

## MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

### Unapproved

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006

71/06 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie  
Cllr. M. Dew  
Cllr. E. Edwards  
Cllr. A. Hoskyns  
Cllr. Hughes-Stanton  
Cllr. K. Scott

In attendance: Mr. J. Schofield (Harwich and Manningtree standard)  
One member of the public (to end Item 78/06)  
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

**72/06 Apologies for absence** Cllr. Streames. PCSOs Howe and Cuthbertson.

**73/06 Minutes of the previous meetings** The minutes of the meetings of 12<sup>th</sup> October were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr. Scott, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

**74/06 Declaration of interests** There were no changes to the Declaration of Interests. The Clerk was asked to bring the file to the next meeting so that Councillors could check their declarations.

### **75/06 Matters arising from the minutes**

**39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street** TDC has written; the Clerk was asked to reply to say we hoped to see action in the near future. **Action: Clerk**

**57/06 Running of Community Room** Cllr. Dew regretted that he had nothing to report as although he had met with Colne Housing they had not as yet written to him to finalise the rent.

**101/05 Site for youth shelter** A map of the site was passed round and discussed.

**67/06a) Time limited yellow lines on South Street** The Clerk explained that out of seven responses from the thirteen households contacted, six were (mostly vehemently) opposed. Two suggested a reduction in camber, and one a width restriction. The Clerk was asked to inform the residents that the idea would progress no further, and to contact ECC to enquire about the camber and a width restriction. **Action: Clerk**

**70/06a) Request to run the Community Bus from Brantham into Manningtree**  
**Iem discharged**

**76/06 Open Session** Mr. Schofield said he had spoken to a legal firm which works for Tesco and been told that information would soon be available about the Railex site.

### **77/06 Reports from representatives on committees**

**a)** Cllr. Dew reported that the reorganisation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of TDC into three had been completed; he is now chair of the one concerned with the provision of services to the community. The upgrading of public conveniences is their first task.

**b)** Cllr. Scott reported from the Parish Passenger Transport Committee. He had asked if the former bus stop by Townsend's could be re-instated. This suggestion has been referred on.

**c)** Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said that the Street Fair was on track and that the Christmas lights were up.

**78/06 To discuss the Town Plan meeting of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** The Clerk reported that, in the absence of the speaker due to illness, she had given a short talk to the small group which attended. Those present were very interested in the project and a number of them volunteered to be on any committee that might be formed. It was decided to meet again in the New Year to arrange a bigger meeting with a speaker. **Action: Clerk**

**79/06 To set a date for the annual budget meeting** It was agreed to meet at the Clerk's house on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10a.m. **Action: Cllrs. Clerk**

**80/06 to set dates for meetings in 2007** The Clerk was asked to produce a list of suggested dates for agreement at the Budget meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**81/06 To discuss untidy areas of the Town** Cllr. Lay-Flurrie observed that there were a number of underused bins in the town which could perhaps be moved to more useful locations. The Councillors agreed to consider this and report back. **Action: Cllrs**

**82/06 To discuss public access at Mistley Quay** The Stour Sailing Club had written expressing concern over safety and public rights of access and mooring at Mistley Quay. Cllr. Dew said that the continuation of public access was still included in the draft Local Plan due to Cllr. Potter's efforts, and that Cllr. Smith of Mistley PC will speak in support of continued public access at the hearings on the Local Plan. The Clerk was asked to reply, to correct certain inaccuracies, support public access and request a copy of their correspondence with the Health and Safety Executive with a view to the Town Council writing to request that action be taken. **Action: Clerk**

**83/06 To approve payment of the following cheques**

Proposed Cllr. Dew, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie:	
Christmas Lights check	£132.77
Mistley and Manningtree PCC (cemetery grant)	£200.00
TDALC (subscription)	£5.00
E-on Energy (street lighting)	£166.09

**70/06 Correspondence**

- a)** A letter had been received from the Autumn Days Over 60s club; it was agreed donate £10 towards a raffle prize. **Action: Clerk**
- b)** The countryside Alliance had written asking us to write in support of small rural post offices. Although we are not directly affected, it was agreed to do so. **Action: Clerk**
- c)** Extra post: E. Essex Area Forum; TDC recreation newsletter; ECC mobile library for reply.

Your MP, [Bernard Jenkin](#), will be holding a surgery in the Community Room on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 5-7p.m. If you need an appointment, contact his office on 01376 564292

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

Report prepared 8<sup>th</sup> November

**39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street** An officer from TDC has visited the owner.

**21/05d) Bench from near Skinners' Arms** I again requested a site visit with TDC to decide on an exact location.

**101/05 Possible site for youth shelter** I have written again to Telereal and they have explained that although the land is not available for freehold purchase a leasehold might be possible.

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

**117/05b) Highways matters** I have spoken to Highways about the disabled parking bay; like all their other new roadmarkings, it is being held up by a fault in a new computer system.

**126/05 Welcome card and guide book** Nothing further to report. I have been in contact again.

**10/06a) Quotes for lighting maintenance** Nothing further to report.

**24/06 Replacement street light** Just Lamps pursuing light and very apologetic for the delay.

**56/06c) Environment Agency works** The reply received from the Environment Agency stated that they would keep us informed

**57/06 Running of Community Room** Cllr. Dew to report.

**66/06e) Future of Railex Site** I have written to Bernard Jenkin to ask if he can find out what is likely to happen to the site.

**66/06f) New market sign** The sign has been ordered.

**67/06a) Suggestion to have time-limited yellow lines near the top of South Street** I have written to all the residents likely to be affected and responses are coming in.

**67/06b) Parking on Quay Street** I have written as requested. No response to date.

**70/06a) Request to run the Community Bus from Brantham into Manningtree** I passed Mr. Wood's letter to Mr. Trathen of the Community Bus; he thought it a good suggestion (although they are rather short of drivers), has spoken to Mr. Wood and will raise the matter at the next meeting.

**Item for discharge**