



MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

APPROVED

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Community Room on
Thursday 20th April, 2017 at 7.45 p.m.**

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

In attendance: Mrs. L. Djuve-Wood (Clerk)

1/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. H. Jones.

2/17 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March, having been circulated previously, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3/17 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4/17 Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public present.

5/17 Reports from the District and County Councils

District Councillor Alan Coley was present. District and County reports are accessible to the public on the town council's website www.manningtreetowncouncil.org.uk.

6/17 Progress Report from the Clerk

131/16 To discuss the recent changes at the Lawford Recycling Centre The clerk is to chase a response to the letter sent to the Head of Recycling in February. **Action: Clerk**

RESOLVED that the following items be discharged:

146/16 To consider any further action to be taken regarding the large hole in the roof of the Mogul restaurant

46/16 a) To consider project (s) for remaining S106 grants

7/17 Report from the Planning Committee

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

8/17 Reports from Representatives on other committees

Cllr. Lay-Flurrie had attended the latest Harwich International Local Authority Liaison committee meeting. She reported that cruise ships are now being built too large for the port which is causing some problems. This has resulted in a sharp decrease in cruise ships visiting the port. They have also had issues with lorry parking and cameras will be fitted to try and deal with the problem. She reported further that new escalators have been fitted; the port is fully manned; many of the port's old buildings are being dismantled; and that concerns have been raised about the nearest Abellio ticket office which will be closing.

Cllr. Charlesworth had been to the latest TDALC meeting. The Police and Crime Commissioner had attended the meeting to talk about his plans. There is going to be a 3.3% increase in precept for another 41 frontline police officers; there are plans to double the number of special constables; the police have now got drone capabilities; and they are trying to reduce the number of PCs in specialised units as these tend to draw from the on patrol police. After the Police and Crime Commissioner had left, there was a proposal (previously brought to last TDALC meeting) to lobby local MPs to have trespass changed from a civil offense to a criminal one.

Cllr. Taylor and Cllr. Hughes-Stanton had attended the Heritage Watch launch meeting. Cllr. Taylor

reported that anything could become part of the Heritage Watch, be it a house or a road. They are encouraging anyone who lives in or knows of a listed building or owns or knows of anything else with a historical value to sign up to Heritage Watch.

9/17 Highways/Environment

- a) **To discuss any further action to be taken regarding the blue setts on South Street (item 133/15)**
The councillors expressed concern that the latest ECC roadworks map was showing South Street resurfacing work scheduled for the 1st May. The clerk is to contact ECC to find out whether this is the case. **Action: Clerk**
- b) **To discuss expanding Environmental Design's contract to include weekly litter picking and weeding and to consider widening the area covered by the contract**
RESOLVED that the clerk contact Environmental Design asking them to do weekly litter picking and weeding and to water the flower tubs twice a week during the summer months. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with them to walk through the town to establish the main areas that should be focused on. **Action: Clerk**
- c) **To discuss repairing / replacing the town's flower tubs**
RESOLVED that the council will replace any tubs that are in a poor condition. **Action: Cllr. Lay-Flurrie and clerk**
- d) **To discuss complaint received from a member of the public regarding graffiti appearing on several buildings in town**
RESOLVED that this is being dealt with by the relevant authorities.

10/17 Finance

- a) **To approve monthly bank reconciliation figures**
RESOLVED that the monthly bank reconciliation figures be approved.
- b) **To approve payments/cheques for signature in accordance with the 2017/18 budget:**
RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

Item	Amount
Monthly salary Mrs L Djuve-Wood (including expenses)	£560.31
Colne Housing Society – January Room Booking	£11.00
Colne Housing – March Room Booking	£11.00
E.ON Street Lighting	£268.85
EALC 2017/18 Affiliation Fees	£260.90
Environmental Design – Town Maintenance Feb/March	£124.80
Status Office Services – Stationery	£49.74
Community Voluntary Services Tending Membership	£25.00
Plus Standing Order payment to Webfactory	£17.99

11/17 Consultations

- a) **To consider responding to the Local Government Boundary Commission's Electoral Review**
Tending: Draft Recommendations
RESOLVED that the clerk respond to say that the councillors are happy with the draft recommendations. **Action: Clerk**

12/17 Items from councillors to be added to the next agenda

- a) To produce a spreadsheet listing all separate pavement and road complaints to ECC Highways
- b) To consider arranging a volunteer litter picking session for residents
- c) To consider ideas for helping rejuvenate the High Street
- d) To discuss the safety aspect of the town's one-way system
- e) To discuss purchasing a new shield for the Community Engagement Award

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.52 p.m.

Signed..........

Dated.....18.5.17.....