

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL
Unapproved
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room
Thursday 24th July 2008

36/08 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: District Cllr. C. Guglielmi
Ms. F. Leate – Manningtree and Harwich Standard (to end item 45/08)
PCs Futcher and Stephenson (to end item 40/08)
Two members of the public
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

37/08 Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.

38/08 Minutes of the previous meetings Cllr. Dew requested that minute 30/08b) be amended to read, 'may need matched funding and may be lodged with Harwich connections...'. Following this revision, the minutes were proposed by Cllr. Edwards, seconded Cllr. Streames, and approved.

39/08 Declaration of interests There were no changes to the Declaration of Interests.

40/08 Open session This was brought forward for the convenience of the police, and all those present were welcomed by the Mayor. PC Futcher reported that crime was down compared to the same month last year; only assault had increased, from one case to two, but in both instances an arrest had been made.

41/08 Matters arising from the minutes

101/05 Possible site for youth shelter The Mayor suggested that this be discharged, as all efforts to find a site had proved fruitless. She said that should any possible site be noted in the future, the matter would again be placed on the agenda. **Item discharged**

103/05a) Conservation area Cllr. Dew reported that he and Richard Ling (clerk to Mistley PC) had arranged a meeting with Graham Thomas at TDC next week.

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay Mistley Parish Council has the matter in hand and it was felt that Manningtree TC had done all it could for now. **Item discharged**

83/07 Weight restriction Cllrs Streames and Lay-Flurrie had met the highways representative, along with two members of Lawford PC. It was agreed to have a traffic count and a full survey of the weight and width restriction signs. The main sign to the north of the crossing by the station is out of date. Regarding matters actually within the Town, Ms. James from Highways agreed to discuss the matter of the one-way system on Brook Street with the publican from the Swan. The clerk was asked to contact Ms. James to enquire about possible traffic calming measures on Brook Street. **Action: Clerk**

100/07a) Riverside lease Cllr. Guglielmi said he ensure Lawford PC discussed this again. Cllr. Hoskyns explained that the original motivation had been to formalise the right of way which exists along the flood defences. Clerk to contact ECC re right of way. **Action: Clerk**

117/07 Area by the Post Office The Clerk said that owing to pressure of work she had not yet written to the Post Office. Cllr. Guglielmi asked permission to speak and said that Heart's Delight Nurseries, who have recently planted up the station roundabout in Lawford, had offered to replant the tubs in Manningtree. Cllr. Hoskyns explained that technically the tubs belonged to the Business Chamber and suggested he ask them for their consent. The Councillors were very pleased by this offer and hoped it would come to fruition.

118/07 Foundry Court Day Centre Cllr. Dew said that a press release was expected within the next few days.

19/08 Accounts 2007/08 **Item discharged**

20/08 Lighting and parking bay It was agreed that the Clerk should await a more detailed

quote for replacement lights, and make it an agenda item in September. Regarding the disabled parking bay on Brook Street, the Clerk was asked to contact ECC and ask for the three-hour limit to be imposed from 8a.m. to 8p.m.

Action: Clerk
Item discharged

33/08 Wardle Storey site

42/08 Reports from Representatives on Committees

a) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton reported that she, with Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, had been to the meeting which aimed to revive the Stour Valley Market Towns Partnership, which had looked very promising. The Town council would need two representatives; Cllr. Hoskyns proposed Cllrs Lay-Flurrie and Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Dew. The Clerk was asked to write and let SVMTP know this, and that Cllr. Dew would act in a reserve capacity if needed. **Action: Clerk**

b) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said there had been one plan, just in, **08/00990/FUL**, extension on Railway Terrace, but no decision had as yet been made.

c) Cllr. Dew reported that he had been at the Tendring Show on the TDC stand, and that the people he talked to were especially happy with the recycling system, the Careline and the Anti-Social Behaviour Hotline.

d) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said she had attended the police and PCSO meeting; the PCSOs are now patrolling late at night.

43/08 To agree the Town Council's response to the Tesco's application A letter had been written, combining the comments of all the Councillors, and circulated to them for their final approval. Cllr. Dew suggested that the spacing of the letter be opened out a little and this was agreed. Cllr. Hoskyns moved a vote of thanks to the Clerk for the work she had done on this, which was supported by the whole Council. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie proposed that the Town Council should vote to oppose the application and send the circulated letter to TDC. Seconded by Cllr. Edwards and unanimously approved. It was also agreed that a summary of the letter be placed on the Town notice board, and that the full text be made available in the Library. **Action: Clerk**

44/08 To discuss the purchase of salt for the Marketplace and a cigarette disposal unit for the bus shelter The councillors agreed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie's suggestion that a bag of salt be bought for spot weed control, and also that TDC be asked the cost of emptying a cigarette disposal unit, as numerous butts are left on the pavement by the Skinners' Arms bus stop.

Action: Clerk

45/08 To discuss passing to Mistley PC the remaining £117.43 in the Skateboard Fund Proposed Cllr. Dew, seconded Cllr. Hughes-Stanton. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie wondered if it might be possible to install a seat under one of the high ends of the half-pipe; Cllr. Dew said that he doubted it but that he would investigate. **Action: Cllr. Dew, Clerk**

46/08 To approve payment of the following cheques

Big Beach Bash	£100.00
Environmental Design (grass cutting)	£84.60
E-on (electricity supply)	£166.09
And for urgent payment British Telecom	£105.46

(phone in community room) Proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

47/08 Correspondence

For reply and attention

a) Gary Butler of the Thames Sailing Barge Trust had written to ask that all efforts continue to be made to preserve the right of public mooring. The Clerk said she would contact him to let him know that the matter was now in the hands of Mistley PC but that the Town Council would continue to do all it could. **Action: Clerk**

b) The Clerk said that the following post had been added to the wallet since the agenda was written: email from the Co-op; TDC: tree grants, forward plan; NHS: neonatal care; Essex Environment Trust.

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 24th July 2008

Report prepared 14th July

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street I have written to District Cllr Iris Johnson asking that some funding and some effort be put towards saving this building.

101/05 Possible site for youth shelter Nothing further to report.

103/05a) Conservation Area My understanding is that there is an offer of a grant, but that we are waiting to hear from Mistley PC.

126/05 Guide book Nothing further to report.

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

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store See agenda item.

83/07 Weight restriction The site meeting has taken place. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie to report.

100/07a) Riverside Lease Lawford have replied to say they are not willing to lease the land at their end of the Riverside wall.

117/07 Area by the Post Office I am writing to the Post Office to ask if we can put a planter in this area.

118/07 Foundry Court Day Centre Councillors to report.

19/08 Accounts for 2007/08

Item for discharge

20/08 Assorted highways and lighting issues In the absence of any reply from Cartledge, I have contacted another contractor and await information.

31/08 Tesco Application Once the Retail Assessment was submitted, it was passed between the councillors. Following their submission of their comments, a draft letter was composed and circulated.

33/08 Wardle Storey Site I have written to Babergh DC.

Item for discharge