



MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room
Thursday 15th April, 2010 at 7.30 p.m.**

1/10 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie (Mayor) Cllr. M. Dew (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr. E. Edwards Cllr. A. Hoskyns
Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton (until item 6/10)
Cllr. K. King Cllr. R. Streames

In attendance: District Cllr. C. Guglielmi (until item 6/10)
PCSO D. Cuthbert (until item 5/10)
Ms. C. Tilley (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)
6 Members of the Public (5 until item 5/10)
Mrs. W. Saint-James – Clerk

2/10 Apologies for absence. There were no apologies.

3/10 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th March, having been circulated previously, were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Hughes-Stanton; seconded by Cllr. Hoskyns and signed by the Mayor.

4/10 Declaration of interests There were no declarations and no changes to members' interests.

5/10 Open Session

PCSO Cuthbert reported that there had been 8 crimes in the month; double the number of the same period last year. The main increase was in criminal damage (6 cases). He also mentioned the vehicle that crashed into the house at Wherry Corner and confirmed that the driver had been arrested. There was a particular problem in the Market Square this month and he stated that the acquisition of a permanent CCTV camera was definitely worth considering as the temporary camera had been a deterrent. PC Phillips is investigating funding options. PCSO Cuthbert is currently working a late shift (3 p.m. to 11 p.m.) in order to help the situation.

The 6 members of the public reported their concern at the anti-social behaviour of local youths and appealed to the council and police for help in preventing further criminal damage and intimidation. It was agreed by all that the installation of a permanent CCTV camera in the Market Place would help solve the problem. The Mayor confirmed that this was on the agenda for the next Police Liaison Committee meeting and that she would relay the residents' concerns to that meeting. It was also recognised that PCSO Cuthbert's change to a late shift was helpful.

PCSO Cuthbert and five of the members of the public then left the meeting.

District Cllr. Guglielmi informed the meeting that he had submitted to the District Council a request for a grant for benches and this should arrive soon.

6/10 Matters arising from the minutes

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street A letter had been received from Mr. Hornby from Tendring District Council (TDC) stating that, until the Council had allocated a budget for a repairs notice and possible compulsory purchase order, nothing could be done. The Clerk was asked to write again pointing out that this property has been on the Register of Historic Buildings at Risk for 8 years. A copy of a resident's letter that was received recently should be enclosed, and a copy sent to Sarah Candy at Essex County Council (ECC). **Action: Clerk**

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store Cllr. Streames asked the Clerk to record in the minutes the fact that, whilst the other councillors still objected, he is now supporting this proposal.

101/08 Regeneration of market area The Mayor informed the meeting that youths had shaken and loosened the tree that had recently been planted and that she had removed it, for the time being, for safe keeping. The seats are being well used and a new litter bin has been installed.

89/09 Removal of light on Station Road

Item Discharged

93/09 To discuss the adoption of the red telephone kiosk It was agreed to postpone this adoption until the broken glass has been replaced.
District Cllr. Guglielmi then left the meeting.

Action: Clerk

94/09b) Parking on the corner of York Street and Oxford Road The 'Polite Notice: No Parking' sign still has not been displayed and the Mayor offered to mention this at her next meeting with the police.

Action: Mayor

134/09 Appointment of new Internal Auditor

Item Discharged

135/09 Village of the Year competition Cllr. King informed the meeting that she has now painted all the flower tubs and the Mayor thanked her for all her hard work. Cllr. King then handed out a flyer that she has prepared for delivery around Manningtree. This received everyone's approval and Cllr. King will arrange the printing. Several Councillors and the Clerk volunteered to help with their distribution.

Action: Cllr. King

136/09 Articulated lorries in Colchester Road The Clerk has been in liaison with the Transport Manager of the East of England Co-operative Society and is optimistic that this problem will be resolved soon.

Action: Clerk

137/09 Acquisition and siting of salt bins Cllr. Hughes-Stanton has liaised with Jewson regarding salt provision and they have asked that we approach them again in September. The Mayor has received a price from Glasdon of £167 (plus v.a.t.) for a small salt bin but will obtain the price for a larger version. Cllr. Hughes-Stanton agreed to liaise with Jewson regarding storage of the salt bin at their premises when it is not in use at Market Cross.

Action: Mayor/Cllr. Hughes-Stanton

Cllr. Dew recalled that, at January's meeting (minute 105/09), it was agreed that the council would liaise with Lawford and Mistley Parish Councils with regard to co-ordinating the filling of salt bins. Cllr. Streames asked the Clerk to contact these councils, collate the information and advise TDC and ECC Highways.

Action: Clerk

Cllr. Hughes-Stanton then left the meeting.

138/09 S137 Payments

Item Discharged

7/10 Reports from Representatives on Committees

a). Cllr. Hoskyns and Cllr. Edwards both confirmed that there had been no objections to any of the planning applications received during the month.

b). Cllr. Dew stated that it had been reported in the press that a golden handshake was rubberstamped for 3 senior officers. Cllr. Dew made it clear that this was not the case; that the issues were debated and he did not support the proposal.

c). Cllr. Streames informed the meeting that part of the proposed Tesco site used to be a petrol filling station but Tesco had tested the land for pollution; the tanks would be removed and all contaminated soil would be removed and replaced.

d). The Mayor had attended the AGM of the Frankenberg Partnership. There had also been a meeting at Cllr. Hughes-Stanton's house to discuss the Village of the Year competition. The Mayor had found the meeting at Hutchison's Port interesting and she had also attended the TDC Planning site meeting with Cllr. King.

8/10 To discuss the acquisition of a CCTV camera All the councillors agreed on the necessity of a permanent CCTV camera and this will be discussed at the next Police Liaison Committee Meeting.

Action: The Mayor

9/10 To discuss S137 payment for the Community Bus This payment was agreed as per budget, proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Cllr. Streames. A cheque would be raised today.

10/10 To approve payment of the following cheques:-

Mistley Parish Council (for PCSOs)	£1,002.39
EALC (for new standing orders)	£25.00
EALC (2010/11 affiliation fees)	£219.35
S137 payment to The Grand Theatre of Lemmings	£100.00
Eon (Street lighting)	£166.09
Essex Woodlands (Treework at Malthouse Road)	£141.00

Proposed by Cllr. Hoskyns and seconded by Cllr. Dew. Additional payments were made to Status Office Supplies (office stationery) £18.51 and the Community Bus (S137 payment) £220.00, proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. King.

11/10 Correspondence

a). The Clerk brought the following matters to the Councillors' attention:

- a letter from Tendring District Council regarding gypsy/traveller sites. The Clerk was instructed to reply that there were no suitable sites in Manningtree. **Action: Clerk**
- an email regarding an affordable housing survey that Tendring District Council would like the councillors to complete. The Clerk will forward the email to them. **Action: Clerk**
- correspondence on a complaint regarding Tesco HGV vehicles parking in the High Street.

b). Some items of mail had been received post-agenda and included in the circulation wallet: Rural Services Network newsletter; SMP playgrounds promotion; Manningtree crime figures 19.03.10 to 15.04.10

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Signed.....

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