



MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Community Room on
Thursday 17th June, 2010 at 7.30 p.m.**

27/10 Present: Cllr. M. Dew (Mayor) Cllr. E. Edwards (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr. K. King Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie

In attendance: Inspector K. Griggs (until item 31/10)
District Cllr. C. Guglielmi (until item 33/10)
Ms. R. Kenneison (Acting clerk : minutes)
Mr. J. Cox (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)
One member of the public PCSO O. Churchill (for item 31/10)

28/10 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, Cllr. Hoskyns and Cllr. Streames.

29/10 Minute of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th May, having been circulated previously, were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Edwards, seconded by Cllr. Lay-Flurrie and signed by the Mayor.

30/10 Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interests or changes to declarations of interests.

31/10 Discussion with Inspector Griggs

Inspector Griggs attended the meeting to discuss local issues following the recent NAP meeting. He stated that Mistley police could call on more officers than those based at the station. Cllr. King was glad that the PCSOs were so visible and Inspector Griggs agreed that the new personnel were working well. Suspects were already in custody following a burglary at a local public house and theft from shops that afternoon. No additional police could be allocated to Manningtree but staff could be drafted in for duties such as the recent speed checks. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie enquired about special constables and Inspector Griggs would like to see more recruits. District Cllr. Guglielmi was pleased to see the speed guns out and mentioned lobbying to increase PCSOs powers. Inspector Griggs replied that the Chief Constable needs to be asked what can be done. The Mayor said that the Town Council's letter had been sparked by behaviour at the Market Square and that, although a new CCTV camera is now in the pipeline, a visible police presence would help. PCSO Churchill reported that there had been 7 crimes in the month, (the same as this period last year): 6 shoplifting and one theft. She then passed around questionnaires for completion and the Mayor agreed to return them to the station.

32/10 Matters arising from the minutes

39/03 Condition of 33 South Street Reply from P. Hornby states that £25,000 has now been allocated for Heritage & Conservation but it is not yet known if it can be used for Historic Buildings at Risk.

126/05 Guide Book

Item Discharged

55/08 Youth Drop-in Centre

Item Discharged

101/08 Regeneration of market area Cllr. Lay-Flurrie has requested more funds. The Rotary Club has offered £350 for seating but the Council is still considering the options.

31/09 Possibility of a CCTV camera in The Lane

Item Discharged

93/09 Adoption of the red telephone kiosk. The councillors will read the BT contract prior to adoption.

94/09b Parking on the corner of York Street and Oxford Road

Item Discharged

137/09 Acquisition and siting of salt bins A reply from ECC Highways states that they cannot authorise the siting of a salt bin at the Sorting Office as the land does not belong to them.

The Town Council therefore needs to consider alternative arrangements.

08/10 Acquisition of a CCTV camera for Market Square	Item Discharged
20/10(d) Market Square pond area	Item Discharged
21/10 To approve the Town Council's Accounts for 2009/10	Item Discharged
22/10 To discuss renewal of the Town Council Insurance	Item Discharged
23/10 To discuss a grant for the Friends of Foundry Court	Item Discharged
24/10 RCCE grant to participate in London 2012 Open Weekend	Item Discharged
26/10 Correspondence	Item discharged

33/10 Open Session

District Cllr. Guglielmi was pleased to report that the target funds for the CCTV had been reached in just 4 weeks comprising £1,200 from District Cllr. Guglielmi; £800 Small Schemes Grant from the Mayor; £1,000 from the JAG; £200 from Manningtree District Business Chamber; £300 redirected from the Market Square regeneration project; £200 anonymous donation and £50 from District Cllr. Guglielmi's business. It is intended that the mobile system, offered by Protect Solutions Limited at a discount, will be purchased for use in the 3 parishes.

34/10 To discuss the purchase of a CCTV system for the Market Square

PC Phillips has researched this for the Council and is obtaining estimates. The running cost of the system is estimated at £300 p.a. including a telephone line for Careline use. A resolution was passed for the purchase of a CCTV system, proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Lay-Flurrie. A decision will be made on the company to be appointed when all three estimates have been considered.

The Mayor stated that the mobile camera will go on both Lawford and Mistley PCs agendas. It was agreed that the Town Council would participate in the deal, proposed by Cllr. Edwards, seconded by Cllr. King. It was agreed that 'thank you' letters should be sent to District Cllr. Guglielmi and Leanne Thornton (Community Safety Officer TDC).

Action: Clerk

35/10 Report from the Planning Committee

There was one application: **10/00550/FUL** to extend opening hours at 6 Station Road. The councillors did not object to the business extending opening hours to 0800 to 2300 hours on Monday to Saturday however, they did object to the opening hours proposed for Sundays (1000 to 2230 hours) and suggested noon to 2230 on that day out of consideration for the residents above the premises.

Action: Clerk

36/10 Reports from Representatives on other committees. No reports were made.

37/10 To discuss the approach to Riverside Walk from the Co-op car park

Due to the resurfacing of the Co-op car park, there is now a sharp drop at the pathway to the Riverside Walk that prevents access to mobility buggies. Cllr. Lay-Flurrie proposed that the council write to the Co-op asking them to sort it out. Seconded by Cllr. Edwards.

Action: Clerk

38/10 To discuss dropping of litter campaign and weeding of Station Road/High Street

Cllr. King offered to visit local shops to ask them to tidy up their areas. The Mayor stated that he has asked TDC to spray weed-killer in some places.

Action: Cllr. King

39/10 Completion of High-Speed Broadband survey for Essex County Council

This was signed off as being adequate.

Action: Clerk

40/10 To approve payment of the following cheques:-

Environment Design (grass cutting)	£89.30
Ms. V. Pretty (internal audit)	£35.00
Friends of Foundry Court (£137 payment)	£50.00
Clerk's salary and expenses	£709.48

and an additional payment to Rural Community Council of Essex for £55 subscription fee. Proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Lay-Flurrie.

41/10 Correspondence

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

- Letter from Manningtree District Business Chamber. Clerk to reply thanking them and confirming that the remainder of funding is now in place. **Action: Clerk**
- Planning Monitoring Survey for Rural Community Council of Essex.

b). Some items of mail had been received post-agenda and included in the circulation wallet:
Form for ECC Community Initiative Fund; Reply from P. Hornby re. 33 South Street;
ECC letter re. surfacing works; Email re. EELGA courses; LCR magazine;
NALC events bulletin; Tendring Matters magazine; Correspondence from Tendring CVS;
East Essex Area Forum

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Signed.....

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