

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 24 May 2010 at the Church Hall, New Road, Mistley commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Rayner (Chair), Fairhall (Vice Chair), Carter, Forrester, Peacock, Horlock, Kilmartin and Rose; R Ling (Clerk to the Council); D/Cllr Guglielmi; Representative from Harwich and Manningtree Standard; PC C Philips (Police); 22 Members of the Public

Apologies Cllrs Toller and Worsley; D/Cllr Dew

45.10 Declarations of Interest. Cllrs Rayner, Rose and Forrester declared a personal interest in item 14(c) of the agenda. and Cllr Peacock declared a personal interest in item 14(h).

46.10 Election of Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr Rose and seconded by Cllr Horlock that Cllr Rayner be nominated as Chairman for 2010/11. There being no other nomination Cllr Rayner was appointed Chairman.

47.10 Election of Vice Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr Horlock and seconded by Cllr Kilmartin that Cllr Fairhall be nominated as Vice Chairman for 2010/11. There being no other nomination Cllr Fairhall was appointed Vice Chairman.

48.10 Appointment of Committees and Representatives. Committees and Representatives were appointed as detailed in the schedule attached to these minutes. Proposed Cllr Rayner.

49.10 Casual Vacancy. The Council noted the resignation of former Cllr Frascinella and instructed the Clerk to set in motion the procedure for appointing a replacement.

50.10 Minutes of the Annual Assembly. The minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 12 April 2010 were noted.

51.10 Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 April were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Horlock.

52.10 Matter Arising. Use of Furze Hill by Play Action Ltd. Play Action Ltd, having provided further information, were given permission to use Furze Hill for young people's activities subject to obtaining the necessary insurance cover and being responsible for the clearance of any litter resulting from their activities.

53.10 Public Voice. The meeting was adjourned from 7.50pm until 8.45pm to allow members of the public to speak. Matters raised were: 1) report from Police; 2) report from D/C Guglielmi; 3) water supply to Swan Basin (4) speed of traffic in High Street.; 5) development of Baltic Wharf; 6) planning application by Mistley Pre-School; 7) Art Exhibition on The Walls greensward.

54.10 Action under items raised in Public Voice. Under item 3) D/C Guglielmi undertook to ascertain the latest position. 4) The Clerk to enquire whether ECC would be prepared to provide a VAS speed sign. 5) The Chairman to ask members of the Planning Committee whether they wished to meet local residents to discuss this development; 6) D/C Guglielmi undertook to take this up with TDC's Planning Department and 7) was deferred to the next meeting to await further information.

55.10 Reports of Meetings attended by Councillors. Cllr Rayner reported that he attended the meeting of TDC's Planning Committee when the application by Tesco's was determined. Cllr Horlock reported on a Transportation meeting that he had attended.

56.10 Open Space in High Street opposite Mistley House. Cllr Rose informed the Council that Cllr Horlock had cleared away scrub and undergrowth from a small piece of land belonging to Gladedale Developments adjacent to The Towers. He asked the Council to consider laying out this area to grass with the possibility of providing a public seat upon it in the future. The Clerk was instructed to contact Gladedale Developments to obtain permission for this work. Cllr Horlock was thanked for his work.

#### 57.10 Planning

a. Recent planning decisions by TDC were noted.

b. Two planning applications were considered: 1) 20 Harwich Road where no objections were made and 2) Trinity Lodge, Trinity Road where no objections in principle were made but the Clerk was asked to inform TDC that there were concerns regarding the colour and appearance of the new roof.

#### 58.10 Finance

a. The following direct debits and standing orders were noted:

£714.00 (salaries); £81.99 (hire of photocopier)

b. The following payments made since the last meeting were noted: Action Fixings £333.49; Essex Woodlands £1092.75.

c. The following payments were approved: B Forrester £177.60; Foundry Court £50.00 (S137); Mistley C.C. £100.00 (S137); A and J Lighting £150.99; Status Office Services £30.39; P Liverton £806.07; Manningtree Rail Users Association £100.00 (S137); Grand Theatre of Lemmings £100.00 (S137); M.Q.F. £25; Broker Network £2951.97; M Rayner £400; I Rose £28.64.

d. Request for grant from the Friends of Foundry Court. A grant of £50 was approved.  
Proposed Cllr Kilmartin

e. The Pound. The Clerk reported that he had requested two quotations for the cost of carrying out restoration work and one had been received amounting to £5,800. It was agreed that further investigations should be made regarding the history of The Pound and to ascertain whether grants could be available for this work. In the meantime a planning application should be made to TDC to obtain permission to carry out this work.

f. Insurance Policy. two quotations had been received, one from AON in the sum of £3,800.00 and the other from Came and Company in the sum of £2,951.97. It was agreed that the lower quotation be accepted.

g. Accounts for 2009/10. The Clerk had circulated a summary of the Accounts for 2009/10. These were approved and signed by the Chairman together with the Annual Governance Statement. Proposed Cllr Rose.

59.10 Correspondence. Recent correspondence had been circulated by the Clerk and was noted.

60.10 Date of next Meeting of Council: Monday 5 July 2010 at the Village Hall.

61.00 Exclusion of Press and Public. It was proposed by Cllr Rose and seconded by Cllr Horlock that the press and public be excluded due to the confidential nature of the matter about to be discussed.

a. Meeting with Lawford Parish Council regarding planning application on land off Trinity Road.

Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m