

13th September 2024

Welcome everybody.

A couple of weeks ago Cllr Dearing, Caroline and I had a zoom meeting with Lezanne Cesare of KCC Highways at which she said that we cannot have speed bumps on the B2050 going through the village. This was disappointing to say the least as we have been putting forward our arguments for speed bumps for quite a long time.

However, Cllr Bell has been very proactive on other matters and on behalf of the entire council and the parishioners I would like to thank councillor Bell for his efforts in pressing the council to dispose of two large oil drums containing unidentified liquids, that had originally been deposited in Preston road and then were rolled into the adjacent field by council workers. Also to county councillor. Derek Crow-Brown, in supporting Cllr Bell's efforts.

Thanks also to Cllr Bell for his extraordinary efforts to achieve village green status for Manston park. The process is still ongoing, but Paul has discovered that the strip of land at the edge of the park that will enable developers to create a two-lane roadway to the adjacent field, is not included in the park deeds. For villagers who do not appreciate the significance of this, it means that there is a possibility that Thanet council could include the field in the local plan, and the field is big enough for a housing estate, possibly big enough to double the size of the village. A former Chairman, David Steed, has suggested a letter drop informing those Manston residents (likely to be most affected) of the risk of such a development., with a view to protesting to Thanet council against including that field and the next Thanet local plan

Lastly, I e-mailed all councillors about the "Supporting Statement" submitted by John Elvidge, the planning consultant, acting for the Preston Park owners. It is a 31 page document very well phrased with the intention of telling the Local Planning Authority that they have no option but to accept the application.

Parish Council Chairman's Report

Red House Farm

Manston

One of the most interesting observations was in relation to the appeal in 2003 that was won by the previous owners. The Inspector had no objection to the volume of traffic. This was twenty-one years ago since when traffic in Thanet has become ridiculous with thousands of new houses and apartments being built.

The application has been called in by Cllr Bambridge who has expressed a willingness to speak at the Planning Committee meeting. I would be more than happy to discuss the "Supporting Statement" with her nearer the time.