

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room Thursday 12th April 2007

114/06 Present: Cllr. M. Dew
Cllr. E. Edwards
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie
Cllr. R. Streames

In attendance: Mr. J. Schofield (Harwich and Manningtree Standard)
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

1/07 Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.

2/06 Minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the meeting of 15th March were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Hughes-Stanton.

3/07 Declaration of interests There were no changes to report.

4/07 Matters arising from the minutes

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street After the Clerk reported the fallen slates, the matter was passed back to Listed Buildings and nothing has been heard since.

103/05a) Conservation area The councillors will report in May.

Action: Councillors

10/06a) Quotes for lighting maintenance.

Item discharged

81/06 Location of waste bins. The bins have been moved.

Item discharged

112/06b) Lights at Maltings Wharf

Item discharged

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store After much discussion, the Councillors decided to vote on two separate proposals next month, which would be placed on the Agenda. The first will be: In principle the Town Council is opposed to any application for an additional supermarket in the Town as it considers that one supermarket is enough. The second will be: The Town Council considers that the site proposed for a supermarket by Tesco should remain zoned for industrial use.

For other information on matters arising, please see Clerk's Report.

5/07 Open session Mr. Schofield said that Brantham PC was quite convinced that Manningtree TC had already voted to oppose the Tesco application. The Clerk undertook to search the minutes to see where this might have originated.

Action: Clerk

6/07 To receive reports from representatives on committees

a) Cllr. Hoskyns said that there were tools remaining from Floral Manningtree. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said she would ask the Business Chamber what to do, as it is theirs.

Action: Cllr. Lay-Flurrie

b) Cllr. Dew said that Colne Housing is happy to continue the lease for another six months. The Clerk said she would place this on the April agenda for a vote.

Action: Clerk

c) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said that she had attended a meeting with Hutchison Ports, who had said their trade was variable, but that no port extensions would take place until the A120 was improved.

d) She added that there would be no Christmas Street Fair this year as there was no-one prepared to come forward and organise it, although the lights will go up.

7/07 To appoint a new trustee to the Welcome Home and Memorial Fund The Councillors said that it would be best if a member of the community, especially one with young children, would come forward for this position, and asked the Clerk to advertise this.

Action: Clerk

8/07 To consider arranging a joint meeting with Mistley and Lawford parish councils to discuss Tesco The Councillors asked the Clerk to come up with some possible dates, though not any Wednesday evenings.

Action: Clerk

9/07 To approve payment of the following cheques Proposed Cllr. Edwards, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

E-on (street lighting) £166.09

10/07 Correspondence

a) For reply and attention Cllr. Dew asked that Manningtree TC donate a sum towards the provision, over the summer, of a skateboard half-pipe, which will probably be sited at Furze Hill. TDC has already donated £2,000, half the cost of a summer's hire. He also asked that the Council sign the booking form, as this would mean that any VAT charged could be reclaimed. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Edwards and agreed.

b) The Clerk said that she had applied for and received a quote for insurance, via Norwich Union, considerably cheaper than that offered by the Council's present insurer for comparable cover. She passed the papers to interested councillors and asked which estimate the council would accept. Cllr. Hoskyns proposed to accept the Norwich Union quote, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie and agreed.

c) The Clerk said that only six nominations had been received and that it would be necessary to advertise the need to co-opt a new councillor. **Action: Clerk**

d) TDC is running a course on special expenses. The Clerk volunteered to attend **Action: Clerk**

e) A letter asking for support in opposing the closure of The Bartlet convalescent home, which serves patients of East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospitals, had been received. The councillors agreed to write in support. **Action: Clerk**

f) The Clerk said that some extra post had been added to the wallet: concerning Tesco's; Older People's forum; TDC grant funding for skatepark; CPRE; TCVS.

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 12th April 2007

Report prepared 4th April

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street Some slates blew off the roof in recent high winds; I notified Dangerous Structures at TDC and was told a surveyor would investigate.

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

103/05a) Conservation Area Councillors to report

117/05b) Highways matters The legal notices have been produced for the disabled parking bay, so we await action.

