



## MANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.15 pm, Manston Village Hall, Manston.**

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr Derek Crow-Brown (KCC), Cllr Linda Wright (TDC/KCC), Cllr Abi Smith (TDC), Hazel Chandler (Park Check Volunteer) and 9 residents.

#### **1/24-25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr J Dearing (Personal Reasons)

#### **2/24-25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **3/24-25. MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April meeting were circulated to members.

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

#### **4/24-25. 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 Robinson and Amato.**

- c) Insurance Quotations

Three quotations had been received from Clear Councils £2,100, Gallagher £2,174.00 and Zurich for £1,708.87.

**Resolved: Cllr Wilson proposed Zurich as the provider, all were in favour.**

#### **5/24-25. REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

**Resolved:** Members unanimously agreed to accept the Risk Management Statement for 2023-24, the Chairman/Clerk will both sign the document, this was proposed by Cllr R Matthews and carried. The Clerk and the Chairman signed the statement.

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## **6/24-25. REVIEW OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL**

The internal audit reported was received by Cllrs and noted, along with the Internal Control Statement.

**Resolved:** Council agreed the System of Internal control for 2023-24 be approved and the Chairman and Clerk signed and dated the Statement on behalf of the Council, all were in favour and carried. The Clerk and Chairman signed the internal control.

## **7/24-25. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS FOR 2023-24**

**Resolved:** Members considered the Annual Governance Statement for 2023-24. Resolved: The Annual Governance Statement be approved and that the Chairman and the Clerk sign and date the Statement on behalf of the Council, all were in favour and carried.

## **8/24-25 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR 2023-24**

Members considered the Accounting Statements provided by the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer who had prior to the meeting signed and dated section 2 of the AGAR for 2023-24. **Resolved:** The Accounting Statement be approved and signed and dated by the Chairman on behalf of the Council, all were in favour and carried.

**9/24-25 THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS DATES** – to note the dates have been set as Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 until Friday the 12th July 2024

## **10/24-25. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Cllr Guy Wilson provided his report. (As Attached)

District Councillors spoke about the Preston Park application, they informed members that at the committee meeting representatives can only have 2 minutes to speak. This can include 2 district councillors, 1 parish council representative and a member of the public.

Member of the public asked the reasons why we could not have a 20 mph through the village. Cllr Robinson asked about having 4-way traffic lights within the village. Cllr Wilson explained that the 20 mph had been explored extensively and traffic lights were not an option due to the enormous expense.

## **11/24-25. PLANNING**

### **Applications received after publication of the agenda**

- a) **Late Application: F/TH/24/0501, Land South West Of Waste Processing Plant, Manston Road, North, Manston**, Variation of conditions 18 and 22 of planning permission F/TH/20/0590 for the "Erection of 4 no. 2 storey light industrial/general industrial (use class B1, 278 sqm and B2, 16,459 Sqm) commercial buildings with associated external storage (use Class B8, 185 sqm) with access, parking and landscaping." to allow alterations to location of plot 2, increase to height on parts of building and changes to site layout; including car spaces and bike store to be relocated together with internal alterations.

Cllr Wilson explained to members that the application is between Vincent Road and DDS Demolition, Rosemary Nurseries and Drome Garage.

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The Chairman considered that this business is much better than housing and will provide employment. It is a specialist bread-making facility that we used to call a bakery. It will be on 20 acres of land that used to be owned by Mr Tabbush of Fleet Farm fifty years ago. Although it will be on agricultural land, it will be good for Thanet. This is a variation of conditions application, which means the application has already been agreed and this is just a change to the conditions.

Member of the public had concerns that more applications seem to have a change in conditions. Cllr Wilson suggested these conditions could be looked into further.

**Resolved: The majority had no objections to this application but some had reservations, to be investigated further.**

**b) Decided Applications**

F/TH/24/0258, Adventures Golf Course at Greensole Golf Practice Centre, Manston Road, Ramsgate – erection of a 10m high and 135m in length netted ball stop along with existing earth bund. **Permission Granted.**

**Pre-Consultation Applications**

- Land at Manston Reservoir, Manston Court Road, Manston – dish installation  
Cllr Wilson read out the information received from Beacon Comms. After reading the information it transpired that we were out of time to make comments. Cllr Bell asked if a response had been received back from the comments he had provided. The Clerk will chase this and form an objection.
- Vincent Road, Margate - Proposed Environmental Weight Restriction  
Cllr Wilson explained this application is regarding signage for large vehicles on Vincent Road. **Resolved: No objections.**

**12/24-25. HIGHWAYS**

There were no further comments

**13/24-25. MANSTON PARK**

Hazel Chandler gave her report as follows:

The new grounds maintenance company Hughes & Son are looking after the park very well.

The northern goal net is hanging down and will need adjusting.

A large concrete block has been dumped in the car park. This will be for Manston Parish Council to dispose of. David Steed kindly offered to remove this for us.

