

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room Thursday 15th October 2009

59/09 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. A. Hoskyns Cllr. R. Streames
Cllr. E. Edwards Cllr. V. Bettle
Cllr. M. Dew

In attendance: District Cllr. C. Guglielmi PCSO H. Howe (to end item 64/09)
Mrs. R. Day Ms. A. Collitt (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)
Ms. R. Kenneison - Clerk

60/9 Apologies for absence None

61/09 Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the meeting of 17th September were approved. Proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns

62/09 Declaration of interests No changes to the Declaration of Interests.

63/09 Matters arising from the minutes

83/07 Width restriction The Councillors all agreed that the new width restriction signage should prove helpful. **Action: Clerk**

100/07a) The Clerk said that it looked as if the Riverside Lease would never come to fruition. The Councillors agreed. **Item for discharge; Action: Clerk**

20/08 Lighting The light in The Lane needed replacing; the Clerk was instructed to accept the contractor's quote for a new one. **Action: Clerk**

55/08 Youth drop-in Cllr. Dew said that a good number of young people were using this facility. It is open one day after school and one evening a week.

66/08 Access survey Highways to be asked to proceed. **Action: Clerk**

101/08 Regeneration of market area The Mayor said she was due to plant the shrubs. Neither TDC nor the SVMTP had been prepared to pay for the paving.

64/09 Open session Mrs. Day asked when The Hub (youth drop-in) was open; Cllr Lay-Flurrie said from 3.30-5.30p.m. Wednesdays and 7.30-9.30 Thursdays. Mrs. Day added that the car park lights were left on later than planned. PCSO Howe said she was aware of the youths playing football in the car park, but that the Hub had been busy. She then left.

Cllr. Guglielmi said a new regeneration strategy is being developed at TDC. He added that the number of members on the planning committee may be reduced from 18 to 9, per Government guidance. He said the incident at Mistletoe Quay, where the Coastguard and the Air Ambulance had found it hard to assist capsized sailors, had been an accident waiting to happen. He said he would write to the Co-op about the car park lights.

65/09 Reports from Representatives on Committees a) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton that a change of use had been reapplied for 18, South St (**09/001016/LBC**). No objections.
b) Cllr. Dew reported from TDC, saying he was concerned at the proposed reduction in the number of district councillors on the Development Control Committee as it would be hard to cover the district fairly. He said the public could express their views on this.

- c) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton said that the Business Chamber had had a presentation form Tesco rather than having their AGM, which would now be on 29th October in the Crown.
- d) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said that she and Councillors Hoskyns, Streames and Edwards had met the RCCE walkers as they had passed through the area on the Essex Way.
- e) She added that she had attended a meeting with Superintendent Gwilliam to discuss the PCSO contract; it was up to the three parishes to decide how we want our PCSOs used and to ensure this is included in their contract so a meeting is being arranged. Cllr. Dew added that some parishes asked their PCSOs to drop in a card when they patrolled past a Councillor's house; this kept the councillors informed of their movements.

66/09 To discuss the proposed new pavement layout on South Street A proposal had been put forward to extend the pavement in a board arc across the front of the Methodist Church. It was decided that there was one location where a dropped kerb might be of use, but other than that the road was, by comparison with other parts of the town, safe. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to ask if the money that would have been used on this project could be used to improve the High Street pavements; Cllr Dew also suggested the Highways officer meet the Town Council to discuss alternatives. **Action: Clerk**

67/09 To consider granting delegated authority to a Councillor for licensing matters There is often a short window for responses to licensing applications; TDC had suggested that Councils delegated authority to one member. Cllr. Hughes-Stanton volunteered; in future such applications will go to her; she will contact other Councillors and then TDC.

68/09 To set a date for the finance meeting To be 11th December, 10a.m. at the Clerk's.

69/09 To discuss the appointment of a new clerk The Clerk said that she wished to step down at the end of December. The Councillors expressed their regret, and asked her to advertise the post as widely as possible. **Action: Clerk**

70/09 To approve payment of the following cheques

Environmental Design (grass)	£109.25
Mistley PC (PCSOs)	£947.44
Friends of Historic Essex	£10.00
The Place for Plants	£87.05

And for urgent payment, E-on, £166.09. Proposed Cllr. Hoskyns, seconded Cllr. Lay-Flurrie .

71/09 Correspondence

For reply and attention a) The Clerk said a resident on Mill Lane had written about the bad behaviour of some local youths. She was asked to contact the resident. **Action: Clerk**

b) The leader of TDC had requested meeting dates for the next several months, so as to arrange a visit; the Clerk was asked to assume that all future meetings would be on the third Thursday of the month. **Action: Clerk**

c) The Clerk said that the extra information in the wallet included a letter from the RNIB and about JPs, the NALC pay award, two items concerning the elderly and the Town's application to prune a tree. She said she would continue to follow up concerns raised by a Mistley resident about two trees on the open space off Malthouse Road. **Action: Clerk Signed.....Dated.....**