

## MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

### Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009

**22/09 Present:** Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton (Minutes)  
Cllr. A. Hoskyns Cllr. R. Streames  
Cllr. E. Edwards Cllr. V. Bettle

**In attendance:** Ms. C. Tilley (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)  
P.C. Futchter (to end item 27/09)  
P.C.S.O Howe (to end item 27/09)  
Ms. R. Kenneison - Clerk

**23/09 Apologies for absence:** Cllr. M. Dew; District Cllr. C. Guglielmi.

**24/09 Minutes of the previous meeting** The minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> May were approved. Proposed Cllr. Edwards, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns and signed by the Mayor.

**25/09 Declaration of interests** There were no changes.

#### **26/09 Matters arising from the minutes**

**90/08 Fiveways carpark** The gate is now locked each evening. **Item discharged**  
**82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay** There is to be a boat rally there on Sunday  
24th across the top of the tide.

**101/08 Regeneration of market area** The Councillors have decided on suitable seats and have asked the sponsors to consider paying for them. Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said that a seat by the beach was dilapidated and requested repairs. **Action: Clerk**

**18/09 Accounts for 2008/09** Forwarded to external audit. **Item discharged**

**21/09a) Lawford's concerns regarding A137 at railway** **Item discharged**

**21/09b) Additional sand for the beach** The clerk was asked to obtain an additional quote. **Action: Clerk**

**27/09 Open session** The police said that the past month had seen one extra crime compared to the same period last year. There had been two attempted burglaries; householders were advised to lock up. They also said that the dispersal order will shortly come into effect. The police then left.

**28/09 Reports from Representatives on Committees** a) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton reported from the CAMP meeting. Those present had filled out maps to show the things they did and did not like. Mr. Booth who ran the meeting had tied everything together, but she felt that the Councillors should look at the town together to think what issues should be raised. It was agreed that they would meet at 5p.m. on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> to walk the parish.  
b) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said four plans had come in: railings, Café Rio (**09/00422/**); extension on Lushington Road (**09/00493/FUL**); an osteopathy practice (**09/00471/FUL**); to fell a tree (**09/00576/TCA**). There had been no objections. A further plan still required consideration (**09/00504/FUL** – house to rear of 1, Regent St). Cllr. Streames said that he felt that in future all Councillors should be asked to comment on planning applications which affected a lot of people or were prominent. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie assured him that in

future this would be done. The majority view would of course have to prevail.

c) Cllr. Streames said he had attended a meeting of TDALC, which had advised on councillor safety. The leaflet he had been given was placed in the wallet for circulation and to be discussed at the July meeting as an agenda item. **Action: Clerk**

d) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said that the dispersal order meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> May had been well attended and that the proposal had attracted full support. She added that publicity photos had been taken for the new town guide (to be delivered to all homes at the beginning of July) and that final arrangements for the youth drop-in centre seemed to be in hand.

e) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said that the Business Chamber was due to meet on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **29/09 To consider a grant for the summer play project**

Cllr. Edwards proposed that £175 be awarded. Seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie and carried. For payment in July. **Action: Clerk**

### **30/09 To consider the recommendations of the Parish Remuneration Panel**

The Clerk explained that if councillors wished to reclaim expenditure not supported by a receipt, such as mileage, they needed to approve the recommendations of the panel. They decided that they approved mileage of 40p/mile but that they did not wish to be paid the allowances. Proposed Cllr. Streames, seconded Cllr. Bettle.

**31/09 To consider a CCTV camera for The Lane** Cllr. Streames said that youths would congregate in The Lane once the drop-in centre opened, so a CCTV camera would be a good idea. Cllr. Bettle was broadly in support. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said that the people who would run the centre did not wish to oversee a monitor as it would undermine their relationship with the youths. Cllr. Dew had submitted comments saying that it seemed to make sense to first see if the dispersal order worked; Cllr. Hughes-Stanton agreed with this. It was decided to contact the police and ask them for their views. **Action: Clerk**

**32/09 To consider the rubbish in the dyke behind the Co-op** This is a recurrent problem which can't be dealt with in the summer anyway, due to all the undergrowth. The SVMTP has taken on this area so it was decided to leave the matter up to them.

**33/09 To discuss the trees and shrubs on Quay Street** The tamarisk to the east of the beach will be pruned after flowering. Quotes needed for work on the rest. **Action: Clerk**

### **34/09 To approve payment of the following cheques**

EDF (reconnection fee)	£570.40
Kath Lees (work on local guide)	£2,515.00
A&J Lighting (new light)	£1,863.00
Five Castles Press	£1,752
Status Office Services	£17.54
Brian Clarkson (internal audit)	£35.00
Petty Cash	£50.00
Clerk's salary and expenses	£745.88

And for urgent payment: RCCE sub, £55.00

Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Bettle.

**35/09 Correspondence**

**For reply and attention a)** The Stour and Orwell Estuaries Forum would be held on 26<sup>th</sup> June; Cllr. Lay-Flurrie offered to attend. Other items for reply were added to the wallet, including a letter from ECC about the Sustainable Communities Act.**Action: Councillors**  
**b)** The Clerk said the TDC forward plan had arrived since the agenda had been written.

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