

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 5 July 2010 in the Village Hall, Shrublands Road, Mistley commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllrs M Rayner (Chair), F Fairhall (Vice Chair), G Carter, R Horlock, I Peacock, I Rose, S Toller and K Worsley; District Cllr G Guglielmi; Press representative; 27 Members of the Public; R Ling (Clerk to the Council).

45.10 Apologies Cllrs Forrester and Kilmartin; D/Cllr M Dew.

46.10 Declarations of Interest. Cllr Carter declared an interest in item 4(c) of the agenda and Cllrs Horlock and Rose in item 8(b).

47.10 Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 May 2010. These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Carter.

48.10 Matters Arising

a. Art Exhibition along The Walls. The Clerk reported that he understood that this was to be held on a Sunday in September and the organisers had applied for an Events Licence and a road closure order. This was noted.

b. Water supply to the Swan Basin. Cllr Rose reported on a meeting he had attended that afternoon with representatives of TDC and the Water Company. It would appear that, once technical details had been agreed, it would be possible for the water supply to be restored. The work would be paid for by TDC who would also give a small annual grant to cover the cost of water used.

c. Planning Matters. The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Planning Committee had taken place on 1 July to discuss recent planning applications among them the revised plans for a pre-school building at Mistley Norman School. Whilst the Committee realised the need for such a building it still considered it to be too near the rear garden fences of houses in Stourview Avenue and its appearance from these gardens would be very unattractive. The Committee also considered a request made at the last Council meeting to reconsider its objections to the proposed re-development of Baltic Wharf and to meet supporters of the proposal. The Committee had decided that it did not wish to add or retract anything from its original comments and a meeting would serve no useful purpose.

d. Open Space in High Street. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the owners of this land with the object of the Council maintaining it. He had been asked by the owners to put the request in an email. Despite having done this, and sending a reminder, he had had no reply to date.

c. Vacancy for a Councillor. The Clerk reported that no one had called for an election and it was therefore necessary for a new Councillor to be co-opted. Notices of the vacancy had been posted and the closing dated was 23 July.

d. New Road. The Chairman reported that the 30mph repeater signs had been erected by ECC and the painting of speed roundels on the road was now awaited.

49.10 Meetings Attended by Councillors. Cllr Rose reported on the Annual Meeting of the Suffolk Coasts and Heath Partnership that he had attended with Cllr Horlock. Cllr Rayner reported on the consultation exercise carried out by the English Rural Housing Association regarding affordable housing and urged people who were eligible to apply. Cllr Horlock asked whether the Council should join the Stour and Orwell Society: Clerk to find out more details and report back. He also reported on repair work carried out to signs and public seats. Cllr Worsley reported that the wall on the west side of The Green had a hole in it and needed repair: Clerk to report back. Cllr Toller also mentioned that the information board on The Walls greensward was becoming very faded: Clerk to contact Suffolk Coast and Heath Partnership.

50.10 Public Voice. The meeting was adjourned between 7.45pm and 8.15pm to allow members of the public to speak. Matters raised were:

(1) D/Cllr Guglielmi gave a report of recent activity by TDC

(2) ECC work carried out in California Road resulting in blue scurry gutter blocks being removed

(3) allotments

(4) Baltic Wharf development

(5) play scheme at Furze Hill

(6) parking in Manningtree High Street and in California Road and

(7) lorries operating on the Quay.

51.10 Action under items raised in Public Voice

With regard to (2) the Clerk will report the loss of blue blocks to TDC's Planning Department and

(6) Clerk to forward to Manningtree Town Council.

52.10 Planning Recent planning decisions had been circulated and were noted.

53.10 Finance

- a. The following Standing Order was noted: £1400.00 (salaries).
- b. The following payments were approved: B Forrester £177.60; R.C.C.E. £55.00 (S137); R Ling £113.73; Bruce Landscapes £164.50; St Mary's PCC £52.00; EPF Association £25.00 (S137); Essex Police £7,629.00; T.D.A.L.C. £15.00; Open Space Soc. £40.00; Status Office Supplies £42.43; R Gwinnell £149.00; Rose Builders £132.30; I C Rose £54.03; R Horlock £14.84. Proposed Cllr Carter.
- c. A request for a contribution to be made towards the cost of CCTV in Manningtree was deferred until more details of the scheme were known. Proposed Cllr Rayner.

54.10 Correspondence. The Clerk reported recent correspondence and the following decisions were made:

- a. E.A.L.C. Councillors' Responsibilities course 9 September. Cllr Fairhall and Clerk to attend.
- b. ECC Broadband Survey. It was felt that the present level was below standard and the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.
- c. Bruce Landscapes. Play equipment inspection. Clerk to order remedial work to be carried on faulty equipment and fence.
- d. Mrs D Flynn. Village Hall and event at Furze Hill in aid of Help the Heroes. Clerk to respond and pass the issue about the cooler to the Hall Management Committee.

55.10 Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on 23 August 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.