

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room
Thursday 16th October 2008**

58/08 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. E. Edwards Cllr. M. Dew
Cllr. A. Hoskyns
In attendance: Cllr. C. Guglielmi P.C. J. Fatcher
P.C.S.O. H. Howe Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

59/08 Apologies for absence Cllr. V. Bettle, Cllr. R. Streames.

60/08 Minutes of the previous meetings The Clerk said it was necessary to change the amount paid to Status Office Services at 56/08 from £5.59 (net of Vat) to £6.57 (the amount actually paid). Following this the minutes of the meeting of 18th September were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Hughes-Stanton.

61/08 Declaration of interests Nothing to report.

62/08 Matters arising from the minutes

39/03 33 South Street Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said the Essex Buildings Preservation Trust is still interested. Cllr. Guglielmi explained that the officer at Tendring DC had been ill, but that he would soon be speaking to the portfolio holder. The Councillors expressed their unhappiness that even though the Repairs Notice had been served some time ago, no follow-up action whatsoever had been taken.

103/05a) Conservation area Cllr. Dew said he was happy that Mistley PC was willing to join with Manningtree in this. **Action: Clerk**

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay Cllr. Dew and Cllr. Guglielmi reported that TDC and Essex CC were both seeking further legal advice regarding the fence.

100/07a) Riverside lease The Clerk said she would follow this up **Action: Clerk**

117/07 Area by the Post Office Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said she had been told by Essex Woodlands that to plant a tree there would be to sentence it to death. The Councillors therefore agreed to give up on this idea. Clerk to inform Post Office. **Action: Clerk; and discharged**

118/07 Foundry Court Day Centre Cllr. Dew reported that the two trial runs of the Lunch Club had been well received, although more volunteers are needed to make it a regular thing. Still no press release from Essex CC.

20/08 Lighting and parking issues Cllr. Lay-Flurrie would speak to the Methodist Church leadership to try and resolve the parking issues there. **Action: Cllr. Lay-Flurrie**

53/08 Speeding cars on the High Street P.C.S.O. Howe said that charges had been brought regarding the accident on Wherry Corner in September, and that the police were now aware of traffic issues on the High Street at night. **Item discharged**

55/08 Youth drop-in centre Cllr. Lay-Flurrie reported from the meeting that the clergy concerned with the proposal would speak to residents near the proposed premises.

63/08 Open session a) P.C.S.O. Howe said that from her perspective a unit on the Industrial Estate would be a better idea for the youth drop-in centre. She added that crime and nuisance had reduced compared to the same period last year, but that teenagers riding bikes without lights were of concern.

b) Cllr. Guglielmi said that the AONB application for the south side of the River Stour was progressing. He added that his concern with youth centres was that the youths tend to hang about outside rather than inside.

64/08 Reports from Representatives on Committees

a) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton reported that the Stour Valley Market Towns Partnership would hold its AGM on 6th November. The first focus would be to try and obtain an indoor public swimming pool for the area.

b) Cllr. Dew reported that there would be half-term activities laid on for the local children by TDC. He added that recycling levels had increased again in Manningtree, Mistley and Lawford.

c) Cllrs. Lay-Flurrie and Edwards reported that one plan had come in (**08/01321/TCA**) to fell trees at Pooh corner. No objections.

65/08 To update Councillors on the finances of the Community Room Cllr. Dew continues to act as volunteer manager and he and the Clerk were able to report that the room is just about breaking even, and saving the Council the cost of renting a room for its meetings.

66/08 To consider requesting an access survey Cllr. Dew said local electric buggy users have told him they cannot negotiate some of the dropped kerbs in the town. The Clerk to ask County Highways to make a site visit. Proposed Cllr. Dew, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie. **Action: Clerk**

67/08 To discuss the condition of several commercial properties in the Town. After some discussion it was agreed to write to Barclays Bank to ask if they were aware of the condition of the old stable in Stour Street, which is part of their premises. **Action: Clerk**

68/08 To set a date for the finance meeting This is to be held on Thursday 4th December at North House.

69/08 To discuss Councillors expenses It was agreed that councillors should feel able to put in expenses claims for journeys of more than about 5m.

70/08 To approve payment of the following cheques

Shaw and Sons (legal books for clerk)	£30.45
Mistley Parish Council (PCSOs)	£897.91
E-on (lighting)	£166.09

Proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

71/08 Correspondence

For reply and attention a) A request had been received for a Raffle Prize from Autumn Days £10 donation proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns and approved. **Action: Clerk**

b) The Clerk said that the following post had been added to the wallet since the agenda was written: Letter of thanks from the Rotary; ECC Crime and Disorder bulletin, TDC: notification of annual accounts, letter re Co-op car park; Stour and Orwell Estuaries annual report; TCVS; EALC; Older People's Forum; Passenger Transport meetings.

Signed..... Dated.....

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 16th October

Report prepared 19th October

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street I have again contacted SPAB/ Cllr. Hughes-Stanton also to report.

103/05a) Conservation Area Mistley PC willing to go ahead with the CAMP.

126/05 Guide book The guide book reps for Mistley and Lawford met with the Clerk and the designer. Work has now begun on collating copy and approaching advertisers.

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay I have written to Mistley PC, the Stour Sailing Club and the Manningtree Society to offer the TC's support.

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store It now seems that TDC is unlikely to discuss this application before mid-November

83/07 Weight restriction Nothing further to report.

100/07a) Riverside Lease I have found out which areas of undergrowth are at issue and will shortly contact the Environment Agency to make further enquiries.

117/07 Area by the Post Office Cllr-Lay-Flurrie and Clerk to report.

118/07 Foundry Court Day Centre Councillors to report.

20/08 Assorted highways and lighting issues Nothing further to report.

44/08 Cost of emptying cigarette butt unit A range of units is available costing from £80 to £100.

53/08 Speeding cars on the High Street I have contacted the police, but they had already been alerted by an accident at Wherry Corner. **Item for discharge**

55/08 Youth Drop-in Centre Cllr. Lay-Flurrie to report from meeting.