

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room Thursday 19th June 2008

24/08 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie
Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. R. Streames
Cllr. M. Dew
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. E. Edwards
Cllr. V. Bettle

In attendance: Ms. A. Collitt – Manningtree and Harwich Standard
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

25/08 Apologies for absence Mistley Police; County Cllr. C. Guglielmi (by phone message).

26/08 Minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the AGM of 15th May were proposed by Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Edwards and unanimously approved. The minutes of the meeting of the same date were amended as follows:

18/08a) From 'He said...' to '...idea' replaced by 'He said all the work on the Marketplace pond had been done. The water had gone green but had been treated. Phil Lucas, who looks after the pond for the TC, had requested a machine to clean the bottom of the pond. This was agreed.'

20/08 Last sentence recast as 'It was agreed to write to ECC and the Clerk was also asked to write to ECC to request a time limit sign on the new parking bay.'

21/08 Added, 'An inspection has promised by ECC.'
Proposed Cllr. Dew, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie and approved.

27/08 Declaration of interests There were no changes to the Declaration of Interests.

28/08 Matters arising from the minutes

101/05 Possible site for youth shelter The Clerk said she had been in touch with the Co-op who were still pushing for approval of their plans.

103/05a) Conservation area Meeting postponed due to illness of TDC officer.

24/07 Improvements to bus shelter

Item discharged

117/08 Area by the Post Office It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Post Office to obtain their agreement to planting in this space.

Action: Clerk

118/07 Foundry Court Day Centre Councillors reported that a new voluntary organisation might run a luncheon club on site. The day centre will remain open two days a week. There is another meeting on 2nd July.

29/08 Open session The police had sent in a report which gave crime figures for the same quarter last year and this. Crime has in general fallen, with fewer reports of nuisance youths.

30/08 Reports from Representatives on Committees

a) Cllr. Dew reported from TDC that Intend, the new regeneration company, now had a website advertising job vacancies and for people to send in their comments

b) He added that it was hoped that the £10,000 awarded to Manningtree, Mistley and Lawford from the Community Cohesion Fund would be handled by the SVMTP. This money does need matched funding and is currently lodged with Harwich Connections, which however has no authority to spend it.

c) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said that she had received a consultation letter from the Stour and Orwell Society, asking if the flight path into Stansted from the east should be kept as it is or returned to where it was a few years ago. The Council agreed that she should respond to say that the present flight path is preferable to the old one. **Action: Cllr. Hughes-Stanton**

d) Cllrs. Lay-Flurrie and Edwards said a number of plans had been received:

08/00640/FUL (extension to house on South Street: no objections),

08/00671/LBC and **08/00670/FUL** (extension to Cumberland House: no fundamental objections though neighbour's concerns regarding rights of way understandable) and

08/00603/FUL (Tesco Stores – see below).

e) Cllrs. Lay-Flurrie and Dew reported from the PCSO committee. The 5-aside football will run again this summer, with the assistance of the Lawford Lads. The PCSOs will be at the Tendring show. They have also changed their shifts to allow for late night patrols. They also now have a dip-test to check for the alcohol content of liquid in containers.

31/08 To agree the Town Council's response to the Tesco's application Although the plans had been validated by TDC, they were not complete: the Retail Impact Statement is still awaited. Therefore it was not possible for the Town Council to make a decision.

32/08 To discuss support for a road closure for the youth day and possible 137 grant.

The Clerk explained that due to crossed wires the date of the youth day had been given incorrectly on the agenda as 5th July; it is in fact 6th September. It was agreed to support this and to grant £100. Proposed Cllr Lay Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns. As this event will involve use of the beach, as will the Regatta, the Clerk was also asked to enquire about the cost of neatening the sand on the beach. **Action: Clerk**

33/08 To discuss the Wardle Storey site at Brantham. Cllr. Dew suggested that the Council writes again, requesting that any proposals for the site consider the view from the south side of the river and the AONB of the Dedham Vale. Seconded by Cllr. Lay-Flurrie. **Action: Clerk**

34/08 To consider a grant to the Community Bus £200 proposed per budget by Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns and approved.

35/08 To approve payment of the following cheques

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| Mrs. L Lay-Flurrie (travel costs) | £93.00 |
| Historic Essex (per minute 23/08b) | £10.00 |
| ClearChannel (end panel) | £511.88 |
| WPS Insurance | £1,072.25 |
| Mr. D. Hitchcock (repairs) | £14.68 |
| P. Lucas (pond cleaning machine) | £89.99 |
| RCCE (sub) | £55.00 |
| B.W. Clarkson (audit) | £35.00 |
| Clerks salary and expenses | £739.77 |
| Petty Cash | £50.00 |

Also for urgent payment: Mistle PC for PCSOs, £886.99 and Status Office Services, £37.36. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Hughes-Stanton and carried.

35/08 Correspondence

For reply and attention

a) Lawford PC had written to express dissatisfaction with the way the police management was utilising the PCSOs. The clerk was asked to contact Lawford and suggest this was best raised at the next PCSO committee meeting. **Action: Clerk**

b) A letter from Manningtree Methodist church requested the Council's support in requesting new highway markings: a white line to keep access to the driveway clear, and a disabled parking bay outside the church porch. The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest and offered information but no opinion, and did not vote. The Councillors decided that they felt able to support the white line, but that the disabled bay would remove parking from residents in an area in which it is in very short supply, whilst the church had the option of dedicating parking for disabled visitors on the forecourt of the church hall. The Mayor and the Clerk would inform the Church accordingly.

c) the Clerk said that always there was additional post: TDC: extracts from summer programme, E-planning and 1-APP, Forward Plan, summons and Agenda; NE Essex NHS Trust; minutes of Cemetery committee.; The Tendring Villager.