

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room
Thursday 19th November 2009**

72/09 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie Cllr. V. Bettle
Cllr. A. Hoskyns Cllr. M. Dew
In attendance: Mrs. R. Day Ms. L. Price (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)
Ms. R. Kenneison - Clerk

73/9 Apologies for absence Cllr. R. Streames, District Cllr. C. Guglielmi.

74/09 Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the meeting of 15th October were approved, after one alteration: in 71/09b, 'chairman' is now to read 'Leader'.
Proposed Cllr. Bettle, seconded Cllr. Edwards

75/09 Declaration of interests No changes to the Declaration of Interests.

76/09 Matters arising from the minutes

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay Cllr. Dew explained that the Quay will be examined by TDC as part of a supplementary planning document, and local residents and those employed nearby will be involved.

83/07 Width restriction **Item discharged**

100/07a) Riverside Lease **Item discharged**

55/08 Youth drop-in Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said that one night recently the youths had been quite noisy and that the sooner the light went back up the better.

66/08 Access survey **Item discharged**

81/08a) Addition of a name to the war memorial Mr. Hay had written to thank us for adding his uncle's name to the war memorial. **Item discharged**

101/08 Regeneration of market area The Mayor said that the new plants had been planted. See further below.

120/08b) Request for a dropped kerb on South Street The white line is keeping parked cars clear of the dropped kerb. **Item discharged**

33/09 Trees and shrubs on Quay Street TDC has granted permission for the tree to be pruned. Clerk to inform contractor. **Item discharged**

56/09 Visit Manningtree website **Item discharged**

71/09a) Problems on Mill Lane **Item discharged**

71/09c) Land off Malthouse Road **Action: Clerk**

77/09 Open session Mrs. Day said she had heard that the Skinners' Arms had been given longer to comply with the Planning Inspectorates ruling. The Clerk said District Cllr. Guglielmi had contacted the Co-op regarding the gate; she was asked to contact them to ask that the lights be turned off between 9.30p.m. and 6.30a.m. **Action: Clerk**

78/09 Reports from Representatives on Committees a) Cllr. Edwards reported that there had been two plans: the tree on Quay Street (**TPO09/01060**) and a reapplication to convert the ground floor of 18, South St into a flat (**09/01016/FUL**). No objections.
b) Cllr. Dew reported from the Foundry Court Transformation Group; he said that there

were so many matters to resolve that the group will meet again in December and that he would report back again. He also asked the clerk to provide the accounts for the Community room for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

c) He reported from TDC that INTend is 'on ice', but that a motion to reinstate the directors had been passed by TDC. The circulation of 'Tendring Matters is good; he urged everyone to respond to the 'Speak out on Sport' article on the back page: if you want a pool this is your chance to make your voice heard, by either phoning Mike Carran on 01255 686689 or via www.tendring.gov.uk (click on the Sports Facilities page).

d) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said that the relevant householder had written to say that he was not willing to alter his boundary so that the pavement on Colchester Road could be widened.

79/09 To discuss increasing the handyman's wages to £7.50 per hour Proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Edwards. All the Councillors agreed to Cllr. Dew's suggestion that the council's gratitude to Denis Hitchcock for fulfilling his handyman's role so cheerfully, willingly and thoroughly should be placed on record. **Action: Clerk**

80/09 To discuss a project to improve the High Street The Clerk said that despite several attempts to contact them, she had not heard back from the relevant team at TDC and was not able to provide the Councillors with any further information. Cllr Dew said that the 'gut' (the narrow section at Market Cross) and the pavements were the main issues. He said he would also try to contact TDC. **Action: Cllr Dew and Clerk**

81/09 To consider the paving slabs near the market Cllr Lay-Flurrie said that the slabs by the bus stop were uneven and potentially unsafe, and that TDC should be contacted again and made aware of this. **Action: Cllr. Lay-Flurrie and Clerk**

82/09 To approve payment of the following cheques

Environmental Design (grass cutting)	£43.70
Mistley with Manningtree PCC	£220.00
Sparling, Benham and Brough	£230.00
Wood for Stone (addition of name to war memorial)	£140.00

And for urgent payment, A&J Lighting, £684.25. Proposed Cllr. Bettle, seconded Cllr. Edwards.

83/09 Correspondence

For reply and attention a) Brantham Firework Display: request for funding declined.

b) The Manningtree Society had written to enquire about the condition of 33, South St. The Clerk was asked to write back explaining the situation and urging ManSoc to write to TDC themselves. **Action: Clerk**

c) An email had been received from a local resident concerned that there are inadequate 30mph signs. The clerk was asked to reply to say Highways would be unlikely to install any more, and to forward his email to Mistley PC **Action: Clerk**

d) A resident had emailed to ask if the Council had been consulted about the sudden appearance of a CCTV camera on the Market; he felt these just moved the problem on. The Clerk was asked to respond to say that the Council was as surprised as he was, and that the issue would be raised at the next police liaison meeting. **Action: Clerk**

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