

**MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL**  
Unapproved  
**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**1/09 Present:** Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie    Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton (Minutes)

Cllr. A. Hoskyns            Cllr. M. Dew

Cllr. E. Edwards           Cllr. V. Bettle

**In attendance:**    Ms. A. Collitt (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)

Mrs. R. Day

**2/09 Apologies for absence:** Cllr. R. Streames; Clerk.

**3/09 Minutes of the previous meeting** The minutes of the meeting of 19th March were approved. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Dew and signed by the Mayor.

**4/09 Declaration of interests** There were none.

**5/09 Matters arising from the minutes**

**39/03 Condition of 33 South Street** Cllr. Dew reported that he had been told by TDC that they were in confidential discussions with the owner. The heritage and conservation officer, Phil Hornby, was returning to work with 30 conservation issues in Tendring but that this was top priority and that there were hopes for a full conclusion.

**103/05a) Conservation Area** Cllr Dew reported that Mistley PC ad agreed to the Conservation Area Management Plan which would be undertaken by the same consultants, The Conservation Studio, responsible for the supplementary planning document for Mistley Quay who were already contacting interested parties. Eddie Booth of The Conservation Studio would attend the AGM of Mithras to start the consultation.

**126/05 Guide Book** The guide book was shortly to go to the printers. The Mayor thought the cost of £1,800.01 very reasonable for 7,000 copies.

**118/09 Foundry Court Day Centre** Cllr. Dew reported that the lunch club operated successfully on two days but more volunteers were required for an extra day. Other activities were in the pipeline. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie reported that a resident was looking forward to learning computer skills. The second computer from the Community Room was to go to Mistley Village Hall.

**55/08 Youth Drop-in Centre** The Planning Committee agreed permission unanimously.

**90/08 Issues with the Fiveways Car Park** The minutes of the meeting with representatives of the Co-op had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said that they were very co-operative and would do what they could to alleviate problems. They agreed that the barrier would come down every day. She said that councillors should see that everything agreed happened.

**101/08 Regeneration of Market Area** Cllr. Lay-Flurrie reported that she had secured funding for all the seats and would consult councillors with all the catalogues. She hoped that the seats would be made of durable reconstituted material.

**120/08b) Request for a dropped kerb on South Street** Cllr. Dew would report ECC Highways' response to the warden of Quay Court. Dropped kerbs were not possible where requested but were at the northern end of South Street on both sides.

**124/08 Possible amalgamation of the three parishes of Manningtree, Mistley**

**and Lawford Cllr.** Dew reported from his enquiries at TDC that there is no set number of councillors but that a council of equivalent size, eg Brightlingsea, would have 12 to 15 councillors. Manningtree would have 2 instead of 7 councillors. To the question of whether there could be wards within the council, the answer was yes. There would not be a mayor as it is the town of Manningtree that has the charter. The cost of a referendum would be about £3,000 and it would not be possible to arrange it in time for the June elections. It was agreed that the council should wait until the other two councils had discussed it although the two chairmen were known to be against it. To Cllr. Hoskyns' question as to whether Manningtree's charter would completely lapse with an amalgamation, Cllr Dew said that further enquires could be made to TDC and the legal guidelines he had received from them would be circulated.

**6/09 Open session** Mrs Day said that she had tried to talk to a contractor about a key to the barrier at the Co-op. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said that they were considering a different system. Cllr Dew said that the Co-op was informing people about the barrier before using it. Mrs Day also complained about the lights coming on at 5.30am and not going off until 10.30pm instead of 9.30pm as promised. Cllr Lay-Flurrie agreed to contact the Co-op.

**7/09 Reports from Representatives on Committees** Cllr. Hughes-Stanton reported that the committee of the Stour Valley Market Town Partnership was given presentations about the Market Town Initiatives of Harwich and Brightlingsea. They had gone about things in completely different ways but both achieved great things, which was inspiring and encouraging.

**8/09 Widening the footpath outside Hillside, Colchester Road** Cllr. Lay-Flurrie reported that the path was narrow and the camber so great that prams were almost forced into the road. Previously a neighbouring landowner had given a section of his garden and ECC Highways had widened the path. The owner, Mr. Miles Churchill, was agreeable to this solution. It was agreed that a formal letter be written to him to ask that negotiation with ECC be started. Cllr. Hoskyns proposed, Cllr. Edwards seconded.

**9/09 To approve payment of the following cheques**

Big Beach Bash £100

Environmental Design £21.85 (grass cutting)

And for urgent payment:

PCSOs £919.85

Light repair £296.70

Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr Lay-Flurrie.

**10/09 Correspondence**

**For reply and attention a)** TDC: Core Strategy Discussion Document. Reply was due by 1st May so councillors were asked to circulate quickly and respond. There would be consultation opportunity at the Methodist Hall the following Saturday.

**b)** Email re BT exchange. It was reported that work had been ongoing but councillors were urged to go and look at the problems.

**c)** It was agreed that the leaflet from the Essex Tourism Association needed further examination and as the deadline was not immediate it was decided to add it to the wallet.

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## CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Report prepared 30<sup>th</sup> March

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

**103/05a) Conservation Area** Nothing further to report.

**126/05 Guide book** This is shortly due to go to the printer..

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

**119/06 Proposed Tesco Store** I have written to TDC as requested, to explain what that, should the store go ahead, the Town Council would like to see extensive planting of native species around the store, and re-iterating the Council's opposition to the store and the hope that measures would be put in place to ameliorate the impact of the proposed store.

**83/07 Width restriction** Nothing further to report

**100/07a) Riverside Lease** I have contacted Lawford to explain that the SVMTP cannot take on the lease, but have not heard back..

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

**20/08 Assorted highways and lighting issues** The new light (including disposal of the old one) will cost £1,620 net. There will also be a reconnection charge levied by EDF. The Stour Street light has also been repaired. I have also written to highways to ask for the yellow lines previously agreed for Brook Street at the junction with Railway Street.

**55/08 Youth Drop-in Centre** Nothing further to report.

**66/08 Access Survey** Nothing further to report.

**81/08a) Addition of a name to the war memorial** I have received a verbal quote for the addition of a name to the war memorial; it would be in the region of £100.

**90/08 Issues with the Fiveways car park** Nothing further to report.

**101/08 Regeneration of market area** Mayor to report.

**120/08b) Request for a dropped kerb on South Street** I have forwarded this to Highways.