

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room
Thursday 15th June 2006**

27/06 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie
Cllr. Dew
Cllr. E. Edwards
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. K. Scott
Cllr. Streames

In attendance: Mrs. L. Pallett (Harwich and Manningtree Standard)
Mr. L. Stubbs (item 32/05)
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

28/06 Apologies for absence No apologies for absence.

29/06 Minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the meetings of 18th May were approved and signed, after one amendment, item 18/06c) now to read "...be improving the flowers at Manningtree ..." Proposed Cllr. Edwards, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns. Also two amendments to the AGM minutes: 2a) now to read "proposed Cllr. Edwards, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns" and 2e) now to read "Cllr. Edwards Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Hughes-Stanton". Proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie..

30/06 Declaration of interests There were no changes to the Declaration of Interests.

31/06 Matters arising from the minutes

21/05d) Bench at the Skinners' Arms The Councillors noted that this bench needed repair and would be moved accordingly. **Action: Councillors**

39/05b) Localism The Clerk to find out what had happened with this. **Action: Clerk**

78/05 Road markings by Ironside Walk The Councillors asked that this information be obtained in writing from ECC. **Action: Clerk**

88/05 Co-op trolleys. Cllr. Streames said he had heard that new trolleys were to be coin-operated. **Item discharged**

92/05 Adopt-a-beach The Council agreed to carry out a litter pick-up and survey on the third weekend of September (exact time to be decided). **Action: Councillors**

115/05 Parish Plan It was agreed to meet with RCCE on Tuesday 4th July at 1p.m. at the home of Cllr. Hoskyns. **Action: Councillors, Clerk**

126/05 Town guide The Clerk passed round copies of town guides produced by a printing firm at no cost to the councils. Cllr. Dew volunteered to represent Manningtree when working with Mistley and Lawford, who each need a representative. **Action: Clerk**

10/06a) New tree warden **Item discharged**

18/06a) Skateboard Day The Councillors voted for £140 to be paid towards another Skateboard Day, with the Town Council to manage the funds from other councils.

19/06 Accounts 2005-06 **Item discharged**

21/06 Market rent **Item discharged**

32/06 Open Session Mrs. Pallett said the grass in front of the Railex site was very long and dry and asked the council to contact the letting agents and request that it be cut. **Action: Clerk**

Mr. Stubbs who runs Manningtree Market said he had thought TDC would inform the Council about the change of day. He moved the market to Fridays as he had lots of stalls willing to come then, and two of the Wednesday stalls had been about to leave. He added that trade was up for the shops as well; he was eager to build up a busy market so that it would survive and also bring trade to the town. The Councillors thanked him very much for coming and wished him well.

33/06 Reports from representatives on committees

- a) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie had attended the Stour and Orwell Estuaries Forum; bird numbers were dropping due to habitat loss and disturbance.
- b) Cllr. Hoskyns reported that the flower tubs were to be removed apart from five which had been taken on by the residents of Brooks Maltings.
- c) Cllr. Dew explained that TDC was to form an audit committee.

34/06 To consider a grant for summer dance project Mrs. Rhonda Sparrey had written, offering to run a three-day dance project for primary school children from the local area and had already been offered funding by Babergh DC. The Councillors examined her proposal and voted to provide a grant of £50.

35/06 To consider the condition of the trees on the Green A resident had spoken to the Clerk, saying that the trees on the Green were very untidy and too large for their site. The Councillors agreed that the trees were untidy and voted to ask TDC to examine them and recommend the best course of action. **Action: Clerk**

36/06 To approve payment of the following cheques Proposed Cllr. Dew, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns:

SVMTP (for bridge)	£200.00
Brian Clarkson (audit)	£30.00
CPRE course	£32.00
Clerk's salary and expenses	£670.15
Also approved for urgent payment:	
Skateboard Day	£140.00
Mrs. R. Sparry (dance scheme)	£50.00
Mrs. M. Sadler (fish food)	£17.50

37/06 Correspondence Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said she would attend the meeting with Essex Police.

38/06 Any other business

a) The Clerk said she had been contacted by WS Atkins about new signage at the Wherstead junction on the A14. The Councillors decided to request that Manningtree be signed for motorists approaching from Cambridge, but not from Felixstowe as they did not wish to encourage HGV traffic to come through the town. **Action: Clerk**

b) A resident had complained about not being able to use her bus pass (free after 9a.m.) on a bus service that should arrive at 8.59 and had come in late. Cllr. Scott said that the buses had a lot of problems at the moment and he would take up the delays with the company. **Action: Cllr. Scott**

c) A resident had written to complain about the fire service tearing down a tree in the car park at the fire station. It was agreed to contact TC and see if the tree had been protected, and to copy the correspondence to the fire service and the resident. **Action: Clerk**