

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room

Thursday 17th May 2007

11/07 Present: Cllr. M. Dew
Cllr. E. Edwards
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie
Cllr. R. Streames

In attendance: Mr. A. Dickenson
Mr. R. Race
Mrs. V. Smith (Chair, Tendring PC)
Mr. J. Schofield (H and M Standard)
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

12/07 Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.

13/06 Minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the meeting of 12th April were approved and signed, with one amendment, being that "April" in para 6/07b) should read "May". Proposed Cllr. Dew, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

14/07 Declaration of interests The Clerk handed the Councillors new Declarations of interest forms to complete and sign, and also Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

15/07 Matters arising from the minutes

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street Cllr. Dew reported that the Technical Dept of TDC had said they would issue an order to make safe loose slates above the pavement.

101/05 Possible site for youth shelter Clerk to write again to Telereal. **Action: Clerk**

103/05a) Conservation area The Mayor had made a list of features she considered worth conserving. This has been placed in the wallet with the month's paperwork for Councillors to add to as they see fit. **Action: Councillors**

78/06 Town Plan The embryonic Town Plan committee has folded; Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said the Town really should do one, and the Councillors agreed to see what they could do.

86/02 Public access at Mistley Quay Clerk to write to HSE again. **Action: Clerk**

110/06 Salt bin for the Market Place Clerk to organise. **Action: Clerk**

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

16/07 Open session The Mayor welcomed those present.

17/07 To receive reports from representatives on committees

a) Cllr. Streames said he had been unable to attend the Community Rail Partnership meeting.

b) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said that one application, **07/00484/FUL**, had been submitted, and there had been no objections from Councillors.

c) Cllr. Dew said that TDC was in flux following the elections. He said that he had been in touch with officers there about the state of the pond, which would be cleaned. Cllr. Hughes-Stanton suggested that a memorial be placed on the pond in memory of the late Cllr. Scott, who had done so much for the Town, and it was agreed to consult with Mrs. Scott.

Action: Clerk

18/07 To approve the Council's accounts for the year 2006-07 Proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Dew. The accounts are to go forward for audit.

19/07 To appoint a co-opted Councillor The Councillors decided to invite both candidates for interview just before the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

20/07 To appoint a new trustee to the Welcome Home and Memorial Fund Mr. Andrew Dickenson had volunteered and was appointed. Mrs. Pallet to be informed. **Action: Clerk**

21/07 To consider two resolutions concerning the Railex site Cllr. Dew said he had taken advice from TDC and they advised that the Town Council should wait until any application is submitted. Proposed Cllr. Dew, seconded Cllr. Edwards and approved.

22/07 To consider applying for a temporary road closure The Clerk said a children's day is being planned for the Manningtree Festival, following a number of workshops over the summer, and that it would be helpful to shut South Street between the High Street and North Street for this. Proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns, clerk to arrange. **Action: Clerk**

23/07 To extend the lease of the Community Room for a further six months The Clerk explained that so far the Community Room was entirely funding itself. Proposed Cllr. Edwards, seconded Cllr. Edwards. **Action: Clerk**

24/07 To consider improvements to the bus shelter at the Skinners' Arms Cllr. Hughes-Stanton proposed improvements be made to this shelter, as it is open at the western end and the rain comes right in, soaking the seats. She suggested contacting the bus operators and asking them who to approach. Seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie. **Action: Clerk**

25/07 To approve payment of the following cheques Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Dew.

Mr. D. Hitchcock (repairs)	£8.60
EALC (subscription)	£206.70
WPS (insurance)	£997.00

10/07 Correspondence

a) For reply and attention A resident had written saying the bench at the east end of the sea wall attracted youths who had been causing considerable of disturbance. The Councillors agreed to move it and write to the resident. The Clerk said she had been telephoned by a resident about noise, and that there had been a spate of criminal damage to cars. Cllr. Dew said that he would contact the police and the Councillors also asked the Clerk to write.

Action: Cllr. Dew, Clerk

b) Cllrs. Lay-Flurrie and Hughes-Stanton agreed to go to the next meeting of the Stour and Orwell Estuaries Committee, and Cllr. Lay-Flurrie would go to Hutchison Ports.

c) Churches Together had written to say they had an idea for a youth project which they would like to present to the Council, which was gladly accepted. **Action: Clerk**

d) The Stour Sailing Club has asked for a donation towards the costs of the Regatta, which was agreed for the next Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

e) A letter had been received about the poor condition of the Moghul. The Clerk is to reply, saying the council was doing all it can, and to contact TDC and remind them. **Action: Clerk**

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 17th May 2007

Report prepared 10th May

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street There appears to be some confusion at TDC as to where responsibility lies, though they have written to the owner.

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

103/05a) Conservation Area Councillors to report

117/05b) Highways matters Action still awaited.

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

24/06 Replacement street light Just Lamps still only have the column and not the lantern so I shall find another supplier.

78/06 Town Plan meeting This endeavour seems to come to a halt. To discuss.

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay Still no full reply from HSE, but there is now a lifebelt on the quay.

110/06 Possibility of a salt bin on the Marketplace TDC have agreed to us placing a salt bin on the Market Place.

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store See agenda.

5/07 Mr. Schofield's query I have scanned the minutes back to the point where we received confirmation that Tesco had purchased the Railex site, and could find nothing stating that the Council had voted to oppose any application by that company.

10/07d) Presentation on Special Expenses by TDC I attended this presentation and found it interesting. We were also told how the Council Tax base is calculated.