

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room Thursday 15th November 2007

76/07 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie
Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. V. Bettle
Cllr. E. Edwards
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. M. Dew

In attendance: Miss A. Collit (Harwich and Manningtree Standard)
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

77/07 Apologies for absence Cllr. Streames.

78/06 Minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the meeting of 11th October were approved and signed, following one small amendment: para 66/07c) now to read 'youth recreation area' not 'childrens' play area'. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Edwards.

79/07 Declaration of interests There were no changes to the Declaration of Interests.

80/07 Matters arising from the minutes

103/05a) Conservation Area The Mayor said she would make a note of those aspects of the town she felt should be included in an Article 4 Direction. **Action: Cllr. Lay-Flurrie**

126/05 Guide book The Clerk said she was waiting to hear of Lawford PC wished to join Manningtree and Mistley in producing a new version.

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.

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store The Councillors discussed if they should write to TDC to request a longer consultation period than the standard three weeks, and for additional copies of the plans to be made available. Proposed Cllr. Bettle, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns **Action: Clerk**

26/07a) Bench on Sea Wall Bench now in place.

Item discharged

69/07 New Photocopier

Item discharged

81/07 Reports from Representatives on Committees

a) Cllr. Hoskyns reported from the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths AONB meeting. The AONB management wishes to upgrade to the south bank of the Stour to full AONB status. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie proposed that the Town Council write to them to support this aim and to ask if there was anything further we could do. Seconded Cllr. Edwards and carried. **Action: Clerk**

b) Cllr. Dew said that Manningtree had been one of the few councils to respond to TDC's draft Sustainable Communities Strategy, which governs future funding for local projects. As a result it now contains the assertion that it is hoped in the future to improve public facilities in the centre of Manningtree. He also confirmed that £2,000 had been granted by TDC towards the new guidebook for Manningtree, Mistley and Lawford.

82/07 To consider meeting dates for 2007-08 A provisional list of dates was agreed which will be confirmed at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

83/07 To consider the weight restriction covering Manningtree Although Manningtree is covered by a weight restriction as well as the width restriction in the middle of the High Street, the number of heavy lorries using the town centre is in excess of what would be expected to service local shops and so forth; sat-nav has caused a number of problems. The Clerk was asked to contact ECC and ask if it would be possible to have a sign at the station roundabout stating that the route ahead is unsuitable for heavy lorries, and to ask the police to be vigilant in enforcing existing rules. Cllr. Hoskyns said a member of the public had commented that a bollard might improve safety on the pavement on the High Street by the corner of Stour St. the Councillors felt this would be a hazard to traffic. **Action: Clerk**

84/07 To consider inviting the Cabinet of TDC to hold a meeting in Manningtree Cllr. Dew said that TDC's cabinet had been holding its fortnightly meetings around the district at the invitation of various councils. These meetings open to the public at 12 noon and are followed by an informal session, giving local people a chance to meet district councillors and air their concerns. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie suggested that Manningtree invite the Cabinet accordingly; the Councillors were unanimous in agreeing to this proposal, and the Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Lines to invite him and ask him to lia se with Cllr. Dew. **Action: Clerk**

85/07 To consider a grant request from the Autumn Days Over 60s Club Cllr. Edwards proposed that the Council donate £25; seconded by Cllr. Hughes-Stanton and passed. **Action: Clerk**

86/07 To consider a contribution of £600 towards a new filtration system for the pond Cllr. Dew explained that the pond keeps going green and cloudy despite regular treatment; the only lasting solution would be a filtration system. TDC has obtained a quote for £3,419.25 inc VAT and had asked if the Town Council would be prepared to contribute. Cllr. Edwards proposed £500, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns. **Action: Cllr. Dew**

87/07 To approve payment of the following cheques

Just Lamps (repair)	£69.27	
E-on	£166.09	
Modney Concepts (half-pipe)	£5,287.50	
(to continue hire with option to purchase; TDC has awarded a grant of £4,500 to cover this expenditure; the balance on this payment is VAT which we will reclaim.)		
BT	£74.94	
Environmental Design	£61.69	
RCCE (sub)	£55.00	
Petty Cash	£50.00	
A.W. Landscapes	£320.00	
And passed for urgent payment		
Status Office Services	£52.83	

**88/07 Correspondence
For reply and attention**

- a) The items are in the wallet.
- b) Information concerning East of England Plan, CPRE and Suffolk Coasts and Heaths has been added to wallet.

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 15th November 2007

Report prepared 7th October

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street The Essex Buildings Trust is seeking funds to carry out a feasibility study and has discussed this with both District Cllr. Guglielmi and myself.

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

103/05a) Conservation Area Nothing further to report

117/05b) Highways matters The disabled parking bay is still not in place.

126/05 Guide book Nothing further to report.

24/06 Replacement street light Although the light is in, it has not yet been painted; I have agreed with Cartledge to hold payment back until this is done. I have sent the cheque for connection to EDF and await action.

78/06 Town Plan meeting Nothing further to report.

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay I wrote on Oct 9th but have not yet received any response.

110/06 Possibility of a salt bin on the Marketplace The salt bin is in place with salt in it.

Item for discharge

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store Nothing further to report.

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

24/07 Improvements to bus shelter There is apparently a difficulty in installing a full end panel if it restricts access to the shelter itself. However, I have checked the access to the shelter and it appears to be ample.

10/07a) Bench on sea wall Bench moved; invoice received.

Item for discharge

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

37/07 Plastic bags Nothing further to report.

57/07 New name plates for York Street and Stour Street Nothing further to report.

69/07 New photocopier This is now in use.

Item for discharge