**14/24-25. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS TO NOTE**

Cllr Abi Smith

**TDC Full Council & Extraordinary meeting**

In addition an extraordinary meeting will discuss

- The members' allowances scheme, which proposes not to increase individual allowances any further, but to extend the scheme to accommodate a new Cabinet portfolio to address issues related to Parking.
- Recommendations from the Boundary and Electoral Arrangements Working Party, which intends to "submit a consultation response to the LGBCE asking for two Member Wards with a flexibility for one Member Wards where applicable, but wards should not be bigger than this (no three or four member wards)."

The intention is to reduce the number of district councillors from 52 to 42, with no more 3-member wards.

At last night's Annual Council meeting, Cllr Debra Owen-Hughes was elected as Chair of the Council. Cllr Anne-Marie Nixey was elected as Vice Chair.

### **Planning Application F/TH/23/0629 B&B Metals, Flete Farmyard**

This application was withdrawn as the applicant moved operations offsite. The company is now operating in Hartsdown Park and causing a nuisance to residents on Tivoli Road.

### **Home Energy Advice Service**

The officers on this service are eager to give a presentation at parish councils, which will include a thermal imaging map showing heat loss from dwellings across the villages. It will be an opportunity to invite locals to see what grants they might be able to access to make their home energy more efficient at a subsidised cost or free of charge, well in advance of the colder months ahead. So, please invite your neighbours! **\*\*Manston PC agreed to host a brief presentation from Thanet HEAS at the next meeting in June.**

### **News from TDC:**

#### **Mini woodlands planting project**

Plans to create six areas of mini-woodland across the district were approved at a Cabinet meeting last month. Four hectares in total, but all in Margate & Broadstairs. TDC's Environment Director is quoted as saying that the new woodland "would increase local biodiversity, help to mitigate some of the effects of climate change and support our ambition of reaching net zero by 2030."

The irony of receiving and spending government funding on planting trees, while we are left struggling to protect the ones in existence now, seems to be lost on the council.

### **ASB PSPO**

Public consultation around a proposed new Public Spaces Protection Order: this brings the existing alcohol and Anti Social Behaviour PSPOs together, and as well as introducing two new rules, will apply to the whole of the district. The existing ASB only covers Margate and Ramsgate.

Details on Your Voice Thanet, with a short survey for completion, until end of consultation period Friday 24 May.

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

Not much to report this month, given the recent district elections meant there were few meetings to attend in Maidstone.

I was delighted to hear from Cllr Bell the fly tipping in Preston Road has now been removed, having advised him to submit a Corporate Complaint to the Chief Executive and leader of TDC.

### **Redrow Development**

I recently received a complaint from a Thanet resident, regarding temporary traffic lights on the Haine Road, causing delays of over an hour. This was works by SGN. Hopefully, highways inspectors will grant a permit in future outside peak periods.

Attended a Home Office presentation about the Manston refugee centre.

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**Cllr Linda Wright (TDC)**

Cllr Wright explained that she is on the Adult Social Care Committee. The budget has been cut and they are making the most of current resources and has put forward ideas to save costs. Cllr Wright has been dealing with an emergency call for a person in need of a placement to go in a new home, which she has been helping.

**Cllr Sam Bambridge, (TDC)**

- Attended Manston Airport Hearing, the Judges found flaws in Jenny Dawes’ solicitors’ arguments. The outcome is due within the next couple of weeks.
- **Planning:** The golf club net application has been granted. Attended the planning committee to save the Britannia Pub in Margate and the application was rejected to turn this into flats and a new owner is currently being sought to take over the pub. Called in the Preston Park application in December, will find out when this application will go to the committee.
- The microwave dish installation is not an issue for Manston Airport.
- Boundary Review Consultation ends on the 27<sup>th</sup> May, Ward Councillor numbers to reduce to 42 instead of 52 and have 2 councillors per ward.
- Annual meeting held, crime has been down in Thanet. A parking review has started and a new cabinet member is in place to specifically deal with this.

It was mentioned about one of the District Councillors who covers the villages has never attended any Parish Council meetings and it was suggested the Clerk make a complaint to the Chief Executive of Thanet District Council.

Cllr Wright spoke about the new Speedwatch initiative within the TRRG committee, posters have been produced for all parishes to advertise for volunteers and a meeting will then be held with Alan Watson the Speedwatch co-ordinator of how it works. The equipment can then be shared within all parishes on allotted days of the month.

**15/24-25. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

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

A representative from St Catherines Church was in attendance to talk about the D-Day 80 years commemoration on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. The plan is to have a short service at St Catherine’s Church, followed by fish and chips at the Jolly Farmer, paid for by Manston Parish Council and then to light the beacon at Manston Park.

After much discussion of how the fish and chip scenario would work with funding and how many numbers this would be provided for. Cllr Wilson will contact the Jolly Farmer.

It was suggested that the funding received from KCC could go towards having reduced price for food on a first-come, first-served basis.

A risk assessment for the beacon lighting is required and water buckets and fire extinguishers. The Clerk will circulate the timings and once everything is confirmed this will be advertised on the noticeboards, website and social media.

**16/24-25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 7.15pm.**

**The meeting closed at 9.10pm.**

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