



## MANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held  
on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.15 pm, Manston Village Hall, Manston.**

**Present: Parish Councillors** Guy Wilson (Chairman), Ian Amato, Sam Bambridge, Roy Matthews and Henry Robinson.

**In Attendance:** Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, (KCC)

### **122/23-24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr John Dearing  
Mrs Hazel Chandler  
TDC Cllr Abi Smith

### **123/23-24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **124/23-24. MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 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 Chairman.**

### **125/23-24. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

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

**Resolved: All unanimously agreed the payments**

Cllr G Wilson spoke about the Natwest account and the need to draw down this account and transfer over to the Unity account, this will be arranged next month when the full amount is known.

- b) Bank Reconciliations

**Resolved: Signed by Cllrs Amato and Robinson.**

- c) Grounds maintenance Quotes

Cllr Wilson read out both quotations received from Landscape Services and Hughes & Sons. The work from our current provider has not been up to standard and members said they would prefer to use someone local.

**Resolved: All members unanimously agreed to appoint Hughes & Son to take on the grounds maintenance and additional work. The Clerk will inform both companies.**

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**126/23-24. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Cllr G Wilson did not have much to report this month. Cllrs had met with Highways via Zoom to discuss the current Highway Improvement Plan for Manston Parish Council.

There had been no further updates to the Preston Park application, this had been called in by Cllr S Bambridge who also had nothing to report.

**127/23-24. PLANNING**

**Applications received after publication of the agenda**

**a) There were no applications received.**

A stable application had been received late today and will be added to the April meeting.

**Decided Applications**

**R/TH/23/0660, Land On South Side Of Manston Court Road And West Side Of Haine Road RAMSGATE Kent**, Application for Reserved Matters of outline planning permission OL/TH/18/0261 "Outline application for a mixed development of up to 900 dwellings together with a mix of use classes A1 (retail) A2 (Financial and professional services) A3 (restaurants and cafe) A4 (drinking establishments) A5 (hot food takeaways) B1 (business) C1 (Hotel) D1 (non-residential institution) D2 ( assembly and leisure) and a two form entry primary school, together with ancillary and associated development including new and enhanced pedestrian / cycle routes and open spaces, car parking and vehicular access with all matters reserved except for access" for the layout, landscaping and appearance of the main spine road. **Permission Granted.**

The developer of the above application is planning to visit in April. A big development that will take a good few years to complete.

**PN05/TH/24/0078, Spratling Court Farm, 40 Spratling Street, RAMSGATE, Kent**, Notification of a proposed change of use from Agricultural unit to 1No. dwelling (C3 use class) with associated parking. **Withdrawn.**

**128/23-24. HIGHWAYS**

**Flete Road – Update from Cllr J Dearing (The report was read out by Cllr G Wilson).**

"During last week, I received confirmation that we now officially own the strip of land in Flete Road that we need for the street lamp.

I immediately contacted both Luke Mockeridge, KCC lighting manager and Steven Noad, KCC legal team, with the news. Steven contacted me the same day and offered to fast track the lamp installation process. At long last, we seem to be making real progress. Fingers crossed!"

Cllr G Wilson said Well done to Cllr J Dearing for all of his hard work and persistence with this project, an excellent job.

**129/23-24. MANSTON PARK**

Hazel Chandler was unable to attend to provide the report.

## **130/23-24. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS TO NOTE**

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

Additional funding from the Department for Transport (DfT) worth £8.6 million will be spent between March and October this year. The financial boost is on top of about £50 million already pledged in KCC's own road and footway planned maintenance budget.

The Pothole Blitz will be delivered using additional contractors and focus on medium to large scale resurfacing, making permanent first-time fixes. Specialist equipment, including miniature planers, pavers and diggers, will be used to ensure the repairs can be made with minimal disruption to the travelling public.

Highways have recently employed 4 additional inspectors carrying out 59 audits of road closures finding 18 could have been done better. Director Simon Jones has pledged to improve the situation.

### **Cllr Sam Bambridge, (TDC)**

#### **Manston Airport**

There is a new appeal for Manston Airport, this will be heard at the Royal Courts of Justice on The Strand, 10am on the 24<sup>th</sup> April which is open to the public. For anyone who can't make the appeal in London, this will be live streamed at Manston, please let Cllr Bambridge or Cllr Wilson know if you wish to attend.

#### **Planning**

- Cllr Bambridge had called in the 25m telephone mast in Spratling Street, but the TDC Officer said this application is a prior notification for determination which cannot be called in, this has now since been withdrawn.
- Has been on standby to call in the 10m high nets on Manston Golf Centre, if Officers are minded to refuse this.
- Had planned to attend the Planning meeting tomorrow regarding the Ambulance facility on Spitfire Way but this is now up for approval.

### **Cllr Abi Smith (TDC) sent her apologies and provided her report via the Clerk**

TDC awarded £84,250 of funding through the UK government's PropTech Innovation Fund, to help improve its Digital Planning services. Timely, in light of last month's online services outage.

TDC hosted a great presentation from the Thanet Home Energy Advice Service, which offers residents access to many government grant schemes, with a clear agenda to save money for Thanet residents — and to save carbon. I will meet the officer in charge next week, and report further in April.

At the February full council meeting, TDC members from all parties (bar one) voted to support a motion calling on the UK govt to ask for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire. A small gesture perhaps, but the best we are empowered to do.

## **131/23-24. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

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

A resident showed his appreciation on the HIP being published and displayed on the noticeboard, disappointed that it does not include any mention of moving 30mph speed limit on the airport side of the village and asked why? Cllr Wilson said he is not aware of the current situation with the moving of the 30mph, it does cost £1,000's to move and does not know who will pay for this. Manston is currently working on the HIP. Resident suggested this be added to item 2 on the HIP with the speed bumps.

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Another resident questioned what diversions will be put in place when the New Haine Road will be closed in future due to the roundabout works at the junction with the A256/B2050, this previously caused chaos with the traffic being diverted through Spratling Street. Have Manston PC been given any information.

There was a discussion on emergency road closures and the disruption this road closure will cause. Manston Parish Council is not aware of this road closure and everyone would like more notice as it was very last minute when this road was previously closed. Everyone agreed there are far too many emergency road closures all at the same time, the utility companies just have too many powers to close the roads last minute.

Cllr I Amato spoke about the signs coming into Manston from Ramsgate, signage on the left to give way is not visible due to being oxidised, the clerk will report this to Highways.

A resident wanted to clarify about the 10m high net at Manston Golf Centre, this is needed to stop the golf balls going towards the houses at the new development. If the net doesn't go up and the balls continue to go over towards the houses, the golf course will close and likely more houses will be built.

David Steed spoke about the 25m mast application that was to be sited in his garden, made some robust points and contacted the firm directly and said he will fight them all the way as it is not wanted on the suggested land, he had offered to change the location of the mast to go on top of Greensole Hill instead, the mast would then be half the height due to the hill at the top providing the current application is withdrawn by the 4<sup>th</sup> March and a new application is put in, the land at Greensole Hill will be offered. The application was withdrawn in the early hours of 4<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **132/23-24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7.15pm.**

**The meeting closed at 7.50pm.**