

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL
Unapproved
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Community Room
Thursday 16th July 2009

36/09 Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton (Minutes)
Cllr. A. Hoskyns Cllr. R. Streames
Cllr. E. Edwards Cllr. V. Bettle

In attendance: Mrs. R. Day
Mrs. L. Canham
Ms. C. Tilley (Harwich & Manningtree Standard)
P.C.S.O Howe (to end item 41/09)
Ms. R. Kenneison - Clerk

37/09 Apologies for absence: Cllr. M. Dew; District Cllr. C. Guglielmi.

38/09 Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the meeting of 18th June were approved. Proposed Cllr. Hughes-Stanton, seconded Cllr. Hoskyns and signed by the Mayor.

39/09 Declaration of interests There were no changes.

40/09 Matters arising from the minutes

39/03 condition of 33 South St Cllr. Dew had notified the Clerk that a report is due to go TDC's cabinet for consideration.

126/05 Guide book The Clerk said that the guide had been very well received though a number of business people were very disappointed not to have been given the chance to advertise in it. She explained this was as the result of limited resources.

119/06 Proposed Tesco Store Tesco is due to submit a revised plan, which it has asked to present to the Council in September.

100/07a) Ken Edwards, who is one of Lawford's reps on the SVMTP, is to ask Lawford PC to contribute towards the legal costs of this project.

20/08 Lighting The Clerk said that the new light at the top of Brook St was in but that work was not yet complete.

81/08a) Cllr. Streames had received a letter from Mr. Hay detailing his uncle's credentials as a merchant seaman. The Clerk was asked to arrange the addition of his name to the war memorial. **Action: Clerk**

101/08 Regeneration of market area The Mayor reported that she had met with an officer from TDC and established the route of the drains (and thus the limits on planting areas). She is awaiting two estimates for resurfacing the area.

120/08b) Dropped kerb on South St This has been installed but unfortunately cars are being parked across the one on the eastern side of the road. A solution to this is being sought.

8/09 Widening of footpath on Colchester Road Nothing has been heard back from the landowner. **Item discharged**

31/09 Possibility of a CCTV camera in The Lane PCSO Howe's advice is to wait and see how the Dispersal Order works.

41/09 Open session Mrs. Canham said that she is about to move and let her house due to the amount of trouble she has had from the youths, who are sometimes around until 1a.m. She feels that not enough has been done and that the Dispersal Order will not be enough to resolve the issues in the centre of the town. PCSO Howe said that she felt the D. O. was a help, although the problem itself was very deep-rooted, and that it could be reapplied for before it runs out so that it will run continuously. She also said that the police shifts run until 4a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Mrs. Day said that the D. O. had made no difference where she lives, and that now the speeding cars come along Riverside Avenue East. PCSO Howe said that what counts as 'intimidating' is a matter of opinion and that if the youths were not doing anything wrong, she felt it would be counter-productive to disperse them. The Mayor said that everyone would have to see how the Dispersal Order panned out, and thanked everyone for attending.

PCSO added that police inquiries into the assault along The Walls recently were proving productive. She then left to attend a call.

42/09 Reports from Representatives on Committees a) Cllr. Hughes-Stanton reported that the Business Chamber now has a chairman, secretary and treasurer.

b) Cllr. Lay-Flurrie said two plans had come in: **09/00608/FUL and 09/00609/LBC**, regarding the conversion of 18, South St. No objections as these plans were almost identical to those previously submitted.

c) She added that she had attended the Stour and Orwell Estuaries Forum, and had as a result put Mr. Bullimore (Free the Quay) in contact with the Forum over matters of access at Mistley Quay.

43/09 To consider the safety of Councillors The Councillors had all had a chance to look at the leaflet on safety that Cllr. Streames had received from TDC. After much discussion, Cllr. Streames said he would prefer not to have his full address and phone number on public display; everyone else wished to continue with the present system. In addition the view was that should a Councillor ever need to change their phone number as a consequence of their duties, the Council would cover reasonable costs. **Action: Clerk**

44/09 To discuss Christmas decorations The Mayor suggested that the Council look into the option of having Christmas tree mounts installed on buildings along the High Street, obviously with the owners' consent. It was agreed that she should investigate the costs, talk to the clerk at Harwich where a similar scheme is run, and then discuss matters with Cllr. Hughes-Stanton and the Business Chamber. **Action: Mayor**

45/09 To discuss the Council's policy when the Tesco plan comes before TDC The Clerk explained that since she had written the agenda, Tesco had been in touch to say they were submitting a revised plan, which they would present to the Council at the meeting of 17th September.

46/09 To approve payment of the following cheques

Summer play project	£175
WPS Insurance	£2.69
Environmental Design	£152.95
E-on (street lighting)	£166.09
Wharfedale Publishing	£264.13 (guide distribution)
NALC	£13.50

And for urgent payment: Status Office Services £5.00; EDF (disconnection) £259.00 and Stour Sailing Club (beach £50.00).

Proposed Cllr. Bettle, seconded Cllr. Streames.

47/09 Correspondence

For reply and attention a) The Clerk, in response to a query, had received an email from our usual lighting contractor, saying that the only way to brighten to the light along The Lane would be to fit new control gear; she was asked to obtain a quote for this and at the same time to ask him to quote for repainting a number of lampposts. **Action: Clerk**

b) The Clerk added that although the next East Essex Area Forum meeting had been cancelled , there is one in September at the Venture Centre.

c) TDC has sent out a planning survey; Clerk to complete. **Action: Clerk**

d) The Clerk added that there was, as usual, some extra post: TDC Play partnership, the Playing field, NAP report and a letter from Sparling's about the riverside.

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