

Manston Parish Council
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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th March 2023 at 7.15 pm
At Manston Village Hall, Manston**

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

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

137/22-23 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr Ian Amato, and Cllr Sara Amato

138/22-23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. No declarations were made.

Cllr Wilson expressed his condolences from himself and the Parish Council to Cllr Robinson who recently lost his son.

139/22-23 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was proposed by Cllr Wilson to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th February 2023. Seconded by Cllr Robinson. These were signed by Cllr Wilson as a true record.

140/22-23 **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.
- b) The Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the cash book which the clerk had circulated showing income and expenses to date.
- c) Clerk advised that she had spoken to the auditor Mr Buckett and he had agreed to do this year's audit – proposed Cllr Wilson, Seconded Cllr Robinson all in favour.

141/22-23 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
Cllr Wilson had advised that he was not aware of any more issues in the car park – Cllr Matthews said that there was still some cars coming to the park but nothing reported to police.

142/22-23 **PLANNING**
Planning application -St Stephens – variation of condition but Cllr Triton asked about the highways – Resident confirmed that KCC said there should be a turning lane. No issues with Glendor, Haine Road.

143/22-23 **HIGHWAYS**

- a) To note any issues regarding Rights of Way- no issues for discussion.
- b) Flete road update – Delays with purchasing the strip of land – Cllr Dearing visited the solicitors and asked him to proceed with the purchase as soon as he could. We are now waiting to hear.
- c) Highway Improvement Plan –no issues.

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MANSTON PARK

Resident advised a lot of leaves, apart from that there are no issues in the park to note. Report has been sent. Cllr Matthews confirmed he picks up rubbish in the mornings in the park daily. Cllr Wilson thanked Hazel for all she does.

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INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Wright confirmed that KCC public health are concerned about what will be happening with regards to the lack of funding. Trying to ensure funding continues to pay for services for older people. PCSO's and Wardens will be coming to see the parish soon.

Cllr Crow Brown - **Ukraine: One Year** Following the recent first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we can be proud of Kent's response to this humanitarian crisis, with 3,209 Ukrainians having been hosted in the county (at present, 1,889 are staying with 905 sponsors; others have already moved on into other accommodation or returned to Ukraine). KCC has played a vital role in supporting this, and we continue to do so. Given the uncertainty over the course of the war, we are working with our District and Borough colleagues to secure longer term housing options for our Ukrainian guests. In addition, before Christmas KCC brought forward a package of enhanced support for hosts, moving ahead of many other councils. Given that the government has continued support for the Homes for Ukraine scheme into 2023-24, but at lower levels for councils, KCC are reviewing our offer for the new financial year.

Highways and potholes The very wet autumn combined with severe frosts this winter has led to a fivefold increase in pothole reports. Officers are working flat out to respond to this, although some more lasting repairs cannot be made during winter weather conditions. Nonetheless, work is under way to address the damage.

Cllr Smith – will be attending the SW meeting tomorrow at TDC She is hoping that there will be some tough questions for them to answer. Consultation for NPPF response by TDC has been submitted – worth having a look at it too. Clerk advised the insurance claim has been refunded less VAT and less the excess.

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Resident advised that Stage coach have been charging children double the ticket price. Cllr Crow-Brown advised he has a direct link with stagecoach and to contact him.

Resident advised the dog area is still locked – but its still very bare and wet.

Cllr Dearing advised that David Steed advised that he brought the park for £1 – but this has a condition that TDC can take a part of it to widen a road to access the land at the back. He suggested that it could be protected as a 'Village Green' – clerk to research how that is done.

Cllr Tritton – coronation celebration – suggested a picnic in the park? But Cllr Tritton advised he would need some help. Church event is on Sunday, Jolly Farmer have an event and the Social Club also have an event. Therefore it might a better idea to not have it. Cllr Tritton asked for a microphone again – its not as straight forward as that – would the village hall be able to have one?

Nxt meetings – Monday 17th April and 15th May due to bank holidays.

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7:15pm 17th April and 15th May 2023 in the Village Hall @Manston.

The meeting closed at 19.57pm.