

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Unapproved

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

93/08 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton
Cllr. R. Streames Cllr. E. Edwards
Cllr. A. Hoskyns Cllr. V. Bettle

In attendance: Ms. A. Collitt (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)
Mr. R. Ablett, Mrs. J. Houghton, Mr. A. Jones, Mr. G. Turner and Mr. B. Wheatcroft (Community First Responders)
PCSO D. Cuthbert (to end Item 97/08a)
Ms. R. Kenneison – Clerk

94/08 Apologies for absence Cllr. M. Dew, District Cllr. C. Guglielmi.

95/08 Minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the meeting of 18th December were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

96/08 Declaration of interests Nothing to report.

97/08 Open session The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

a) PCSO Cuthbert reported that there had been four crimes in the past month compared to only one in the same period last year. There had also been five reports of nuisance youths. The police and the Co-op were in discussion to resolve nuisance youth problems in the car park; the CCTV there is now in operation. PCSO Cuthbert then left to return to patrol.

b) The Community First Responders gave a presentation. Mr. Wheatcroft explained that he had had a heart attack and the First Responders had arrived before the ambulance; consequently he had survived, and had become involved himself. Mr. Ablett explained that the First Responders are all volunteers, trained by the ambulance service. As this is a rural area and an ambulance can take some time to arrive, if the ambulance service receives reports of, for example, someone suffering chest pains or choking, a First Responder will be called as well as an ambulance. The First Responder should arrive within eight minutes and offer life support until the ambulance comes. They carry oxygen, airways, a defibrillator and so on. Although volunteers, they have a weekly meeting and requalify every six months. They demonstrated the use of a defibrillator and explained that although much of their kit is supplied by the ambulance service, some – such as disposable items and their uniform – has to be locally funded. They are also keen for others to volunteer – their youngest two volunteers are only 21. The Council discussed their work with much interest and decided to consider awarding a grant at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

98/08 Matters arising from the minutes

55/08 Youth Drop-in Centre The Clerk said she had heard from Pastor Phillingham that the plans for this are progressing.

67/08 A Condition of old stable in Stour Street The woodwork has been repaired and the paintwork repainted.

Item discharged

81/08e) Maintenance of Co-op car park

Item discharged

89/08 Council's budget for 2009/10

Item discharged

99/08 Reports from Representatives on Committees

a) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton reported that the Clerk will in future be the secretary for the Stour Valley Market Towns Partnership.

100/08 To consider questions for the next TDC mayors and chairs meeting The Mayor asked the Councillors to relay to either her or the Clerk any questions they wished her to ask of TDC at the meeting in March. **Action: Councillors**

101/08 To consider a regeneration project for the market area The Mayor that she and others would like to see this area improved, with new plantings, new benches and new litter bins, to try and make the junction of the High Street, Brook Street, Station Road and North Street more of a focal area, to give the market and improve the entrance into the High Street. She handed round watercolours of the proposed outcome (kindly completed by Mrs. Rosemary Smith). This idea generated much discussion, about the actual details as well as possible funding, but the Councillors agreed it was a good idea and voted to pursue it. Proposed Cllr. Edwards, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns. **Action: Mayor and Councillors**

102/08 To approve payment of the following cheques

E.ON (electricity supply)	£166.09
PCSOs	£919.85
Lawford PC (Handyman)	£1214.60
A&J Lighting (light repair)	£131.22 (net of credit note)

Proposed Cllr. Lay-Flurrie, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns.

103/08 Correspondence

- For reply and attention a)** The Clerk flagged up a number of items for the attention of the Councillors.
- b)** The following post had been added to the wallet since the agenda was written: letter from Methodist Church; Clerks and Councils Direct; Essex minerals policy; Mencap.

Signed..... **Dated**.....

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CLERK'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF 15th January 2009

Report prepared 9th January

39/03 Condition of building at 33 South Street I have been contacted by the Buildings Preservation Trust, who have carried a feasibility study on this property. However, due to the absence of TDC's Conservation Officer on sick leave, they have not been able to make progress with their proposal. They will be writing to TDC to enquire how it will professional advice at any point when there is no conservation officer actually in post.

103/05a) Conservation Area Nothing further to report.

126/05 Guide book Work is continuing.

82/06 Public access at Mistley Quay Nothing further to report.

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store nothing further to report.

83/07 Width restriction I have spoken to Highways about this; apparently if a certain number of accidents occur due to large vehicles at a particular location, the police can request that a weight restriction be imposed. This is highly relevant to recurrent problems on Brook Street and Oxford Road.

100/07a) Riverside Lease Nothing further to report.

118/07 Foundry Court Day Centre Councillors to report.

20/08 Assorted highways and lighting issues I have spoken to Highways and have been told that the pedestrian crossing by Boots is scheduled for repair at the end of this month.

55/08 Youth Drop-in Centre Nothing further to report.

66/08 Access Survey Nothing further to report.

67/08 Condition of old stable in Stour Street Work appears to have started on repairs.

81/08a) Addition of a name to the war memorial Nothing further to report.

81/08d) Overcrowded bus no response as yet from First Bus.

81/08e) Maintenance of Co-op car park **Item for discharge**

89/08 Council's budget for 2009/10 This has been publicised **Item for discharge**

90/08 Issues with the Fiveways car park I have written to the Co-op and await a reply.