

MANSTON NEWS

July 2019

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2019 at 7.00pm At RAF Manston History Museum, Manston

Present **Parish Councillors** Cllrs Dearing (Chair) , Irene Dolan (Vice-Chair), Roy Matthews , Guy Wilson, Robin Tritton, Vic Champs

In Attendance – Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO), District Cllrs Trevor Roper & David Hart, and 5 members of the public.

New Chairman, Councillor Dearing, paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman, Linda Samme. He thanked Linda for being an excellent chairman and, as both a friend and boss, she was always fully supportive and knowledgeable. Councillor Dearing said he would struggle to match her professionalism and would never match her incredible attendance record.

24/19-20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Roger Gale MP, Community Warden Tony Gander, PCSO Deborah Forsyth, Cllr Reece Pugh

25/19-20 **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. Cllr Tritton, proposed Cllr Dearing be elected CHAIR, Cllr Champs seconded all in favour. Cllr Dearing read his acceptance of office.

26/19-20 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Tritton to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th May 2019. Seconded by Cllr Champs. These were signed by Cllr Dearing as a true record.

27/19-20 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Champs. Seconded by Cllr Matthews. Chqs signed as appropriate by Cllr Dearing and Cllr Champs.
- b) Approval of the audit 2019/20
 - Item 6 - the Council considered and approved the statement of internal control for the year ending 31 March 2019. The Chair and the Clerk signed the statement on behalf of the Council.
 - Item 8 - the Council considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2018-19. The Chair and Clerk signed and dated the Statement on behalf of the Council
 - Item 9 - the Council considered and approved the Accounting Statements and supporting documents as provided by the Responsible Financial Officer who had prior to the meeting signed and dated Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2018-19. The Chairman signed and dated the Accounting Statement on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Dearing explained that Serco contractors, when entering the car park of Manston Park, had damaged the height restriction barrier. Serco insurance will cover the cost of repair but the payment process means that the parish council pays the bill and then recoups the sum from the insurance company.

28/19-20 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Nothing to report, however Cllr Dearing apologised for missing the first meeting.

29/19-20 **PLANNING**

Planning list was circulated this month – F/TH/19/0483, Land between Manston Road and Preston Road. Cllr Tritton advised that he had spoken to all residents at The Leys. There is a pedestrian crossing by the build out. Cllr Dearing asked Cllr Tritton to co-ordinate responses from residents and he would put the response together. Cllr Tritton advised the traffic will be really bad if this goes ahead. Cllr Dearing said he would find out what was going to happen with the entrance.

When Karen Banks, representative for the developers, came to the meeting the Parish Council brought the fact to her attention that the restaurant would not be successful. Cllr Tritton advised that she did not call him back. Reminded that info needs to be back by 25th June 2019.

30/19-20 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Dearing advised that on TR22 a stile has broken – Cllr Dearing will report this to the PROW (public rights of way office) at KCC.

Rex Goodban advised that KCC have asked the airport developers to put in a footpath, whatever the outcome of the airports fate, from Manston village to Manston airport for employees . Cllr Dearing confirmed that he supported the provision of a footpath. Hazel confirmed that this would have helped an elderly gentleman who had been in a mobility scooter on the main road. Cllr Dearing advised he will confirm his support.

Flete Road – Cllr Dearing confirmed that Matthew Benbridge KCC, has commissioned some additional lighting designs for the traffic calming – we will have the results of this at the end of month. We can debate what they propose. A member of the public advised that residents of Bedima kennels and Birch Abbey kennels were concerned about placing of speed bumps causing flooding issues. Councillor Dolan said that, as a Flete Road resident herself, she was very aware of flooding problems and these concerns will be taken into account when designs are presented.

Drains – Cllr Dearing confirmed he has already reported 'Bradgate lake', and he has also asked Paul Valek, what was happening to the drains in Flete Road, and a neighbour has an issue in Manston Court Road - Paul Valek has forwarded this to Ian Day KCC who is dealing with it.

31/19-20 MANSTON PARK

Serco have damaged the barrier and a quote has been received and agreed by our insurance company. Work to take place shortly. Cllr Dearing has asked **the** same steel company to ask to give a quote to repair the beacon removing the signs, galvanising, strengthening and repainting. The quote for all work £960 including VAT, and Councillor Dearing has additionally asked for the hanging frame to be painted black and the pin, connecting the Shield to the hanging frame, to be of stainless steel. This will take the bill just over £1,000. Cllr Dearing proposed this be accepted, Seconded Cllr Tritton, all in favour. Cllr Dearing confirmed he will ask for Stainless steel pins.

