

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room
Thursday 7th September 2006**

50/06 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie
Cllr. Dew
Cllr. E. Edwards
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. K. Scott

In attendance: Mr. J. Schofield (Manningtree and Harwich Standard)
Mr. D. Cuthbertson (P.C.S.O.) (Item 55/06 only) CHECK
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

51/06 Apologies for absence Cllr. Streames.

52/06 Minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the meetings of 27th July were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

53/06 Declaration of interests There were no changes to the Declaration of Interests.

54/06 Matters arising from the minutes

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street Cllr. Dew reported. He had met with Mr. Hornby of TDC; there are 27 listed buildings at risk in Tendring and a budget of £1,000 allocated to them. Cllr. Dew asked Mr. Hornby to contact the owner and ask him what he intended to do. There was much discussion, as the Council understood that a charitable organisation had offered to buy the building from TDC at once should compulsory purchase become necessary. It was decided to write to the Planning portfolio holder and request that TDC consider the issue and increase the budget for buildings at risk, and to contact the charity to ensure that they are still interested and then write to Mr. Hornby. **Action: Clerk**

21/05d) Bench from by the Skinners' Arms Cllr. Dew reported that three elderly people had approached him individually and asked for the bench to be put back, but the Council took the view that the problems of vandalism that had been associated with that location meant that it could not be returned. It was decided to contact TDC and agree a place for it between Gasfield and Malthouse Road. **Action: Clerk**

78/05 Road markings by Ironside Walk **Item discharged**

92/05 Adopt-a-beach Survey fixed for 10a.m., Sunday 17th Sept. **Action: Councillors**

10/06a) Quotes for lighting maintenance A quote had been received for work required. Cllr. Hoskyns proposed acceptance, seconded Cllr. Edwards. **Action: Clerk**

46/06 Manningtree A-Z website **Item discharged**

55/06 Open Session P.C.S.O. Cuthbertson said nothing unusual had happened, but a joint late-night shift at the weekends was being considered. A new sergeant is due to take up post at Mistley. Mr. Schofield introduced himself formally to the meeting.

56/06 Reports from representatives on committees

a) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton reported from planning. Seven plans had been received: **06/00882/FUL** (replace balcony on Quay Street), **06/01340/FUL** and **06/01341/LBC** (to convert 7-9 South Street into a house and a shop with flat above), **06/01371/FUL** (extension, 18 Lushington Road), **06/01423/TCA** (to prune a tree behind the High Street) and **06/01312/FUL** (residential, Mill Lane). There had been no objections to any of these. Application **06/01230/LBC** (to re-instate railings, 48 High Street) had been supported.

b) Cllr. Dew reported from TDC that everyone was busy on the Local Plan, and that an audit committee was being formed.

c) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie had been with Cllr. Scott to a meeting with Hutchison Ports. She said that the Bathside development would not go ahead until road improvements were arranged. She also reported incidentally that the Environment Agency had been working on the sluices but that no-one knew what they were doing. Clerk to pursue. **Action: Clerk**

d) Cllr. Scott said that the Community Bus committee had written to Tesco at Highwoods, observing that twice a week the bus brought shoppers to the store who would not be able to get there otherwise, and that they spent between them about £35,000 a year and suggesting that Tesco might like to make a grant. The response was a cheque for the princely sum of £10 which can only be spent with Tesco. The Council was aghast and numerous suggestions were made, including that the Clerk should email Look East with this story of exemplary corporate tight-fistedness. **Action: Clerk**

57/06 To consider the Town Council taking responsibility for running the Community Room Cllr. Due, volunteer manager of this facility, said that unless some more customers agreed to use the room on a weekly basis (he has a number interested), he would not advise the Council to take on the lease, although it would be wise to write to Colne Housing to suggest a meeting to discuss the lease terms. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie. **Action: Clerk**

58/06 To approve payment of the following cheques Proposed Cllr. Scott, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns:

Venture Centre 2000 Management Cttee	£25.00
Manningtree St Jon's Ambulance	£25.00
Clerk's salary and expenses	£670.15
Status Office Services	£15.34
A.R. Fabb (Mayor's bar clip)	£25.00
Lubbock Fine (audit)	£142.00
Afizz (website – one year in advance)	£311.38
CPRE (passed for urgent payment)	£13.50

59/06 Correspondence

a) The Councillors agreed the response to a CPRE survey, and that two of them and the Clerk would attend the CPRE AGM in Mistley.

b) The Clerk added a quantity of correspondence to the files: ECC survey summary; TDC Best Value Performance Plan; thanks from Mrs. Sparrey (dance project); Clerks and Councils Direct; advertising.

60/06 Any other business Cllr. Scott suggested that the Council write to the Rotary to enquire about the clock on the corner of Brook Street. **Action: Clerk**

**MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL
CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 7th September 2006**

Report prepared 31st August

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street Cllr. Dew to report.

21/05d) Bench from near Skinners' Arms TDC has said that in principle the re-location of the bench to by the footpath from Malthouse Road to Gasfield is acceptable.

78/05 Road markings by Ironside Walk Letter received. **Item for discharge**

92/05 Adopt-a-beach Councillors need to finalise which day they would like to carry out the beach survey.

93/05 Christmas Street Fair 2006 Item discharged as a committee now has the matter in hand. Involved Councillors to report as relevant.

101/05 Possible site for youth shelter No response from BT.

103/05a) Conservation Area Nothing further to report.

117/05b) Highways matters Disabled parking bay still awaited.

123/05 Broken kerb on Riverside Avenue Nothing further to report.

126/05 Welcome card and guide book Nothing further to report.

10/06a) Quotes for lighting maintenance I have emailed Just Lamps to obtain their prices.

11/06c) Additional sign for South Street Nothing further to report.

22/06 CPRE planning meeting Nothing further to report.

24/06 Replacement street light Just Lamps still pursuing light.

35/06 Trees on the Green Permission granted for necessary works. Quotes awaited.

46/06 Manningtree A-Z Website Minutes, contacts and a list of meeting dates to be posted on the website, payable by annual invoice. **Item for discharge**