

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 1 March 2010 at Mistley Church Hall, New Road Mistley commencing at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs M Rayner (Chair), F Fairhall (Vice Chair), A Forrester, J Frascinella, G Carter, R Horlock, A Kilmartin, I Peacock, I Rose, S Toller and K Worsley; District Cllrs M Dew and G Guglielmi

Pc C Philips (Police); Press representative; 34 Members of the Public; R Ling (Clerk to the Council)

15.10 Apologies None

16.10 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Forrester declared a personal interest in item 11b of the agenda.

17.10 Buckingham Palace Garden Party

Cllr Rose was congratulated on being invited to a Royal Garden Party having been nominated by the Council for services to the parish over many years.

18.10 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 January 2010

These had been agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

Proposed Cllr Forrester

19.10 Public Voice

The meeting was adjourned between 7.35pm. and 8.05pm. to allow members of the public to speak. Matters raised were (1) swans on The Walls greensward (2) allotments (3) Play Action at Furze Hill and (4) ownership of the Wagon Public House with regard to cutting back trees and hedge in Oxford Road.

Pc Philips gave a report on crime statistics, which were very low, and the police initiative regarding speed watch.

D/C Guglielmi gave a report on the work of the District Council mentioning in particular the budget setting process and the recent meeting of Suffolk Coasts and Heaths when the Stour Estuary Strategy was discussed.

D/C Dew also reported on the budget-setting process, saying that money would be available for the Manningtree Sports Hall, and the composition of the Development Control Committee.

#### 20.10 Action under items raised in Public Voice

With regard to (1) this will be debated under matters arising from the previous meeting (2) the Clerk will contact the allotment holders (3) the use of Furze Hill was agreed in principle but the matter will be discussed again at the next meeting and (4) Cllr Toller undertook to do a property search.

#### 21.10 Matters Arising from the previous meeting's minutes

a. Swans at The Walls. The concerns regarding the numbers of swans on the greensward, the road and on the war memorial island were discussed at some length. Emails opposing and supporting the activities of Swanwatch had been circulated together with a letter from TDC stating that, in its opinion, no statutory nuisance existed. On a proposition by the Chair it was agreed:

- i. Swanwatch should be asked to reduce the level of feeding
- ii Consideration to be given to planting a natural barrier at the top of the embankment
- iii ECC be requested to provide another road sign warning of wildlife
- iv More prominent signs to be provided banning the feeding of birds on the greensward
- v Work to reinstate the embankment and to protect it should be encouraged
- vi No grant should be given to Swanwatch other than the possibility of contributing towards the restoration and protection of the greensward.

b. Police Community Support Officers Minutes of a meeting with the Police held on 2 February 2010 had been circulated and were noted.

c. Speed of Traffic in High Street The possibility of requesting ECC to provide a Vehicle Activated Speed sign was discussed but, following a vote, it was agreed not to proceed with this.

d. Community Room at High Street Maltings The Clerk reported that he had seen on the internet that there was a room advertised for lease in the Maltings and wondered whether this was the Community Room. However Cllr Kilmartin explained that there were a number of vacant rooms on the lower part of the Maltings that were being advertised.

#### 22.09 Reports from meetings attended by Councillors.

Cllr Rose reported on a meeting of Suffolk Coasts and Heaths when the Stour Estuary Strategy was discussed including the possibility of including the south side of the river in the A.O.N.B.

Cllr Horlock reported on a meeting with TDC which proposed a joint scheme with TDC, Lawford, Mistley and Manningtree Councils regarding a Considerate Parking Initiative. It was agreed to join in with this and the Clerk would obtain further details.

Cllr Rayner reported on a meeting with residents of Anchor Lane who were in favour of a proposed Baltic Wharf development.

Cllr Rayner also reported on a meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee which discussed the lease and trust deed of the Hall. It was agreed to set up a working party, consisting of Cllrs Rayner, Toller and Peacock, to assist in drawing up a new lease and trust deed.

#### 23.10 Gritting of Roads

The Clerk reported that he had asked ECC to provide a salt bin in Mill Hill as agreed at the last meeting but had had no reply. He will chase this.

It was agreed that the possibility of a salt bin in Trinity Road be no longer pursued

#### 24.10 Operations at the Quay

The Clerk reported that he had received complaints regarding open-top lorries, carrying what is thought to be chicken manure, operating along the quayside. This has resulted in unpleasant dust being blown across the quayside houses and into High Street. He was asked to report this to the Environmental Health Department of TDC.

## 25.10 Planning

- a. Recent planning decisions had been circulated
- b. Comments were made on two recent applications.
- c. Plans of a proposed rebuilding of the Football Pavilion at Furze Hill were available. It was agreed to make no comments until a planning application was submitted.

## 26.10 Finance

- a. The following Standing Order was noted:

£1,440 (salaries)

- b. The following payments were approved:

B Flynn £20; B Forrester £148; R Ling £119.20; TDC £105.49; Status Office Services £46.95; Action Fixings £23.44

### Proposed Cllr Kilmartin

- c. A request for a grant had been received from the Manningtree Museum. It was agreed to give £35. Cllr Horlock declared a personal interest in this item.

### Proposed Cllr Carter

- d. A request for a grant had been received from the Manningtree/Frankenburg Association. It was decided to make no donation in this instance.

### Proposed Cllr Rayner

- e. A request for a grant had been received from Homestart. It was agreed to give £150. Cllrs Kilmartin and Rayner declared a personal interest in this item.

### Proposed Cllr Rose

## 27.10 Correspondence

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

- a. TDC Considerate Parking Initiative. Agreed to join the scheme with Lawford and Manningtree Councils.
- b. TDC Work of Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Agreed no comment
- c. E.A.L.C. Standing Orders. Agreed to purchase one copy.

#### 30.10 Dates of next meetings

The next meeting, which will include the Annual Assembly, will be held at Mistley Church Hall, New Road on 12 April 2010 at 7pm.

Cemetery Committee meeting on 11 March at Elm House, New Road commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.