



## MANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held  
on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.15 pm, Manston Village Hall, Manston.**

**Present: Parish Councillors** Ian Amato, Sam Bambridge, Paul Bell, John Dearing, Roy Matthews and Henry Robinson.

**In Attendance:** Cllr Derek Crow-Brown (KCC), Cllr Linda Wright (TDC/KCC), Hazel Chandler (Park Check Volunteer) and 6 residents.

In Cllr G Wilson's absence, Cllr Ian Amato (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting.

### **133/23-24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Guy Wilson (Chairman)

### **134/23-24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **135/23-24. MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March meeting were circulated to members.

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

### **136/23-24. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

- a) Authorisation of payments, circulated prior to the meeting.  
**Resolved: All unanimously agreed the payments**
- b) Bank Reconciliations  
**Resolved: Signed by Cllrs R Matthews and J Dearing.**
- c) Zip Wire Servicing.  
**Resolved: Proposed by Cllr P Bell to accept the quotation received, seconded by Cllr H Robinson and carried.**
- d) Quarterly Accounts.  
**Resolved: Proposed by Cllr J Dearing to accept the accounts, seconded by Cllr S Bambridge and carried.**

### **137/23-24. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

No report received from the Chairman.

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**138/23-24. PLANNING**

**Applications received after publication of the agenda**

- a) **F/TH/24/0229, Wayside Riding Stables, Woodchurch Road, BIRCHINGTON, Kent**, Erection of stable block comprising of 5 stables, hay store and tack building and 1No general purpose equestrian barn and 2No 2-bedroom holiday lets following demolition of existing stables and associated buildings.

**Resolved: Members had no objections.**

- F/TH/24/0258, Adventure Golf Course at Greensole Golf Practice Centre Manston Road East RAMSGATE**, Erection of a 10m high and 135m in length, netted ball stop, along the existing earth bund.

**Resolved: Members had no objections, Cllr S Bambridge has called this is should TDC refuse the application.**

- b) **Decided Applications**

- FH/TH/24/0044, 4 Highlands Glade RAMSGATE Kent CT12 5GS**, Erection of a single storey front extension following demolition of existing conservatory.

**Permission Granted.**

**139/23-24. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr J Dearing reported ownership of Flete Road and is now waiting to have a meeting with Highways on site and will update with costings when available.

Cllr Dearing wished to thank Cllr P Bell for his efforts on moving forward the Village Green Status application.

**140/23-24. MANSTON PARK**

Hazel Chandler gave her report as follows:

In my absence Barry has been taking over checking and litter picking thankfully. He did come with me for an inspection on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30 p.m. and we found 10 large gas cylinders by the litter bin in car park. Roy said he moved them there as they were left by the wooden bench next to the car park. I eventually phoned TDC waste department and was impressed with the speed they were removed as they were missing at 11.30 a.m. the next day.

**141/23-24. RESERVES POLICY**

The policy was circulated to members prior to the meeting, the policy is for transparency and shows the total in reserves and general funding.

**Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr H Robinson to accept the Reserves Policy, seconded by R Matthews and carried.**

(Cllr L Wright joined the meeting at 7.25pm)

**142/23-24. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS TO NOTE**

**PC Andy Howe**

Has been dealing with Business and Community Burglaries and Vehicle Interferences which are now historic and have been previously covered. There is no standout issue remaining that has not already been dealt with.

Crime over the last month remains very low in the villages with the largest amount being attributable to domesticated incidents. We have had a couple of burglaries with one being

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an ongoing investigation (which I won't comment upon) and the other relating to youths entering a barn they thought to be derelict and causing damage within. One of the youths was detained and will be spoken to about the incident.

**Manston focus:**

We are looking at the new SKIDZ UK site on Manston which we expect to generate nuisance noise and vehicle offence related calls. We have only received a couple of calls as yet and environmental team at TDC have requested a meeting with Kent Police to look more closely into this.

I have also received more information with regard to suspicious vehicles meeting in the evenings at the car park in Spratling St. At this stage I have attended the location on evenings with no results. I expect this issue will increase during warmer weather and so I will continue to monitor.

**Cllr Derek Crow-Brown (KCC)**

Derek congratulated PC Andy Howe on tackling issues within the villages and said he is a fantastic edition to the area. Derek commended Cllr J Dearing for the Flete Road acquisition of land and he will support this project as much as possible.

Derek has been working with a resident to resolve a fencing issue at the Gilchrist Estate. Has been dealing with the ongoing saga with Best Holdings on Valley Road.

**Cllr Linda Wright (TDC)**

- Social care case work: Helping with correct adapted accommodation which helps a resident to be able to have surgery.
- Attend a Southern Rail Seminar in London and has been asking for a lift to be installed at the Birchington station due to no disabled access available. Cllr L Wright discovered Southern Rail have a source of funding available.

**Cllr Sam Bambridge, (TDC)**

- Manston airport appeal on the 24<sup>th</sup> April which Cllr Bambridge will be attending.
- Planning applications within the villages, F/TH/24/0258, Adventure Golf Course at Greensole Golf Practice Centre Manston Road has been called in if officers are mindful to refuse in order to protect the future of the golfing centre and the tourist attraction of the district.
- Street Cleansing, TDC employing 6 more street cleansing operatives and 2 more trucks.
- Local Plan, Sir Roger Gale received correspondence from Dover DC from December 2023 the updated NPPF will allow councils to have more say on housing numbers on Local Plans. Cllr Bambridge spoke with Sir Roger Gale and Cllr Egbert has said they are awaiting on the results of the airport. Cllr Bambridge will push this at the next Local Plan meeting.
- Sir Roger Gale has a fundraiser next Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April and an ex-Prime Minister will be in attendance. (Cllr Bambridge circulated flyers for this).

Cllr I Amato asked PC Howe about the dumped oil drums, he said these have been reported twice now. Cllr Dearing said it could also be due to not knowing what is in the drums as it

could be hazardous contents. PC Howe said TDC would contact the landowners if it's not on their land.

### **143/23-24. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

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

- Hazel asked if the Beacon Lighting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June will be going ahead? Cllr Amato replied that further discussions need to be had and asked if the Clerk could put a notice out on Facebook.
- Resident spoke about the land behind The Leys alongside Manston Park, TDC may want this as part of the Local Plan, should monitor this. Another resident replied that the Village Green Status should prevent TDC from gaining any of the park.
- Local resident who looks after the war memorial area has asked if the Parish Council can provide funding for bedding plants twice a year and paint for the railings.  
**All members present were happy to agree this, the Clerk will contact the resident.**
- Old Manston Court Road Garage site, do we know what is happening? No-one knew anything.
- Hedge along Saunders Park is on Preston Road is coming out into the road, Cllr Amato said this was brought up a few months ago and Cllr G Wilson was going to speak to the owner of the land. **Cllr Amato will speak with Cllr Wilson.**
- Hazel, path needs sweeping opposite her property, lots of earth and dust and weeds.  
**The Clerk will contact TDC.**

Cllr P Bell shared concerns over the roadworks on Manston Road by Southern Water that were due to start today (8<sup>th</sup> April). Incorrect notices were issued, and no information has been received about the bus stops as to whether they have been suspended. Cllr Bell is still awaiting a response about the bus stop and said the lack of detail for works will cause chaos and impact the village and was not happy that the road had not long been resurfaced and is now about to be dug up. This will not be repaired after the works are finished which is a waste of taxpayers' money and should not be allowed unless it is an emergency.

### **144/23-24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 7.15pm.**

**The meeting closed at 8pm.**