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

10/06a) Quotes for lighting maintenance In my view, at this stage any savings would be marginal so I recommend that this item is discharged.

24/06 Replacement street light I have written to inform Just Lamps that if no light is forthcoming in the next few weeks, we will search for another supplier. I understand that they have had the column delivered but not the lantern.

78/06 Town Plan meeting Those who attended the meeting of 21st March have organised another.

81/06 Location of waste bins The bins have been moved

Item for discharge

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay I await a full reply from the HSE.

92/06a) Tesco and Railex Site See now item **119/06:**

this item for discharge.

110/06 Possibility of a salt bin on the Marketplace I spoke to ECC Highways who advised that we first contact TDC to see if they will allow a salt bin to be placed on the market. I have therefore written to TDC and await a response.

112/06d) Lights at Maltings Wharf I have replied to the managing agents.

Item for discharge

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store It was confirmed at the March meeting that Tesco were planning to propose a large store for the Railex site on Station Road. Manningtree TC has not yet decided an official policy to this proposal.

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Minutes of the Town Assembly held in The Community Room on Thursday 12th April 2007.

- Present:** Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie - Mayor
Cllr. M. Dew - Deputy Mayor
Cllr. E. Edwards
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. R. Streames
- In attendance:** Mr. J. Schofield - Harwich and Manningtree Standard
PCSO D. Cuthbertson
PCSO P. Beer
Ms. R. Kenneison - Clerk

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** There were no apologies.
- 2. Minutes of the previous Town Assembly held 20th April 2006 to be approved and signed.** The minutes were accepted; proposed by Cllr. Edwards, seconded by Cllr. Dew.
- 3. Report from the District Council.** Cllr. Dew reported that TDC has increased its share of the Council Tax by 4.9%, so its share of the council Tax for a Band D house in 2007-08 is £138.58. Recycling is now collected very week, along with the other rubbish. TDC and Manningtree High School are now jointly managing the sports' hall. TDC has given a grant of £2,000 towards the summer skateboard park which will probably be sited at Furze Hill. He said that he and Cllr. Potter, who is not standing for this area again as he is moving to Ardleigh, had helped residents with queries regarding tree pruning, council house improvements, housing issues, planning application and highway matters. He is currently chairman of the Services Development and Delivery Committee, vice-chair of the Human Resources Committee and represents TDC on the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Countryside Project.
- 4. Report from the Police** PCSO Cuthbertson said that the past month had been fairly representative, with some criminal damage and the usual complaints about nuisance youths making a noise late at night. He feels that overall these problems have diminished since the PCSOs started patrolling. He hopes to start a 5-side football team over the summer to help keep young lads off the streets. Cllr. Dew added that a lot of people in the community feel safer and happier knowing that the PCSOs are on the beat.
- 5. Mayor's Report** Cllr. Lay-Flurrie began by thanking the Councillors, Clerk and Handyman for all their work, particularly mentioning the new benches and bridge along the Riverside Walk, the skateboard days and the beach clean held last September as part of 'Beachwatch'. She added that she had attended a number functions as Mayor including, amongst others, a civic service at Great Bentley, a MacMillan funding event, an RAF reception on behalf of the ATC squadron and the opening of 'Dawsons' Bridge' next to the river. She added that she had also laid the Town's wreath on Remembrance Day. Major changes this year had included the resurfacing of Colchester Road and the arrival of the PCSOs, David and Hayley, who were both becoming well known in the Town. She added that she and Cllr. Hughes-Stanton had been to a seminar in Huntingdon about the new local planning system, organised by the Campaign to Protect Rural England, and that the Council as a whole continued to support Mistley PC in its efforts to retain public access and mooring at Allen's Quay, as well as supporting Lawford's efforts to increase parking at Manningtree Station and to introduce a clearway on the A137. All in all it had been a busy year, which had closed with a meeting with Tesco, who intend to submit plans for a supermarket on the Railex/Elite site on Station Road.
- 6. Questions from the Public.** There were no questions.