

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room
Thursday 18th September 2008**

48/08 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. R. Streames Cllr. M. Dew
Cllr. A. Hoskyns Cllr. V. Bettle

In attendance: District Cllr. David Lines (Leader of TDC Cabinet)
Ms. F. Leate – Manningtree and Harwich Standard (to end item 55/08)
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

49/08 Apologies for absence Cllr. E. Edwards, District Cllr. C. Guglielmi, PCSO H. Howe.

50/08 Minutes of the previous meetings It was proposed that the word ‘would’ should be inserted in para 100/07a) between ‘he’ and ‘ensure’. Following this the minutes of the meeting of 24th July were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr. Dew, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

51/08 Declaration of interests Cllr. Hughes-Stanton is now chair of the Stour Valley Market Towns Partnership.

52/08 Matters arising from the minutes

39/03 33 South Street Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said she would speak to the Essex Buildings Preservation Trust. **Action: Cllr. Hughes-Stanton**

103/05a) Conservation area Cllr. Dew said that he and Richard Ling (clerk to Mistley PC) had met Graham Thomas of TDC; Mr. Ling requested further information but nothing further has been heard from Mistley PC. Clerk to enquire. **Action: Clerk**

126/05 Guide book Cllr. Hughes-Stanton is to take over from Cllr. Edwards, but others will assist as needed. Clerk to arrange a meeting. **Action: Clerk**

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay A 1.8m fence has now been erected along the quayside, in the face of considerable local opposition. The Clerk was asked to contact Mistley PC, Free The Quay and the Manningtree Society to offer support. **Action: Clerk**

100/07a) Riverside lease Lawford will take on the lease subject to some conditions. The Clerk was asked to enquire into these and discuss them with Lawford. **Action: Clerk**

117/07 Area by the Post Office The Clerk said that the local management of the Post Office would be happy to have a planting in the dark corner. She was therefore asked to contact TDC with regards to what would grow there. **Action: Clerk**

118/07 Foundry Court Day Centre Press release from ECC is still awaited.

20/08 Lighting and parking bay It was agreed to hold replacing any street lights until March; meanwhile all councillors were to look at the lights and decide whether the whole light needed to be replaced, or only the lantern. The Clerk was asked to invite Highways to visit Brook Street and the High Street with her to discuss traffic calming. It was decided to ask ECC to limit waiting in the new disabled parking bay on Brook Street to three hours between 8a.m. and 6p.m., Monday to Saturday. Proposed Cllr. Streames, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns. **Action: Clerk**

31/08 Tesco Application (duplicated) **Item discharged**

44/08 Cigarette butt unit Quotes for disposal unit to be obtained. **Action: Clerk**

53/08 Open session a) Cllr. David Lines reported from TDC that the regeneration company now has staff, seed capital and a delivery plan. It is up to members of the community to put forward

projects. He added that e-planning is now up and running; this enables individuals to comment on planning applications directly through TDC's website. An electronic guidebook is being set up; local organisations will be able to be represented and to update their own details. In the near future TDC's cabinet will be holding evening meetings to give everyone the opportunity to attend and ask questions of members. TDC is also arranging opportunities for 'chairs and mayors' of parish and town councils to meet and exchange ideas.

b) The Clerk said that the police had sent in a report showing a decrease in the number of nuisance youth reports. Councillors asked her to contact the police about speeding cars in the High Street late in the evening. **Action: Clerk**

54/08 Reports from Representatives on Committees

a) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton reported that from the Stour and Orwell Estuaries Forum. She said that research had shown that dog walkers cause serious disturbance to wildfowl.

b) Cllr. Streames reported from the Welcome Home. He said that the cricket club lease of additional land is almost completed, and that the trees were being watched for signs of disease.

c) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie reported from Hutchison Ports. Any plans for the A120 would be open for consultation in 2009. She had raised the problem of lorries coming through town and they had said they would issue travel guidance to lorry drivers.

d) She added that there had been three plans: **08/01049/ADV** (new signs, Co-op Travel), **08/01138/TPO** (fell trees on Malthouse Road) and **08/01160/TCA** (fell tree behind the High Street). No objections had been raised to any of these plans.

55/08 To discuss a youth drop-in centre A letter had been received from Churches Together proposing to use the empty shop in The Lane as a youth drop-in centre. Broadly speaking, the Councillors felt that the idea was good but that the location was wrong, being too close to sheltered housing. The Clerk was asked to inform Rev. Colebrooke that someone from the Council would attend the meeting on 6th October. **Action: Clerk**

56/08 To approve payment of the following cheques

Mistley PC (balance in skateboard fund)	£117.43
Environmental Design (grass cutting)	£63.45
Mr. W. Sadler (pond)	£31.85
TDC (name plate)	£146.88
Status Office Supplies	£5.59
Afizz (website)	£293.75
Rose builders (beach)	£272.60

And for urgent payment: CPRE (£28.00) and Clerk's Salary and Expenses (704.63)
Proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie.

47/08 Correspondence

For reply and attention a) It was decided on the basis of requests received to award a grant of £70 to the Young Musicians contest run by the Rotary, and £50 to the Friends of Foundry Court, but not to the fireworks at Brantham. **Action: Clerk**

b) The Clerk said that the following post had been added to the wallet since the agenda was written: TDC evening cabinets; TDALC; Historic Essex; PCT; letter re fencing at Mistley Quay; email re proposed youth drop-in centre.

Signed..... **Dated**.....

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 18th September

Report prepared 11th September

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street Nothing further to report

101/05 Possible site for youth shelter **Item discharged**

103/05a) Conservation Area Cllr. Dew to report.

126/05 Guide book For personal reasons, Cllr. Edwards wishes to resign as the Town Council's representative, and a new rep therefore needs to be appointed. Once this has been done, I will arrange another meeting.

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay This matter has now been taken up by a campaign group following TW Logistic's attempt to erect a 1.8m fence.

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store The Council's letter was sent as agreed, and a full copy placed in the library

83/07 Weight restriction Nothing further to report.

100/07a) Riverside Lease Lawford has now agreed to take on the lease provided certain conditions are met. These would need to be discussed with TDC. According to the legal team at County we can complete a claim to have the path accepted as a footpath, but would have wait for Tendring's next slot in the programme to have it considered.

117/07 Area by the Post Office Nothing further to report.

118/07 Foundry Court Day Centre Councillors to report.

20/08 Assorted highways and lighting issues I now have two quotes. However, I think it is wise to delay installation until the spring other wise we will have six weeks without a light until EDF reconnect, and in any case this work was not included in last year's budget.

31/08 Tesco Application Duplicated – see above **Item for discharge**

44/08 Cost of emptying cigarette butt unit We are unlikely to be charged for this: provided we fitted the unit and supplied two keys to TDC, the emptying would probably be 'absorbed' on the basis that it would reduce the amount of street-sweeping needed.