



# MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

APPROVED

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting  
held in the Community Room on  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr. M. Morsley (Chair) Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie  
Cllr. R. Stocks Cllr. H. Jones  
Cllr. M. Taylor Cllr. J. Charlesworth  
Cllr. P. Hughes-Stanton

**In attendance:** 12 members of the public Mrs. L. Djuve-Wood (Clerk)

## **123/16 Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

## **124/16 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, having been circulated previously, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **125/16 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **126/16 Public Participation Session**

There were 12 members of the public present, all of whom were there to object to the blue setts being removed during the resurfacing work planned at South Street. It was quickly established that all public members would rather the work was delayed until Highways can come up with a proposal which will see the blue setts not only retained but also restored the entire length down to the High Street. The blue setts are of historic importance to the town and if removed would not only affect the look of the street but could also affect the value of the properties situated along the street. In addition to the strong objections to the removal of the blue setts, there was dismay at the lack of communication between Essex County Council and the public and also concern about the impact that the proposed work may have on buildings with poor or non-existent foundations.

## **127/16 Reports from the District and County Councils**

County Cllr. C. Guglielmi was not present. He had not provided the clerk with an update on the five questions posed to ECC Highways at the town council's extraordinary meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 regarding the resurfacing work on South Street. **RESOLVED** that the council strongly oppose the removal of the blue setts from South Street and would rather see the work delayed until Highways can come up with a solution whereby the blue setts will be retained, however long that may take. The clerk was asked to inform both Cllr. Guglielmi and ECC Highways. **Action: Clerk**

District Cllr. A. Coley sent his apologies. He had e-mailed the clerk his district report, summarised as follows (the complete report can be found on MTC's website):

- TDC's budget for the coming year will continue to build on strong foundations and provide a diverse range of services to residents at a cost of just £3 a week;
- Residents across Tendring will have more time to apply for their popular free parking permit this year. TDC has agreed to go ahead under the same terms and conditions with applications and renewals available from 10<sup>th</sup> January.

## **128/16 Progress Report from the Clerk**

**191/15 To consider creating a youth committee, including setting up a youth page for the council's website** As no response has been received from Manningtree High School it was agreed that the clerk is to remove the youth page from the website for the time being and also remove the item from the clerk's report.

**76/16 b) To consider TDC's Tree Planting Programme for 2016/17** The clerk is to chase contractors for the requested quotes for the proposed tree planting.

## **RESOLVED that the following items be discharged:**

187/15 To discuss and consider the Local Council Award Scheme

- 191/15 To consider creating a youth committee, including setting up a youth page for the council's website
- 64/16 To consider nominations for the Community Engagement Award
- 118/16 b) To consider expanding Environmental Design contract to cover litter picking and weeding of the main areas of the town.

**129/16 Report from the Planning Committee**

A planning meeting was held prior to the full council meeting and separate minutes have been issued for this meeting.

**130/16 Reports from Representatives on other committees**

Cllr. Hughes-Stanton had attended a debrief meeting with TDC's Emergency Planning department following the recent storm surge threat. Cllr. Taylor met with Mr Steve Gray of Essex Police regarding launching a Heritage Watch group in the area. A meeting to discuss this further has been scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**131/16 Highways/Environment**

**a) To discuss the recent changes at the Lawford Recycling Centre**

Cllr. Lay-Flurrie reported that employees of the Lawford Recycling Centre have had their working hours reduced. This seems to be a direct result of Essex County Council's recent ban on vans using the centre which has resulted in fewer residents making use of the facilities. There is concern that this may eventually lead to the entire centre being closed down. **RESOLVED** that the clerk write to Essex County Council expressing the town council's concerns. **Action: Clerk**

**132/16 Emergency Planning**

**a) To nominate three emergency points of contact for the Emergency Plan**

**RESOLVED** that Cllrs. Hughes-Stanton, Lay-Flurrie and Morsley be appointed emergency points of contact.

**b) To nominate MTC representatives for a joint emergency plan committee between Manningtree, Mistley and Lawford**

Item deferred until the new annual update of the Emergency Plan has been completed.

**133/16 Finance**

**c) To approve monthly bank reconciliation figures**

**RESOLVED** that the monthly bank reconciliation figures be approved.

**d) To approve payments/cheques for signature in accordance with the 2016/17 budget:**

**RESOLVED** that the following payments be approved:

Item	Amount
Monthly salary Mrs L Djuve-Wood (including expenses)	£579.89
Friends of Historic Essex Subscription	12.00
Trophy Engraving Community Engagement Award	£9.50
Plus Standing Order payment to Webfactory	£17.99
Plus new cheque to RBL Poppy Appeal as original cheque was lost in the post	£45.00

**134/16 Items from councillors to be added to the next agenda**

There were none.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

Signed..... *L. Lay-Flurrie* .....

Dated..... *16-3-17* .....