Road Ramsgate Kent. Erection of single storey rear extension and insertion of 1no. window to front elevation.
There were no objections.

F/TH/26/0405 - Store 24, Manston Road, North, Manston

Temporary change of use of land for a period of five years for self-storage facility including the siting of storage containers.
There were no objections.

F/TH/26/0335 - The Drome Garage, Manston Road, North, Manston

Erection of 2no single storey buildings to rear and provision of parking area following demolition of existing rear outbuilding (part retrospective).
There were no objections.

TH/TPO/4(1989) - Garden Cottage, Preston Road, Ramsgate, Kent

1 No. Horse Chestnut (T1) - Crown reduction by 2.5-3.5 metres and pruning to suitable secondary growth points. Crown lift to approximately 5.2 metres over the access route.
There were no objections.

Home Office Facilities in Manston

Home Office letter update re: Migration Management Services. Noted by Cllrs, a copy of the letter had been published to the MPC website.

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an order granting development consent for the Sea Link Notification of completion of the Examining Authority's examination. Noted by Cllrs, a copy of the notification had been published to the MPC website.

25/26-27. HIGHWAYS

Matters raised were:

- Village gateway treatments, preference for plastic
- The cost of Traffic Regulation Orders
- Speeding traffic in Preston Road
- Pedestrian footpath, B2050, Grenham Lodge.

All matters to be raised with KCC Highways.

26/26-27. MANSTON PARK

- a) The monthly park check was received and the item for action was dog mess in the dog park. The council requested quotes be obtained for signs advising park users to clear up dog mess and to advise that the park was covered by CCTV.
- b) **Barrier: RESOLVED: The council agreed to accept the insurance settlement. Proposed Cllr Bell, Seconded Cllr McRae.**
- c) **CCTV:** Cllrs were asked to consider the installation of CCTV to address the ongoing anti-social behaviour issues at the park. An options appraisal paper had been circulated prior to the meeting along with a procurement comparison. The cost would be around £1,500 with a possible monthly cost of £20 for a SIM card. **RESOLVED: The council agreed to install CCTV at Manston Park Proposed Cllr Bell, seconded, Cllr Amato.**
- d) **Goal nets: RESOLVED: The council agreed to the goal nets being reinstated on 1st July. Proposed Cllr Amato, Seconded Cllr Robinson.** Cllrs expressed concern regarding the quality of the installation of the goal posts and the topsoil used for the goal mouths. This would be raised with the contractor.
- e) **Dog Park Bench.** Cllr Bell agreed to arrange for the bench to be moved.
- f) **Pride in Place funding;** The council had been given the opportunity to apply for funding of up to £20k. A paper regarding this had been provided at the meeting on 9th May. **RESOLVED: The council agreed to**

submit a funding bid for improvements to Manston Park play equipment (new swings and new toddler multi play unit. Proposed Cllr Bell, Seconded Cllr Matthews.

27/26-27. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS TO NOTE

Cllr Luke Evans

The Council received an update covering several county-level matters. It was noted that the Reclamet appeal had been successfully concluded. An update was provided from the KCC Water Resilience Forum, including the intention that any developer proposing more than 50 homes will be required to demonstrate that adequate water supply can be provided. Fly-tipping remains a high priority for KCC and will be addressed locally.

KCC has maintained all library services across Kent, with a new library opened in Folkestone and the Cliftonville library refurbished to include a family hub.

Work has commenced on repairs to the Thanet Way. The programme is expected to take 35 days, to be completed over approximately six weeks, subject to weather conditions.

Cllr Peter Evans

Members received an update covering beach management over the late May bank holiday, noting significant pressures on frontline teams and 49 tonnes of waste collected. The Teenage Market will return to Broadstairs on 14 June. An update was provided on the Active Neighbourhood Scan, with further assessments planned across the district, including areas relevant to Thanet's villages. Southern Water confirmed no supply issues in Thanet, and residents were encouraged to ensure vulnerable individuals are registered for priority support. The committee noted the ongoing operation of knife amnesty bins across the district, the reopening of Walpole Bay Bathing Pool, and the announcement of six Blue Flag and four Seaside Awards for Thanet's beaches. A full copy of the report will be published as part of the meeting paperwork.

PC Owen Crush

PC Crush was not in attendance and had not provided an update for the council.

Gary Groombridge, Community Warden

The Council received an update on recent community activities. The Scam Awareness event held in May had been well attended, and the content was noted to have been especially useful. Gary continues to run the Wednesday afternoon drop-in and wellbeing sessions at the Village Hall and expressed his thanks to Cllr Robinson for his support.

Gary reported that he had been active in reporting illegal vehicles in Preston Road and confirmed that he would visit Manston Park to monitor activity as time allows. The Council thanked Gary for his ongoing commitment to the village.

28/26-27. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

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

- a) Footpath between Grenham Lodge and The High Street
- b) Memorial Garden tree work

29/26-27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th July 2026, 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm