

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room
Thursday 12th October 2006

61/06 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. K. Scott
Cllr. R. Streames
In attendance: Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

62/06 Apologies for absence Cllrs. Dew and Edwards.

63/06 Minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the meetings of 7th September were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

64/06 Declaration of interests There were no changes to the Declaration of Interests.

65/06 Matters arising from the minutes

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street No reply as yet to the letter to TDC, but TDC has visited the owner. A member of the public has also written to TDC. **Action: Clerk**

21/05d) Bench from by the Skinners' Arms The Clerk reported that a resident had objected to the proposed re-siting of the bench by the end of Gasfield, but after discussion the Councillors took the view that opinion amongst residents was split and decided to go ahead. Site meeting to be arranged. **Action: Clerk**

92/05 Adopt-a-beach Cllrs. Lay-Flurrie and Hoskyns reported that two sacks of rubbish had been collected. **Item discharged**

10/06a) Quotes for lighting maintenance A lighting company has offered a maintenance contract at a cheaper rate for repairs than our present supplier, but more expensive for regular checks. Clerk to compare and report back. **Action: Clerk**

11/06 Additional sign for South Street Sign installed. **Item discharged**

22/06 CPRE meeting Cllrs. Lay-Flurrie and Hughes-Stanton reported. Good meeting with four speakers. It seems clear that the new format for the local plan (the 'Local Development Framework') is to have consultation with communities at the start rather than at the end of the process and for this reason Parish Plans are now very important: if Manningtree does one, TDC will have to take notice.

35/06 Trees on the Green Works completed and trees a good shape. **Item discharged**

56/06c) Environment Agency works The EA has written to say it will keep us informed. The Clerk was asked to pass a copy of this letter to a concerned resident. **Action: Clerk**

56/06d) Tesco grant **Item discharged**

57/06 Running of Community Room Cllr Dew has arranged a meeting with Colne Housing.

66/06 Reports from representatives on committees

- a) Cllr. Streames had attended a routine meeting of the Welcome Home Field Committee.
- b) Cllr. Scott reported from the Older People's Forum that many older people find their gardens difficult to manage. A scheme for assistance is being considered.
- c) He added that the last of the Floral Manningtree money would be used to plant up the tubs one final time.
- d) Cllr. Hoskyns reported from the CPREssex AGM at the Mistley Institute, where it was advised that constant vigilance was necessary regarding the East of England plan.
- e) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said that there had been no plans this month but that she was concerned regarding the Railex site. It was proposed and agreed to write to Bernard Jenkin. **Action: Clerk**
- f) The matter was raised on behalf of Cllr. Dew that the Town should order a new sign for the market; the market manager has said that he will pay half the cost. Proposed Cllr. Streames,

seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie.

Action: Clerk

67/06 To consider parking issues on South Street and Quay Street

- a) The Clerk explained that a resident had written to request time-limited double yellow lines outside 51, 53 and 62 South Street, where the road narrows considerably and lorries squeezing past parked cars have caused damage, including a broken window to a house. It was decided that the Clerk should speak to all affected residents and to ECC and report back. **Action: Clerk**
- b) A letter had been received complaining about the 'reserving' of public parking spaces on Quay Street for private use. It was decided to write to the 'reserver' to request that this practice ceased, considering the shortage of parking in the town. **Action: Clerk**

68/06 to consider part-funding of the Christmas lights A request had been for the Town Council to fund the safety check of the Christmas lights. Those present agreed to place the cheque on the November agenda for payment.

69/06 To approve payment of the following cheques Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said that her husband refused to accept the full mileage allowance to which he was entitled for taking her and Cllr. Hughes-Stanton to Huntingdon for the CPRE meeting, and would accept no more than 30p a mile. Cheques proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Scott:

Mistely PC (PCSOs)	£892.18
CPRE (sub)	£26.00
Car mileage	£53.40
Floyd Forestry	£220.00

70/06 Correspondence

- a) With the Mayor's agreement, the Clerk had written to object to the PCT's suggestion that Manningtree and environs no longer counted as "rural" (this would mean that doctors could no longer prescribe for patients who lived more than a mile from the surgery). The report upon which this suggestion was made was riddled with inaccuracies
- b) A letter from Mr. Wood of Aldis Fashions was to be passed to the Community Bus to enquire if it would be possible to run a service into town from Brantham. **Action: Clerk**
- c) The Clerk said she had replied to a letter from the Rotary concerning the clock, to observe that the Council is empowered to make grants for projects for the public good. She was asked to reply to a TDC questionnaire on Planning. **Action: Clerk**
- d) The Clerk added a quantity of correspondence to the file: ECC letter concerning the puddle by the Skinners' Arms; TDC: notification of accounts, forward plan, holiday guide; copy letter from Riverside Surgery to the PCT; street furniture brochure.

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 12th October 2006**

Report prepared 2nd October

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street I have written to TDC. No reply as yet..

21/05d) Bench from near Skinners' Arms I have written to TDC to ask for a site visit to decide on an exact location.

92/05 Adopt-a-beach The pick-up took place and the data sheet was completed.

Item for discharge

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

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

117/05b) Highways matters Nothing further to report re disabled parking bay.

123/05 Broken kerb on Riverside Avenue Nothing further to report.

126/05 Welcome card and guide book Nothing further to report.

10/06a) Quotes for lighting maintenance Prices obtained from Just Lamps.

11/06c) Additional sign for South Street Sign installed.

Item for discharge

22/06 CPRE planning meeting Cllrs Lay-Flurrie and Hughes-Stanton to report.

24/06 Replacement street light Just Lamps still pursuing light.

35/06 Trees on the Green Lowest quote accepted and works already carried out.

Item for discharge

56/06c) Environment Agency works I have written to enquire about the works by Maltings Wharf but had no reply.

56/06d) Tesco grant I contacted Look East and they were thrilled with the story; however, Tesco rapidly apologised, so the story was over.

Item for discharge

57/06 Running of Community Room Colne Housing is in principle happy to have a meeting but a date has yet to be fixed.