

**MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL**  
Unapproved  
**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009**

**11/09 Present:** Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton (Minutes)  
Cllr. A. Hoskyns Cllr. M. Dew  
Cllr. E. Edwards Cllr. V. Bettle

**In attendance:** District Cllr. C. Guglielmi  
Ms. A. Collitt (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)  
Ms. C. Tilley (as above)  
Ms. R. Kenneison - Clerk

**12/09 Apologies for absence:** Cllr. R. Streames.

**13/09 Minutes of the previous meeting** The minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> April were approved. Proposed Cllr. Edwards, seconded Cllr. Bettle and signed by the Mayor.

**14/09 Declaration of interests** There were none.

**15/09 Matters arising from the minutes**

**126/05 Guide Book** Cllr. Dew expressed his dismay that TDC's contribution of £2,000 to this publication had not been acknowledged on the cover; the Clerk apologised for this oversight. The Clerk said that there was enough money in the account to cover delivery, except for a few outlying properties; Cllr. Dew said he would cover those to the South of the Horsley Cross roundabout; District Cllr. Guglielmi said the ones in Lawford would be included in his paper rounds. Every effort would be made to get one to every home but if anyone had not received one by the end of July they should contact the Clerk.

**82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay** There is to be a boat rally there on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> across the top of the tide.

**100/07a) Riverside lease** Following an approach by Ken Edwards, Lawford have agreed to join us with the lease provided the costs are not excessive. The Clerk said she would get a quote for outstanding legal costs and speak to TDC. **Action: Clerk**

**118/09 Foundry Court Day Centre** Cllr. Dew reported that the lunches were continuing successfully. **Item discharged**

**20/08 Lighting issues** The Clerk reported that the new light at the South Street/Brook street junction was due go in during the coming week and that reconnection would then to be arranged. To speed matters up, she asked that a limit on expenditure be agreed, so that a cheque for that amount could be signed if necessary prior to the next meeting. Cllr. Edwards proposed £600 limit, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie.

**55/08 Youth Drop-in Centre** This is likely to be opened late July or early August. The local youth have been involved in the name and the design.

**66/08 Access survey** Cllr Dew reported that he was waiting to hear back from disabled residents about which foot[paths and barriers they found difficult to negotiate.

**90/08 Issues with the Fiveways Car Park** Cllr. Lay-Flurrie reported that lightys were being left on too late now that the clocks had gone forward, but that this issue should shortly be resolved. The car park is to be locked overnight from 9.30p.m. from 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**120/08b) Request for a dropped kerb on South Street** Cllr. Dew reported that the kerbs are to go in outside Quay Courtyard. Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said that the road marking on the corner there were badly worn. **Action: Clerk**

**124/08 Possible amalgamation of the three parishes of Manningtree, Mistley and Lawford** The Councillors decided to call an end to this debate: the proposal did not have their support. **Item discharged**

**16/09 Open session** Cllr. Guglielmi said that the permission for the youth drop-in centre had been granted for three years and would be revoked at the end of that time if noise was an issue. He added that progress was being made on the feasibility study for the swimming pool at the High School and that a report should be ready by September.

**17/09 Reports from Representatives on Committees** a) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said one plan had come in: 09/00267/FUL, extension on Railway Street, no objections.  
b) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said that the Stour Valley Market Town Partnership members were working on individual projects, including the revival of the business chamber.  
c) Cllr. Hoskyns said that the Cemetery Committee had still not met.

**18/09 To approve the Council's accounts for 2008-09** Cllr Dew proposed that the accounts be accepted, and thanked the Clerk for her hard work; seconded Cllr. Hoskyns. Cllr Dew, seconded by Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, proposed that in future a separate account be kept for the community room. The Clerk said she would bring one to the next meeting. Cllr. Dew also thanked the community room's volunteers, Lionel Lay-Flurrie and Cora Townes, for all their input. The accounts will now go forward for audit. **Action: Clerk**

**19/09 to appoint a representative to the Welcome Home and Memorial Fund** Cllr. Streames had agreed to serve another term and was therefore reappointed. Proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, Seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

**20//09 To approve payment of the following cheques**

EON	£166.09
EALC	£223.04
WPS Insurance	£1,110.00
Denis Hitchcock	£62.66

Proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Hughes-Stanton.

The Clerk explained that the insurance brokerage was offering a 'four months for the price of three' deal if the council would change its renewal date. Cllr. Hoskyns proposed that she obtain a quote, seconded Cllr. Hughes-Stanton.

**21/09 Correspondence**

**For reply and attention a)** Letter from Ken Edwards (Lawford PC) regarding A137 crossing. The Councillors agreed to write to Cllr. Edwards saying that improvements would be highly desirable provided that increased traffic volumes did not result, suggesting that a safety survey should be undertaken and requesting that the Town Council be kept fully informed. **Action: Clerk**

**b)** Request from SSC for sand for the beach. Agreed. Quote needed. **Action: Clerk**

**c)** Essex Tourism: decision made not to join.

Signed.....Dated.....