

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room Thursday 21st February 2008

111/07 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie
Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. V. Bettle
Cllr. M. Dew
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. E. Edwards

In attendance: Ms. F. Leate – Manningtree and Harwich Standard
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

112/07 Apologies for absence Cllr. Streames.

113/06 Minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the meeting of 17th January were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Dew.

114/07 Declaration of interests There were no changes to the Declaration of Interests.

115/07 Matters arising from the minutes

101/05 Site for youth shelter Clerk to remind the Co-op to consider this. **Action: Clerk**

103/05a) Conservation Area Cllr. Lay-Flurrie had compiled a list of notable features around the town, and Cllr Dew undertook to find further details from TDC about what information was required to increase the protection for the conservation area. **Action: Cllr. Dew**

126/05 Guide book A date for the first meeting had been set.

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay The HSE has given the owners of the quay the alternatives of designating it a working dock and complying with the Dock Regulations, or fencing it off. The Councillors felt that the fencing option played into the owner's hands in the access dispute. Clerk to write to the HSE to express the Council's disquiet, and inform all other interested bodies (Mistley PC, SSC, Thames Sailing Barge Trust). **Action: Clerk**

17/07 Memorial to Cllr. Scott Plaque is to be fixed next to the EEDA one on the pond.

57/07 New nameplates for York St and Stour St **Item discharged**

83/07 Weight restriction The police have said they will carry out spot checks of lorries and let us know what they find.

84/07 Invitation to the Cabinet of TDC This has been set for April 9th at 12 Noon in the Methodist Church Hall, and the public is warmly invited.

97/07 Letter from Cllr. Edwards of Lawford PC **Item discharged**

116/07 Reports from Representatives on Committees

a) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie reported from the PCSO meeting. She said crime rates remained low. PCSO Howe is visiting all the primary schools to set up 'Rhyme against Crime'. Concerns were raised about lorries being directed along the High Street during the bridge closure (this route has now been changed).

b) She also reported from the East Essex Area Forum, which covered mostly health related issues, with particular concerns regarding the closure of Day Centres.

c) Cllr. Dew reported that the TDC budget had been passed, adding 11p a week to the average Council Tax bill. Each member is to receive £2,000 to use as 'seed funding' in his or her ward.

d) There had been one plan (**08/00102/ADV**) for a new sign for the chemists. No objections.

117/07 To discuss the possibility of improvements outside the Post Office There is a small area between the steps of the Post Office and the wall of Barclays Bank in which rubbish is regularly dumped. It was agreed that the Councillors should look at the spot and consider what might be done. **Action: Councillors**

118/07 To discuss the proposed closure of Foundry Court Day Centre Cllr. Dew explained that it looked as if the day centre would close in the near future, and added that attendees had not been consulted. He asked that the council write to the portfolio holder for social care at Essex CC to express its grave concerns about this closure and to support the request of Friends of Foundry Court Day Centre that Essex County Council reconsiders the issues of adult care provision in this area. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie. The council expressed its thanks to Cllr. Dew. **Action: Clerk**

119/07 To approve payment of the following cheques

TDC (contribution to pond improvements)	£500.00
British Telecom	£79.26
Status Office Services	£73.00
Christopher H. Day and Co (plaque)	£240.87
Modney Concepts (half pipe)	£5,287.50 (inc. VAT)
Welcome Home	£300.00

The point was made that the money for the half-pipe had come almost entirely from grant funding. Proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Hughes-Stanton

120/07 Correspondence

For reply and attention

- a)** Babergh DC: Brantham Industrial Site Planning Position Statement: the Clerk was asked to write to Babergh to stress that Manningtree TC would encourage Babergh to strengthen their planning brief to ensure that the site should remain in industrial use.
- b)** It was decided to enter Calor village of the Year. All other matters were placed in the wallet for Councillors to consider.
- c)** The Clerk said the following post had been added: TDC budget statement, Forward Plan, TDC open space planning document, overview and scrutiny work programme; Mayflower Line agenda; Essex Oyster; two letters from the public concerning Queenburger.

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 21st February 2008

Report prepared 14th February

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street Nothing further to report.

101/05 Possible site for youth shelter I have reminded the Co-op that this was being considered.

103/05a) Conservation Area Cllr. Lay-Flurrie to report

117/05b) Highways matters Pavement markings have gone down on Brook Street in preparation for works.

126/05 Guide book Two possible dates for a three parishes meeting have been suggested. Clerk to pursue.

24/06 Replacement street light The light has been connected, but the invoice has not gone forward for payment as it is on all the time, has not been painted and the old one has not been taken away.

78/06 Town Plan Nothing further to report.

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay I am writing to the HSE.

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store Nothing further to report.

17/07 Memorial to Cllr. Scott The plaque has been received and the mount has been ordered.

24/07 Improvements to bus shelter The end screen is awaited.

37/07 Plastic bags Nothing further to report.

83/07 Weight restriction I have written to ECC to ask for a site meeting, and also been in contact with the police.

84/07 Invitation to the Cabinet of TDC Nothing further to report.

97/07 Letter from Cllr. K. Edwards of Lawford PC Item for discharge?

100/07a) Riverside Lease Nothing further to report.