

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room Thursday 15th May 2008

12/08 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie
Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. R. Streames
Cllr. M. Dew
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. E. Edwards

In attendance: Ms. A. Collitt – Manningtree and Harwich Standard
Mr. M. Robeson – consultant to Tesco plc (from late in item 16/08)
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

13/08 Apologies for absence Dr. V. Bettle.

14/08 Minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the meeting of 17th April were proposed by Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns and unanimously approved.

15/08 Declaration of interests There were no changes to the Declaration of Interests.

16/08 Matters arising from the minutes

103/05a) Conservation Area Cllr. Dew said that costings are awaited for this project.

24/06 Replacement street light

Item discharged

78/06 Town Plan

Item discharged

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store Cllr. Dew said that at the meeting with Bernard Jenkin MP and Mr. Kissman of Tesco it was clear to him that our MP had expected a choice of plans rather than having the final design put in front of him; Bernard Jenkin had asked Tesco to reconsider. The Clerk added that the plans had not yet been validated as Tesco had not yet supplied all the necessary information to TDC.

37/07 Plastic bags The Mayor said that was something that seemed to have own momentum.

Item discharged

118/07 Foundry Court Day Centre Cllr Lay-Flurrie said that it now seemed that there would be a day centre running for two days a week for the next ten months and that there are fears that it will close in April 2009. Friends of Foundry Court are not willing to take it on as running it would be the same as running a small business and thus not a job for volunteers.

17/08 Open session The meeting was adjourned for the Open Session. Mr. Robeson said he had three points of information. Firstly, TDC had not yet validated the plans; secondly, there would be public exhibitions during June (Manningtree on the 6th and 7th, Methodist Church Hall, Lawford 13th and 14th, Venture Centre). Thirdly, he stated that Mr. Kissman is replying to some of the points raised by Bernard Jenkin at the recent meeting (see above). He also offered to give a presentation to the Town Council; councillors thanked him for this.

18/08 Reports from Representatives on Committees

a) Cllr. Dew reported from TDC. He said that all the work has been done but the water keeps going green but had been treated by the local man who keeps an eye on the pond. It was agreed that his request to buy a machine to enable him to clean the bottom of the pond was a good idea.

b) He added that the Benefits and Revenue Department of TDC will soon hold a surgery in the Community Room, which might become a regular feature. He also wished to record his thanks to Cora Townes and Lionel Lay-Flurrie for their volunteer work for the Room.

c) A set of plans (**08/00671/LBC**) for work to Cumberland House on the Green had recently come in and the councillors all examined them. The Clerk said that the owner of Prospect House had some objections, but was happy for the Councillors to use his land to get a good view of site for the proposed works.

d) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said she had been to a meeting with the leaders of six other local parishes and

David Lines and John Hawkin of TDC. They were asked for their main complaints and Planning topped the list.

19/08 To approve the Town Council's accounts for 2007-08 They were proposed unamended by Cllr. Dew, seconded by Cllr. Hoskyns. The Councillors wished their thanks to the Clerk to be recorded. Accounts to go forward for audit. **Action: Clerk**

20/08 To discuss the replacement or repair of the light at the junction of Brook and South streets Cllr. Streames asked the Council to consider the possibility of replacing this light with one identical to that now on the junction of Regent and South streets. It was agreed to put this in the budget for 2009-10 or, if cashflow permitted, arrange it for this financial year. The Clerk was also asked to find out how much extra it would cost to have the light outside 'Moonrakers' replaced, the possibility of mounting a 'Windsor' lantern on the existing poles, and the ecological soundness of these lights compared to others.

Cllr. Dew added that, he would like to mention several matters which would be relevant once we had a site meeting with Highways: for example, vehicles turning uphill from the Swan carpark, and what means might be used to slow traffic speeds downhill. The Clerk was also asked to write to ECC to request a time limit sign for the new parking bay.

21/08 To discuss the condition of the road surface and drainage on Regent Street Cllr. Dew explained that a resident had complained about poor drainage on the north side of the road, resulting in persistent damp problems in the houses there. He has asked ECC to replace the road surface and improve the gully, and re-instate stone gully slabs currently covered with tar.

22/08 To approve payment of the following cheques

Cartledge (new light)	£1,401.11
BT	£84.01
EALC (affiliation)	£212.36
Cartledge (removal of old light)	£117.21
TCVS (affiliation)	£25.00

Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Hughes-Stanton and carried.

**23/08 Correspondence
For reply and attention**

a) A query had come in to ask if we wished to be involved again with Beachwatch (20th/21st September). The Councillors said they did. **Action: Clerk**

b) Councillors had commented on the Historic Essex flyer from last month that they wished to join; sub to be paid next month.

c) the clerk was asked to reply to residents at Maltings Wharf who had written about a number of issues to thank them for being so pro-active.

d) the Clerk said that always there was additional post: Bus news; Older Peoples Forum; palm of quay; police report; RCCE; TDALC; NHS Trust; Playing Fields Assoc.

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 15th May 2008

Report prepared 9th May

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

101/05 Possible site for youth shelter Nothing further heard from the Co-op.

103/05a) Conservation Area Mistley has agreed to join with Manningtree in producing a Conservation Area Management Plan.

126/05 Guide book Nothing further to report.

24/06 Replacement street light The old light has at last gone.

Item for discharge

78/06 Town Plan Nothing further to report.

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay The meeting had to be cancelled at short notice; another will be arranged.

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store Cllrs Lay-Flurrie and Dew met Bernard Jenkin M.P. and Michael Kissman of Tesco in London on Thursday 14th. Tesco's have submitted full plans but at the time of writing they have not been validated.

24/07 Improvements to bus shelter Nothing further to report.

37/07 Plastic bags Nothing further to report.

83/07 Weight restriction I am pursuing ECC to arrange a site meeting.

100/07a) Riverside Lease Lawford have asked for a plan of the site and further details.

117/07 Area by the Post Office due to pressure of work, I have not yet contacted TDC but I will do shortly.

118/07 Foundry Court Day Centre Councillors to report..