



MANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held
on 10th June 2024 at 7.15 pm, Manston Village Hall, Manston.**

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

In Attendance: Cllr Abi Smith (TDC), Hazel Chandler (Park Check Volunteer) and 6 residents.

Cllr I Amato acted as Chairman in the absence of Cllr G Wilson.

17/24-25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr G Wilson (Personal Reasons)

Cllr Derek Crow-Brown (KCC)

18/24-25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

19/24-25. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on the 13th May Annual and Full Council meeting were circulated to members.

Resolved: The minutes were agreed as a true record, Cllr H Robinson proposed, seconded by Cllr P Bell and were carried. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

20/24-25. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr I Amato thanked everyone who was involved in the beacon lighting event, including a special mention to Cllr Linda Wright of KCC for providing the funding for this event, also thanked the guest speaker Gary Newbold. The event brought the community together and was enjoyed by all who attended.

21/24-25. FINANCE MATTERS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

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

Resolved: All unanimously agreed the payments and bank reconciliation.

22/24-25. PLANNING

To consider and note applications received from TDC and any late applications received after publication of the agenda

- a) **F/TH/24/0294, R S P C A East Kent Animal Centre Queensdown Road Birchington Kent CT7 0HG, Variation of condition 11 of planning permission F/TH/02/1161 for the "Use of land for RSPCA animal centre, erection of single storey buildings and parking in association with the use" to alter the occupancy condition and allow either the occupation of the bungalow as accommodation for the Animal Centre Manager or by residential tenants for the purposes of generating income for the RSPCA Kent - Isle of Thanet Branch.**
Resolved: Members unanimously agreed no objections.
- b) **F/TH/24/0219, Land Adjacent Former Aircraft Tower, Manston Road, North, Manston, change of use from airport related activity to racing car track shows (Retrospective).**
Resolved: The majority voted to object to this application of the grounds of noise pollution, Cllr Bambridge abstained as she wanted to find out more information on this application.
- c) **Decided Applications**
There were no decided applications.

23/24-25. HIGHWAYS

Cllr P Bell reported the speed surveys are currently being done on Spratling Street, the results should be available within 2-3 weeks' time. It is hoped then that the speed reduction can then be applied for. A further meeting will take place with KCC Highways in due course, Cllr P Bell would like to be included.

24/24-25. MANSTON PARK

Hazel Chandler gave her report as follows:

- The goal post net has been fixed.
- Several trees are low in the park and need lopping. Cllr P Bell will investigate.
- Barrier keys, a spare set should be left with a Cllr who lives close to the park. Cllr I Amato volunteered to keep a set.

25/24-25. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS TO NOTE

Cllr Abi Smith

- The **BESS battery storage facility planned for Minster Marshes** is causing increasing concern, after details of this 100MW installation have emerged. More research is needed as it is five times the size of the facility which exploded recently in Liverpool, and could cause a 'toxic plume' with unknown consequences for Minster, Cliffs End and surrounding areas. I will report further at a future meeting.
- Glad to hear there will be a presentation from the **Home Energy Advice service** at the July meeting! Please inform village residents, especially anyone on a lower income or who wishes to make their homes more energy efficient. Many government grants are still available.
- **Citizens Advice Better Lives Thanet Outreach Project drop-in surgery at Minster Library, 0930-1230, first Tuesday of each month:** Citizens Advice Thanet have received some funding from the National Lottery to enable us to provide an outreach

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service in the community. The aim is to offer free, confidential, impartial and independent advice to members of the community who might not otherwise be able to access Citizens Advice Thanet. The advice areas covered are: Housing, Benefits, Debt and Money, Family and Relationships, Work, Consumer & Immigration.

Cllr Sam Bambridge, (TDC)

- Manston Airport has been given the green light for take-off.
- Attended the fund-raising event at Manston with light aeroplanes in flight.
- Attended the D-Day event at Manston, thanked everyone who was involved.
- **Planning:**
Preston Park, no further updates and is not on the planning portal for the next meeting.
Local Plan, working with the planning officer for the 2028 local plan, looking at their own suggested sites.

26/24-25. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

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

- Resident asked if there were any further updates since the last meeting with KCC Highways regarding the rejection of traffic calming and had alternatives been offered? Cllr P Bell is waiting to have a further meeting with KCC Highways and will update everyone in due course once the meeting has taken place. Cllr Bell is putting together a case file.
- Another resident asked about 2 properties for sale with Clive Emson and whether planning permission would be part of the sale due to a house and caravan in place where planning had been refused. Cllr S Bambridge replied this would not usually be the case and the buyer would have to seek planning permission.

There was a discussion on deaths from traffic accidents within the area, Cllr P Bell had put in an FOI request but the police held no records of any deaths. A resident offered background information going back several years that Manston PC were welcome to photocopy.

Dale Martin was thanked for all of his hard work around the village, particularly painting the railings on the war memorial and keeping it looking tidy.

Cllr Matthews asked about the Christmas lights for this year and suggested now would be the time to purchase these particularly after the disappointing light switch on last year. Cllr Matthews will find costings for this and report back to the July meeting.

Cllr P Bell mentioned during the emergency plan for the beacon lighting it was brought to his attention that the defibrillator at the Jolly Farmer was not in operation. There was a discussion as to whether Manston PC even owned this defibrillator. There is already a defibrillator on Manston Village Hall and on Drome Garage that Manston PC own. Members of the public also said there is one at Preston Park. Cllr P Bell said it should be Manston PC's responsibility to ensure this defibrillator is operational, suggested a map of all defibrillators within the area. A costing will be reported back to the July meeting for a new defibrillator. Defibrillator training was also discussed.

27/24-25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th July 2024, 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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