



# MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at 7.30 p.m.**

**127/09 Present:** Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie (Mayor) Cllr. E. Edwards  
Cllr. A. Hoskyns Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton  
Cllr. K. King Cllr. R. Streames

**In attendance:** Ms. C. Tilley (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)  
Mrs. R. Day Mrs. W. Saint-James – Clerk

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed Ms. Kerry King as our new councillor.

## **128/09 Apologies for absence**

Cllr. M. Dew (at Tendring District Council meeting) and District Cllr. C. Guglielmi.

## **129/09 Minutes of the previous meeting**

One correction was made to the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, (Ms. C. Tilley attended the meeting for the local press and not Ms. A. Collitt as stated). The minutes were then approved, proposed by Cllr. Streames; seconded by Cllr. Edwards and signed by the Mayor.

**130/09 Declaration of interests** There were no changes.

## **131/09 Matters arising from the minutes**

**126/05 Guide Book** It was agreed to keep this matter under review.

**119/06 Proposed Tesco Store** A response to the revised planning application had been sent to Tendring DC Planning Department.

**20/08 Assorted highways and lighting issues** The clerk will contact Essex CC at the end of the month to arrange the painting of the 4 lamp-posts (identified previously). **Action: Clerk**

**101/08 Regeneration of market area** The Mayor informed the meeting that the seats had not yet been fitted but that a new signpost had been erected on the corner of Brook Street. The clerk is to arrange for the old post to be removed. **Action: Clerk**

**71/09c) Trees off Malthouse Road** Work completed. **Item Discharged**

**93/09 To discuss the adoption of the red telephone kiosk** Further to his letter the clerk was asked to contact Mr. Hornby to clarify the procedure for this adoption. **Action: Clerk**

**94/09b) Parking on the corner of York Street and Oxford Road** The 'Polite Notice: No Parking' sign has not been erected as yet. However, the resident has reported to the Mayor that lately the situation has been much improved.

**103/09 Lights in the Co-op car park** **Item Discharged**

**105/09 Salt bins** **Item Discharged**

**106/09 Co-Option of Councillor** **Item Discharged**

**109/09 S137 Grant for Manningtree Community First Responders** **Item Discharged**

**120/09 Considerate Parking Initiative** The Mayor attended the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March and brought some information regarding the launch for circulation to the councillors.

**121/09 Capital expenditure plans for street lighting** **Item Discharged**

**122/09 New representative for TDALC** Cllr. King was appointed as representative to TDALC, proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Cllr. Hoskyns. **Item Discharged**

<b>123/09 S137 Payments</b>	<b>Item Discharged</b>
<b>124/09 New Trustee for Manningtree &amp; Mistley Welcome Home &amp; Memorial Fund</b>	<b>Item Discharged</b>
Mr. A. Coley appointed.	<b>Item Discharged</b>
<b>126/09 Correspondence</b> Replies sent as agreed	<b>Item Discharged</b>

### **132/09 Open session**

Ms. C. Tilley informed the meeting that Ms. A. Collitt had left the Harwich & Manningtree Standard to join the Essex County Standard which meant that, for the time being, she would be the sole point of contact for reporting news items.

Mrs. Day stated that she was now satisfied with the Co-op car park lighting situation.

### **133/09 Reports from Representatives on Committees**

**a).** Cllr. Hughes-Stanton stated that there were no objections to the planning application for the house in Mill Lane. The Business Chamber is still improving and an Easter project, (probably a treasure hunt), is being planned. Accent Marketing and the Harwich & Manningtree Standard are arranging publicity. The Stour Valley Market Town Partnership were developing their projects.

**b).** Cllr. Hoskyns informed the meeting that the Cemetery Committee had met last week and the minutes will follow shortly. However, the Cemetery had not been very profitable this financial year and the small surplus would be set aside as a contingency for the future.

**c).** Cllr. Edwards stated that a number of planning applications had been received during the month and there were no objections. The house in Mill Lane was satisfactory as it was in keeping with the area.

