

## MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

### Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2007

**60/07 Present:** Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie  
Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton  
Cllr. V. Bettle  
Cllr. E. Edwards  
Cllr. A. Hoskyns

**In attendance:** District Cllr. Guglielmi  
PCSO Howe (to middle of item 65/07)  
Mr. J. Schofield (Harwich and Manningtree Standard)  
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

**61/07 Apologies for absence** Cllr. Dew and Cllr. Streames.

**62/06 Minutes of the previous meetings** The minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September were approved and signed, with the date corrected. Proposed Cllr. Edwards, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

**63/07 Declaration of interests** Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said she had resigned as a governor at Highfields Primary School.

#### **64/07 Matters arising from the minutes**

**126/05 Guide book** The Clerk passed round samples of the work of local designers; it was agreed that it should be up to the joint committee of the three councils to decide who to use, since prices were fairly comparable. Cllr. Dew has been promised between £1,500 and £2,000 from TDC's Small Schemes Fund.

**26/06 Replacement street light** This was put in place yesterday; the old light has been left connected in situ until the new light is connected up; the order for this work has been placed.

**82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay** The Clerk said she had again written to the HSE, observing that without a ladder the quay remains dangerous. Copied to Mistley PC and SSC.

**110/06 Salt bin for the Marketplace** It was arranged that Mr. Lay-Flurrie would help the Clerk put the bin and salt in place. **Action: Clerk**

**17/07 Memorial for Cllr. Scott** Mrs. Scott had given the Clerk two possible wordings. The Councillors agreed on "Remembering Ken Scott, 1930-2007, Mayor of Manningtree 2000-2001" for a plaque to be mounted on the pond. **Action: Clerk**

**22/07 Temporary Road Closure for Manningtree Festival** **Item discharged**

**24/07 Improvements to bus shelter** Cllr. Hughes-Stanton suggested that we ask for a quote for a clear end panel, not a half-panel. **Action: Clerk**

**26/07a) Bench on Sea Wall** Clerk to go ahead with lower quote. **Action: Clerk**

**37/07 Plastic bags** It was suggested that Stour Community First should be asked if they were interested in this issue. **Action: Clerk**

**47/07 Youths at Compass Court** **Item discharged**

**65/07 Open Session** PCSO Howe reported that two Anti-social Behaviour Contracts have been issued and that two vehicles have been impounded. She added that the 5-a-side league had been very successful. The local PCSOs will soon get a car; this is mostly for the use of Paul Beer who serves the outlying areas.

Cllr. Guglielmi reported from TDC. He said that the Joint Consultative Committee had met and had mostly discussed the sports' hall which is now a public facility. TDC agreed to carry out a feasibility study for improving the pool, either by adding a roof or rebuilding it completely. He added that the opposition at TDC had called for official recognition and this request has again gone to the Cabinet for a re-think. He also said that Honeycroft Post Office was on the national list of Post Office closures. He declared a pecuniary interest but said that Cllr Dew had asked him to mention it. Cllr. Guglielmi said he was also willing to pursue the issue of 33, South St with TDC and the Clerk undertook to provide him with relevant information. **Action: Clerk**

## **66/07 Reports from Representatives on Committees**

**a)** Cllrs Hughes-Stanton and Lay-Flurrie reported on plans. There had been three, **07/01372/FUL** (to retain a brick wall, Mill Lane), **07/01396/FUL** (extension, Alma Square) and **07/1565/TCA** (fell two trees, garden of 11 South Street) to which there had been no objections, and one **07/01495/LBC** (retrospective for windows at the Stour Bay) which had raised the complaint that to apply after the event undermines the planning process.

**b)** Cllr. Dew had sent in a report to say that efforts were being made to solve filtration problems with the pond.

**c)** Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said she had been to the official opening of the new play area at Lawford, and also to a meeting with Tendring Hundred water, as well as the East Essex Area Forum which was very well-attended and discussed ways in which to reduce the county's ecological footprint.

**67/07 To consider requests for grants from the Rotary Club and Swan Watch** It was decided to donate £50 to the Rotary for future music competitions, proposed Cllr. Bettle, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns. There was much discussion about the request from Swan Watch but it was felt that as the swan feeding is matter of dispute with TDC, it was better to await the outcome of this.