Cllr Matthews – stated the litter is bad and the grass needs cutting. He has trimmed the hedge by dog bin, and some trees need trimming, including a tree by the play area. Seats on the swings are cracking and clerk advised that an email had been received from a resident regarding the bird mess. They have been cleaned, but unfortunately this cannot be stopped.

32/19-20 COMMUNITY PAYBACK SCHEME

Tony Gander via email proposed that the following works be undertaken as part of the community payback scheme -

- Green metal picnic bench – repainted.
- From Car park on left hand side down to the houses the weeds will be trimmed down and back to the hedge line.
- Wooden fence going around play area to be wood stained
- Kids climbing wall – brushed down to get rid of mould
- All benches in park to have metal frames repainted, rubbed down and wood stained
- Bus shelter to be cleaned.
- Equipment – paint brushes, wood stain, metal paint, sand paper and scrubbing brush.

Cllr Dearing proposed no more than £200 be spent on paint seconded Cllr Matthews, All in favour.

33/19-20 INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Reece Pugh advised by email that:

Rough sleeping funding – The Housing Team has secured nearly £1.2m in rough sleeping funding for 2018/19 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government as part of a national reduction for a range of different projects, including rough sleeping intervention, winter accommodation and a new stay safe hub.

There has been a 50% reduction of rough sleepers between November 2017 and November 2018 (46 down to 23) and, over the past year, temporary accommodation use has reduced from a high of 188 households in April 2018 to 92 household currently and over 600 homeless cases prevented.

The Port of Ramsgate – It has been reported in the local news recently that the Council's 2018-19 draft financial statements show that Ramsgate port experienced a notional accounting loss of £2.5m. This position, however, includes a number of non-cash transactions that have no impact on the council tax payers. After these and similar non-cash transactions are removed,

the revised position is a total operating loss of £460,000. Whilst the loss for the year is recognised, it should be noted that the 2018-19 position represents an improvement on the loss of £640,000 for the previous year. Furthermore, the savings approved for the 2019-20 budget will improve the financial position of this service in future years.

Red recycling bags – to encourage recycling, TDC will be providing all households with new red recycling bags. I know the charges that were brought in last year for the bags and bins have been understandably unpopular with residents and I have been working to overturn this.

Manston Court Road – This road has been closed so that Southern Water can deal with a suspected water pipe leak. Manston Court Road is due to reopen today (10th June) but if it hasn't please let me know.

- 1) Cllr David Hart and Trevor Roper advised they are here to see what goes on. Both new Cllrs. Cllr Dearing stated that he hopes to see them again. Cllr Hart confirmed that the KCC Cllrs take it in turn and attend on a 6 monthly basis. Cllr Hart confirmed that it is Cllr Emma Dawson who should be here this evening. No apologies have been received from either.
Cllr Hart advised that all households should be receiving green food bags. Cllr Dolan asked for an update on charging at the household tip, this is a KCC issue – he advised that it will be debated. Cllr Dolan asked for an update on the Local Plan – Cllr Roper advised the next stage of the local plan is July.
- 2) PCSO Deborah Forsyth:
I am very glad to report that when I looked back over the last months calls for the village, there aren't any crimes of note to disclose. Charles River is attracting a few calls with the issues surrounding animal welfare but this is only worth noting because of the postal code but the issues and circumstances do not affect the village directly. I am very pleased to see that the derelict horse trailer on Preston Road has finally been removed. The very week that I took photos of the trailer to show to the manager at CSU, a few days later a notice had been put on it by the council!!! So, although I would like to take the credit, I cannot. So, whoever initiated the removal well done and thank you. As always, please keep yourselves and your property safe and remain vigilant at all times. If anybody wishes to look up sanitised crimes in your area, you can visit Police.co.uk and enter your postcode. My email is 60457@kent.pnn.police.uk but please remember to report all crimes through the correct channels.
- 3) Clerk – asked who is going to represent MPC at Thanet Rural Regeneration Group - Cllr Tritton advised he will represent the council.
- 4) KCC Stopping Order for Star Lane – Cllr Dearing confirmed no objection.
- 5) Cllr Tritton advised he had taken the PCSO round the back of garages – and showed her evidence of drug use.
- 6) Cllr Champs asked what had happened to the land on the corner of Manston Road, clerk to have a look at the response. Cllr Dearing confirmed it was in Minster ward.
- 7) Cllr Champs – confirmed he was on the planning committee and agreed to visit sites, but should have id badges – Cllr Dolan agreed to prepare ID badges. Cllr Wilson stated that the applicants should also be contacted to advise the council are visiting.

