

Manston Parish Council
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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th June 2023 at 7.15 pm
At Manston Village Hall, Manston**

Present **Parish Councillors** Cllrs Guy Wilson, Henry Robinson, Ian Amato, and Roy Matthews

In Attendance -- Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO), Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, Cllr Banbridge, Cllr Smith and 17 members of the parish.

24/23-24 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr Dearing & Cllr Sara Amato, & Rex Goodban

25/23-24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. Cllr Wilson was co-opted onto the Council following an uncontested election.

26/23-24 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was proposed by Cllr Wilson to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2023. Seconded by Cllr Robinson. All in favour. These were signed by Cllr Wilson as a true record.

27/23-24 **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 Matthews and Cllr Wilson.
- b) The Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the cash book which the clerk had circulated showing income and expenses to date. Clerk explained the cash book and the importance of reviewing it each month.
- c) Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the budget monitoring which had been circulated. Clerk explained how the budget monitoring worked.

28/23-24 **Audit**

- Cllrs acknowledge receipt of internal auditors' report and noted the recommendations re signing of cheques by Cllrs receiving payment. Cllrs receiving cheques and signing them should declare at the start of the meeting, and the need for a new laptop for the clerk due to it no longer being supported.
- Clerk confirmed the Notice of Period of Public Inspection – 15th June 2023 – 28th July 2023.
- Cllrs approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2022-23, Section 1 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2023. The Chair of the meeting and the Clerk signed and dated and added the minute reference.
- Cllrs approved the Accounting Statements for 2022-23, Section 2 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2023 and the supporting Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March 2023 and the explanation of the significant variations from last year (2021-22) to this year (2022-23). The Chair signed and dated and added the minute reference.

29/23-24 **CHAIRMANS REPORT**
Cllr Tritton has resigned due to ill health. Cllr Wilson offered thanks for his service. We have a vacancy for a Cllr – Cllr Bainbridge is interested and it will be on the

agenda for next month. Young lads were in the park on motor bikes, Cllr Matthews asked them to leave but they were aggressive so Cllr Matthews called the police. Cllr Wilson advised to report it to the police immediately in the future. Do not put yourself at risk.

30/23-24

PLANNING

R/TH/23/0660 & OL/TH/18/0261

Land On South Side Of Manston Court Road And West Side of Haine Road, RAMSGATE, Kent.

Cllr Wilson advised that the WWX site has had more houses allocated than was in the Local Plan. Cllr Wilson advised that TDC have no option now than to support housing developments, Cllr Smith advised that is not quite right. Resident advised the roads are too busy at the moment, there is not enough water, the sewage system cannot cope, the teachers cannot cope, and the hospitals cannot cope.

Highways and infrastructure can't cope. Thanet is already gridlocked and will not be able to take the additional cars and people. Southern Water infrastructure cannot cope at the moment. Resident suggested an interim solution in place until the infrastructure is in place, also need to make sure that no site traffic is using Manston Court Road. Resident asked what number is an over development? There is so much development in the WWX and WWX area. Cllr Wilson advised he didn't know the answer. Resident stated that the farmland should not be built on. Manston Court Road development advised that she had lived on that road for 45 years and you cannot fight the developments you have to make sure the planning is right. Need to make sure that the access is safe. Resident asked if the houses could go on the Thanet Way, there is plenty of space and the infrastructure is there. How can people make themselves more self sufficient if they build on farm land. Mrs Goodban advised that it is not the farmers who are selling their land - the majority of land is owned by St John's at Cambridge.

OL/TH/23/0685 Land on the North East side of Nash Road, Margate – 1461 homes – 16 residents agreed to invite John Knight to the next meeting to talk about the development, 5 were against. Resident advised that he had attended an event for this site last year, and he advised that they are just ticking a box and they will wear you down, they should not be given the time of day. Cllr Wilson advised it is 1500 acres of land that will be built on in the next 20 years.

Resident asked why at the council giving permission to sites that are not finished or developed. Resident asked are we building for local people or are we building to import people. Cooke and Co agents confirmed that 80% of his sales are to out of area purchasers. Residents asked what happens to the wildlife.

Objections will be made to planning and possibly to Michael Gove.

31/23-24

HIGHWAYS

- a) To note any issues regarding Rights of Way- no issues for discussion. – Hazel advised that someone has put a fence up on a a bridle way – is this with regards to the solar farm development. Clerk to email.
- b) Flete road update – no update.
- c) Highway Improvement Plan – Clerk advised there is a speed test starting Friday to support our request for 20mph through the village.

32/23-24

MANSTON PARK

Hazel advised that the rocking horse has broken, Cllr Matthews is obtaining quotes from Wicksteed to repair it – will share with clerk when he has them. Clerk advised that she had spoken to waste and recycling re the bin being emptied in the car park and Cllr Matthews confirmed he had seen an improvement.

33/23-24

INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Derek Crow-Brown attended the emergency exercise in Dreamland last week. He saw first hand the chaos on the roads following a couple of incidents. Roger Gale

advised that the Laleham Gap School children were spending a lot of time on the bus - Cllr Crow=Brown advised that the infrastructure in Thanet is broken, and it cannot cope at the moment. There is also a proposal to shut Richborough tip – he will speak to his Highway manager about the issues reported on Manston Court Road by the resident.

Cllr Wilson asked Cllrs for update on the airport – it is being reviewed again in July. Cllr Amato asked for an update on A28? KCC are still looking at it and most of the funding gap has been filled. What happens if we don't get the money- then developers will pay through the 106.

Cllr Smith - advised there is no council meeting this month. SW drainage water management plan is being monitored and she encouraged people to keep fighting.

Cllr Bainbridge updated that she was asked to get in touch with Tom Montgomery regarding new café and she confirmed that it was due to open this Saturday, but will now be end of Summer due to not having any electricity. It will be taken over over by a bike shop and will be similar to Quex Barn.

Jolly Farmer – Cllr Bainbridge met with the Jolly Farmer - Bobby – chef/owner is present confirmed that they do have music and he is conscious of the noise and wants residents to speak to them if there are any issues. If it noisy he would like to know about it. They will be spending a lot of money on refurb, increasing parking, improving the building etc.

Clerk requires a new lap top. Proposed Cllr Wilson all in favour. Clerk to get a price and will bring it back to next meeting to confirm before purchase.

34/23-24

Village Green Application

No comments

35/23-24

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The hedge that borders the Leys and Manston Park is very overgrown and needs cutting – resident has asked many times for this. Clerk will contact Landscape services to arrange to meet Cllr Matthews to see what needs cutting. It will not be done during the nesting season. Council trees are also going onto 2 car park spaces at the Leys making them unusable. The roots are penetrating the tarmac. Cllr Wilson will have a look at site.

36/23-24

DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7:15pm 10th July 2023 in the Village Hall @Manston.

The meeting closed at 20.32pm.