**68/07 To approve signatories for revised bank mandate** The three signatories will be Cllrs Hoskyns, Lay-Flurrie and Hughes-Stanton. Prop. Cllr. Edwards, sec. Cllr. Bettle. **Action: Clerk**

**69/07 To consider the purchase of a new photocopier** The Clerk explained that the old photocopier was extremely temperamental. She had competitive quotes for a new model. Purchase of this proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Hughes-Stanton. **Action: Clerk**

**70/07 To consider a date for the finance meeting** To be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30p.m. at the Clerk's house. Proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Hughes-Stanton.

**71/07 Post Offices** Since it could not be voted on during the open session, and the deadline for objections is so tight, Councillors decided to vote at this point in the meeting on whether to write to protest against the closure of Honeycroft Post Office. This the Councillors agreed to do, proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie. **Action: Clerk**

**72/07 To appoint a member for the proposed Town Guide committee** Cllr. Lay-Flurrie proposed Cllr. Edwards. Seconded Cllr. Hoskyns and approved.

**73/07 To consider a contribution of £500 towards the purchase of the half-pipe at Furze Hill, provided Mistley PC has agreed to its becoming permanent** The Councillors read a report from Cllr. Dew on this topic and agreed to offer funding, adding that they would also be happy to discuss the maintenance and insurance issues which will arise. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Bettle.

## **74/07 To approve payment of the following cheques**

TDALC (sub)	£5.00
Glasdon (salt bin)	£148.05
Saddlers (chemicals to clean pond)	£35.97
Dennis Hitchcock (repairs)	£13.93
Environmental Design (mowing)	£41.13
Mistley PC (PCSOs)	£889.36
Mrs. L. Lay-Flurrie (mayor's chain)	£160.00
CPRE (sub)	£27.00
Royal British Legion	£30.00

And passed for urgent payment

Manningtree Stour Valley Rotary Club	£50.00
EDF (lighting connection)	£387.75
Just Lamps	£241.31

The cheque for EDF is the expected amount of a quote shortly due in writing to connect disconnect the old light on the corner of Regent Street and connect the new one. To make this process as swift as possible, it was agreed to have the cheque ready. Proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie.

**75/07 Correspondence**

**For reply and attention**

- a)** The items are in the wallet.
- b)** Information from Tendring Hundred Water Company meeting added to wallet.
- c)** It was also noted that on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.50 a.m. the Town Council had organised a service at the war memorial on the High Street

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### CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 11<sup>th</sup> October 2007

Report prepared 5<sup>th</sup> October

**39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street** The garage roof has been repaired but neither the owner nor TDC has taken any other action.

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

**103/05a) Conservation Area** Councillors to report.

**117/05b) Highways matters** Nothing further to report.

**126/05 Guide book** TDC has offered a grant towards the project, Mistley has appointed a representative and a further business has come forward to tender for the work.

**24/06 Replacement street light** Nothing further to report.

**78/06 Town Plan meeting** Nothing further to report.

**82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay** I have checked at the quay; there is still no ladder in place so I will write again to HSE.

**110/06 Possibility of a salt bin on the Marketplace** The salt bin has been delivered and will be put in place before the weather turns frosty.

**119/06 Proposed Tesco Store** Nothing further to report.

**17/07 Memorial to Cllr. Scott** Nothing further to report.

**22/07 Temporary road closure for Manningtree Festival** The closure was largely successful.

**Item for discharge**

**24/07 Improvements to bus shelter** I am trying to establish what the alternatives are and what they would cost.

**10/07a) Bench on sea wall** Permission to move the bench has been granted; I have received one quote and await another.

**36/07 Leisure facilities in the area** Nothing further to report.

**37/07 Plastic bags** For consideration.

**47/07 Youths at Compass Court** The problem here does seem to have abated for now; I suggest we discharge for now but remain alert.

**Item for discharge**

**57/07 New name plates for York Street and Stour Street** New name plates have been agreed by TDC for both of these locations.