

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room Thursday 6th September 2007

48/07 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie
Cllr. M Dew
Cllr. V. Bettle
Cllr. E. Edwards
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. R. Streames (from 54/07a)

In attendance: Mr. R. Ivory (to item 54/07)
Mr. and Mrs. Tilley (to item 54/07)
Ms. A. Collitt (Harwich and Manningtree Standard)
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

49/07 Apologies for absence Cllr. Hughes-Stanton and District Cllr. Guglielmi. Cllr. Streames had sent apologies for his late arrival. The Mayor welcomed the residents of Maltings Wharf.

50/06 Minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the meeting of 19th July were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Edwards.

51/07 Declaration of interests There were no changes to the Declarations of Interest.

52/07 Matters arising from the minutes (Open Session subsumed within this)

126/05 Guide book The Clerk had sent the Councillors details of the quotes with their agendas. The Councillors asked her to pass the information to Mistley and Lawford, so that they could consider which option to pursue, along with their view that although the "local" option was likely to be slightly more costly, it would give a better result. Cllr. Dew added that he was applying to TDC's Small Schemes Fund. **Action: Cllr. Dew, Clerk**

110/06 Salt bin for the Marketplace Clerk to order bin. **Action: Clerk**

10/07a) Bench on sea wall The residents from Maltings Wharf explained that they were suffering considerable disturbance from youths both on the sea wall and in the Co-op car park between 8.30 pm and midnight. It was agreed to move the bench, as planned, about 100yds west, and that the Clerk would write again to the Co-op to explain that both residents and the Council would appreciate a clear idea of their plans to reduce nuisance in the car park, and to request a site meeting once they have some suggestions but before these are carried out.

Action: Clerk

24/07 Improvements to bus shelter Clerk to email Clearchannel and ask if the panel could just be swapped to the other end. **Action: Clerk**

47/07 Youths at Compass Court Colne Housing had written to say that they felt a gate would be impractical and that, in any case, the problem seemed to have abated. The Clerk was asked to speak to the residents and, if necessary, write to Colne again. **Action: Clerk**

53/07 To receive reports from representatives on committees

a) Cllr. Dew reported from TDC, saying the Cllr. David Lines was visiting all the parishes. He added that planning was three staff short; officers were being asked to be at their desks between **9.30-11.30a.m.** to take phone calls. He added that if anyone wished anything included in the "Sunshine Coast" event guide for 2008 and they should contact Sarah Daniels on 01255 686654.

b) Cllr. Edwards said three plans had come in: **07/01214** (garage in Mill Lane: TC concerns); **07/01196/ADV** (new fascia on Premiere Opticians – no objections) and **07/01314/TCA** (tree on Quay Street – our own application).

c) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said Stour Community First had been formed as an active local group.

d) Cllr. Bettle said that the PCT had recommended that the area within New Road, Long Road and Cox's Hill should be "controlled" and that outside it should be "uncontrolled" (if an area is "rural" or "uncontrolled", it means that G.P.s can dispense to patients who live more than a mile from the nearest pharmacy). He said this was a good outcome for the consultation.

54/07 To respond to a “Sustainable Community Strategy for Tendring”

Cllr. Dew suggested that the Council write in response to this to say that this area would like a covered pool and a meeting place for local youths. Proposed Cllr. Dew, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns. The Councillors said they were grateful to Cllr. Dew for his work in this. **Action: Clerk**

55/07 To consider adoption of the revised “Code of Conduct” for local councillors, including paragraph 12(2) Paragraph 12 (2) gives councillors the same rights to speak on matters in which they have a prejudicial interest as members of the public, though they cannot vote on such issues. Proposed Cllr. Edwards, seconded Cllr. Streames and passed.

56/07 To discuss Mayor’s Town Project

Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said she had obtained sponsorship of nearly £1,800 from local organisations and businesses for a chain of office. She asked the Council to sponsor the connecting link (£160), to be engraved with the name of the town. This was unanimously supported.

57/07 To discuss a request for a nameplate at the eastern end of York Street

There is no nameplate here which causes confusion. The Clerk added she would also ask to have replacement nameplate put up at the Stour Street/ South St. junction. Proposed Cllr. Streames, seconded Cllr. Bettle. **Action: Clerk**

58/07 To approve payment of the following cheques Proposed Cllr. Edwards, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

Neil Stocks (re Community Room)	£113.38
British Telecom (Community Room)	£74.85
A.R. Fabb (Mayor’s bar clip)	£26.00
Sandman (sand for beach)	£1,163.25
Just Lamps (repair of lamp columns)	£381.88
Environmental Design (grass cutting)	£143.94
Clerk’s salary and expenses	£690.56
And for urgent payment:	
Afizz (website management)	£282.00

**59/07 Correspondence
For reply and attention**

a) Manningtree will not take part in Beachwatch this year as it clashes with the Manningtree Festival. Clerk asked to contact EA for permission to plant a tree on the sea wall and if this was possible, to apply to TDC for a grant. She was asked to reply to Tendring Hundred Water to say a councillor would like to accept their invitation. **Action: Clerk**

b) Extra post includes Draft Statement of Community Involvement; draft AONB management plan; CPRE; E. Essex area Forum; road closure and Clerks and Councils direct.

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 6th September 2007

Report prepared 2nd September

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street TDC's surveyor is pursuing the owner to ensure repairs to the garage roof are carried out.

101/05 Possible site for youth shelter The Co-op has security concerns about siting a youth shelter on its property; local residents are also reluctant.

103/05a) Conservation Area Councillors to report.

117/05b) Highways matters The legal Order for the disabled bay has now been made.

126/05 Welcome card and guide book See attached comparison of quotes.

24/06 Replacement street light Cartledge were asked to proceed at the end of August but there is a six to eight week lead time on the light.

78/06 Town Plan meeting Nothing further to report.

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay Nothing further to report.

110/06 Possibility of a salt bin on the Marketplace I have contacted TDC to ask them if a site to the east of the public convenience is acceptable to them.

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store Councillors will be aware that a group has been formed within the community to object to the proposed application.

17/07 Memorial to Cllr. Scott Nothing further to report.

22/07 Temporary road closure for Manningtree Festival The only problem with this was access along North Street for the firemen; I have discussed this with them and so long as we arrange adequate cones, they are happy. Permission has been granted.

24/07 Improvements to bus shelter I have emailed Clearchannel asking for details of who would own any panel we funded.

10/07a) Bench on sea wall I have submitted the application for the bench to be moved. I have also received a letter from a concerned resident of Matling's Wharf who would like the bench removed completely.

36/07 Leisure facilities in the area Nothing further to report.

37/07 Plastic bags I inadvertently omitted the information last month and include it now.

47/07 Youths at Compass Court Colne Housing has replied to the letter I wrote to them, saying that in their view a lockable gate would not be workable.