



MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council Meeting held virtually via Zoom on Thursday 6th August, 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Stocks (Chair) Cllr. M. Taylor
Cllr. B. Brown Cllr. S. Tattam
Cllr. L. Dunnett Cllr. Sharon Barker

In attendance: 1 member of the public
L. Djuve-Wood (Clerk)

52/20 To receive and approve Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Lay-Flurrie and approved by the Council.

53/20 Declarations of interest

There were none.

54/20 Minutes of the town council meeting held on the 16th July 2020 to be approved and signed

RESOLVED that the minutes of the town council meeting held on the 16th July 2020 be approved as a correct record and is to be signed by the Chair after the meeting in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines.

55/20 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and matters of mutual interest

There was one member of the public in attendance. No issues or concerns were raised.

56/20 To consider Essex County Council's response to the town council's request for a 3-month trial suspension of the use of glyphosate in Manningtree

It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would write to Essex County Council in response to their request for further details of the 3-month trial suspension of the spraying of glyphosate proposing the following:

- The town council will be undertaking hand weeding on a weekly basis and already has a weeding party consisting of both councillors and volunteers;
- Each week the weeding party will be focussing on a specific area, agreed upon in advance. Areas will be weeded on a rotational basis to ensure all areas have been weeded over a period of time;
- Councillors Sharon Barker and Ben Brown, who are managing the weeding group, will be completing monthly full reports to be sent to ECC and TDC (three reports in total over the trial period). They will walk round and check all the streets and will complete a full written report with photographic evidence (including before and after photos);
- In terms of ensuring that no damage takes place to the fabric of the highway, weeds will be scraped not pulled;
- Councillors and volunteers are covered under the town council's insurance policy.

The clerk was also asked to e-mail a Powerpoint presentation prepared by Cllr. Brown to ECC.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Signed.....

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