**d).** The Mayor had attended several functions and meetings in the month:-

i). The inauguration of the Stour & Orwell Management Strategy and New Scheme of Management. The Mayor brought to the meeting some information for circulation;

ii). A Civic Service at Brightlingsea;

iii). An informal meeting at Clacton Town Hall with Neil Stock and Peter Halliday;

iv). The Essex Design Initiative meetings at The Hub and The Venture Centre, Lawford;

v). The Considerate Parking Initiative meeting in Harwich. The Mayor confirmed that Manningtree has now officially joined the scheme;

vi). The Mayor had also represented Manningtree Town Council at the official welcome of Christine Hill, the new vicar at Mistley Church.

### **134/09 Appointment of new Internal Auditor**

The appointment of Miss Valerie Pretty was agreed. Proposed by Cllr. Hughes-Stanton and seconded by the Mayor.

**Action: Clerk**

### **135/09 To discuss the Village of the Year competition**

It was agreed that Manningtree would enter this competition, proposed by Cllr. Hoskyns and seconded by Cllr. King. A working party would be formed and the clerk would complete the paperwork. An initial meeting was arranged for Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Action: All**

### **136/09 To discuss articulated lorries in Colchester Road**

The Mayor had received a complaint regarding a Co-op articulated lorry that had driven up Colchester Road from Long Road and met with coaches that were parking at Manningtree High School, thus causing traffic problems. Such lorries should approach the Co-op via Cox's Hill and the clerk was asked to investigate if the railway bridge in Colchester Road has a weight restriction that would preclude access for such heavy vehicles. The clerk would liaise with Lawford PC as the problem also affects their parish.

**Action: Clerk**

### **137/09 To discuss the acquisition and siting of salt bins**

Cllr. Streames stated that a new salt bin in the High Street was needed: possibly to be sited at the Old Post Office. The Mayor agreed to ask Gladstones, (who are supplying the seating for the market area), if they could supply a salt bin to fit into the corner of the Post Office site. Cllr. Hughes-Stanton agreed to ask Jewsons if they could provide the salt. **Action: Mayor and Cllr.**

**Hughes-Stanton.**

**138/09 To discuss S137 payments**

Three requests had been received. The Grand Theatre of Lemmings had requested a grant for the Big Beach Bash. £100 was agreed as per budget, payable in April. Donations were also agreed for 'Home Start' (a children's charity) proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Cllr. Edwards; and The Manningtree Rail Users Association, proposed by Cllr. Hughes-Stanton and seconded by Cllr. Hoskyns – both in the sum of £50.00 each. **Action: Clerk**

**139/09 To approve payment of the following cheques:-**

A & J Lighting Solutions (Repair)	£128.60
Manningtree Museum (S137)	£75.00
M'tree/ Mistley Welcome Home Mem. Fund (S137)	£300.00
Manningtree Community First Responders (S137)	£200.00
Crown Estates (increase in annual rent)	£15.00
Petty Cash	£50.00
Cartridge Save (printer cartridge for photocopier)	£45.49
Clerk's pay and expenses (Jan-Mar 2010)	£698.60

and for urgent payment: Home Start (S137 payment for £50.00) and Manningtree Rail Users Association (S137 payment for £50.00). Proposed by Cllr. Hoskyns and seconded by Cllr. Edwards.

**140/09 Correspondence**

**a).** The clerk brought to the Councillors' attention the parking amendment plans received from Essex County Council.

**b).** Several items of mail had been received post-agenda and included in the circulation wallet: ECC parking amendment plans; ECC carer awareness seminar; ECC East Essex Area Forum minutes; MRUA report; CPI press release; Letter to TDC planning re. Tesco; Tendring Play Partnership agenda/minutes; NALC networking lunch programme; The People's Millions Funding Opportunity; TDC Forward Plan 102; 'My Tendring' promotion; MADNAP actions and meeting dates; Sustainable Communities Act.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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