34/19-20

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & AGENDA ITEMS

Hazel asked if the planning application is passed for 28 units on Preston Road with the shop and café - could something be included to say that the shop has got to remain a shop? .Cllr Dearing advised he did not know.

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 8th July 2019 at 7:00pm in the RAF Manston History Museum.

The Meeting closed at approximately 8.05pm.

MINSTER SURGERY
PATIENT LIAISON GROUP
NEWSLETTER - JULY 2019

FURTHER EQUIPMENT FOR THE SURGERY

Following the success of our Annual Spring Fayre and kind donations made by patients we are pleased to say we hit our fund-raising target and purchased the new equipment - a "Digital Vascular Dopplex and High Sensitive Probe" details and uses of which are shown on our notice board in the surgery. It has been presented to our nursing team and then brought into service immediately. A photograph of the event is published within this newsletter.

IT'S HOLIDAY TIME!

Despite the fact that our weather doesn't always agree, for many of us summer holidays beckon! So please remember to order your "Repeat Prescriptions" in good time, and most importantly, check whether your "Annual Review" is imminent. If so, please book an appointment for it as soon as possible. Please also remember that our Healthcare Professionals also take their holidays at this time and our resources may be slightly stretched, so make your appointments in good time and please ensure they are used appropriately.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close from 12.00 noon on the following days:

Staff Training - Wednesday 24th July; Thursday 26th September

Bank Holiday - Monday 26th August - closed all day

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times and of course, don't forget to include all the family who may require repeat prescriptions and check when their medication review appointment is due. Should you need to see a doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service direct on 111 to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For urgent/life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS - An average month!

Last month 34 patients did not attend their doctor's appointment and 37 did not attend their nurse's appointment, so that's still 71 patients wasting valuable appointments and time!

Missed appointments cost the NHS/QEQM an average of £160 per appointment. So last month those patients who failed to attend could have saved the NHS up to £11360! Staggering!

DON'T NEED IT - CANCEL IT! KEEP FORGETTING - GET TEXT REMINDER SERVICE

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Thanks to all those patients who take part and please continue to do so. We welcome all your comments, because any feedback - good and bad - can help us improve our service to you. Last month patients responded with the following results:

Extremely likely/Likely - 88%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 6%; Unsure/Don't know - 6%.

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our next meeting or require further information on any of the above, then please contact Ken Self on 821200, Jeanne Lawrence on 821049 or email: kenself@me.com



ALERT

24 JUNE 2019

Want to report a doorstep criminal

Doorstep Crime - Driveways and Gardens

We have received reports about a doorstep criminal active in Larkfield and Ditton areas.

What happens

- A small man with an Irish accent is cold calling residents and before any work is agreed, he starts ripping up driveways or working on gardens.
- We've received reports of people being intimidated by this criminal.
- One resident was also driven to the bank to withdraw cash.

What to do

- NEVER agree to work from someone who knocks on your door uninvited
- Don't allow anyone to pressure you into having work done
- If you ask them to leave and they don't, contact the police on 999
- Use reputable traders who are members of the KCC Trading Standards approved trader scheme, run in partnership with [Checkatrade](#)
- Get a minimum of 3 quotes in writing

Please warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.



Thanet Over Fifties Forum invites you to join



Our keynote speakers, Steve Inett, CEO Healthwatch Kent and a representative from the NHS

Talking on Healthcare in Thanet

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2019

AT 1.30PM

Viking Room, Queens Road Baptist Church Broadstairs CT10

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Thanet
Clinical Commissioning Group

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present
SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019



Starts Saturday 13 July

Sign up at Minster Library. Watch out for our "Alien Makes"
Workshop – coming soon!

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**SUMMER
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MINSTER SHOW

Minster Recreation Ground CT12 4DE

SATURDAY 20TH JULY

GATE OPENS 1PM
(PARADE ARRIVES 2PM)

- LIVE MUSIC •
- SHOW TENT • FUNFAIR • BBQ •
- BAR • REFRESHMENTS • BABY SHOW •
- CHAINSAW CARVING • PIP THE CLOWN •
- MAGICIAN • GRAND DRAW •
- STALLS • CHILDRENS RACES •
- VINTAGE MOTORCYCLES •

A FAMILY FUN DAY

ENTRY FEE £3 UNDER 5's FREE

5 minutes walk from train station