

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 22 November at the Village Hall, Shrublands Road, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Rayner (Chairman), Fairhall (Vice Chairman), Carter, Forrester, Horlock, Peacock and Rose, Pc C Philips (Police), D/Cllrs Dew and Guglielmi, Press Representative, 5 Members of the public, R Ling (Clerk to the Council)

Apologies: Cllrs Kilmartin, Norman, Toller and Worsley.

86.10. Declarations of interest. Cllrs Carter, Forrester and Rose declared a personal interest in item 11c of the agenda.

87.10 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

Proposed Cllr Rose

88.10 Adjournment of the Meeting

The meeting was adjourned between 7.35 p.m. and 8.05 p.m. to allow members of the public to speak. Matters raised were;-

Pc Philips explained that crime figures were now given on a monthly basis. He refuted claims made at the last meeting that stolen cars had been found abandoned on the Quay or that charges are levied on PNC checks. He explained the traffic order banning HGVs from using Clacton Road and the difficulties in finding a suitable place to carry out speed checks on that road (2) D/Cllr Guglielmi reported that the new Chief Executive had been appointed, he encouraged comments on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy, he reported that the District Council were aiming at savings of about £1m over the remainder of this year and next year, he reported that a proposal to reduce the number of Members sitting on the Development Control Committee was being considered and that he had met with the Police over the policing of future events on the Quay (3) need to vote on the internet supporting the provision of broadband in the area (4) allotments (5) water supply to Rugby Club Pavilion (6) need for pedestrian crossing in Harwich Road and (7) continuation of Luncheon Club at Foundry Court.

89.10 Action from Public Voice

With regard to (6) the Clerk was instructed to contact the County Council, and with regard to (7) he was asked to report the County Councillor's comments to the next meeting.

90.10 Matters arising from Minutes of the 11th October meeting

a. Art Event on The Walls greensward.

The Clerk read an e.mail received from the organisers giving details of the proposed event on 5th June 2011. It was agreed to support the event in principle

and to refer the request for sponsorship to the Finance Committee.

Proposed Councillor Rose

b. Parking in California Road

The Chairman confirmed that he had now been advised that the cul de sac off California Road was in private ownership and the owners had the right to decide whether parking in it was allowed or not.

91.10 Meetings Attended by Councillors

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting of the Essex Forum when he had brought up the question of Parish Councils funding their own VAS signs. At the moment they could not do this unless the speed surveys met the EEC criteria but the Highway Portfolio Holder would look at this.

The Vice Chairman reported on a meeting with the Local Plan Officer from TDC, which was also attended by Councillors from Manningtree T.C., regarding the new Manningtree and Mistley Conservation Plan. The new conservation area boundary was already in force and TDC were planning to make an Article 4 direction limiting permitted development on buildings within the area. The local Councils would be consulted on the extent of the restrictions and would be asked to pay a contribution towards the cost of a survey to agree what type of development should be included in the direction.

Cllr Horlock reported on a transportation meeting and said that new bus and rail timetables were coming into force.

#### 92.10 Affordable Housing

Final Plans had been received from the English Rural Housing Association regarding the proposed development off Harwich Road and were put up for display at the meeting. No adverse comment was received.

#### 93.10 Repairs to The Pound

A tree preservation order had been proposed for the tree within the Pound but the tree had been quite badly damaged in the past. The order will lapse after 6 months so no further action is proposed. The roots of the tree make it virtually impossible to provide a foundation for the new wall and it was agreed to defer a decision on how to proceed until further costed proposals are put forward.

#### 94.10 Police Community Support Officers

The Chairman reported that the new contract between the Police and Lawford, Manningtree and Mistley parishes had now been agreed and signed by all parties.

#### 95.10 Planning

- a. Recent planning decisions by TDC had been circulated
- b. A tree preservation order has been placed on trees within Acorn Village
- c. A planning application to carry out tree surgery to trees within Acorn Village was reported and there was no objection to this.

#### 96.10 Finance

- a. The following standing order and direct debit were noted
  - £830.00 (salaries)
  - £81.99 (hire of photocopier)
- b. The following payments made since the last meeting were noted
  - Trent Wharfage £25.00
  - Village Hall Committee £56.25

C & W Fencing £2520.38

I Rose £13.53

A and J Lighting £660.06

Came and Co £326.27

c. The following payments were approved

B Forrester £166.70

Action Fixings £15.22

A and J Lighting £134.74 & £186.16

P Liverton £768.46

Rose Builders £4332.94

TDC £326.27

G Carter £28.80

d. A quotation received from Essex Woodlands in the sum of £650.00 for clearing tree stumps from the open area in High Street, opposite Mistley House, was approved.

e. A meeting of the Finance Committee was agreed for 1 December at 2.30pm at 25 New Road.

97.10 Water Supply to Swan Basin. Cllr Rose reported that the necessary pipe work had now been completed but it was not possible to turn on the water until the basin and swan had been cleaned and repainted. He and Cllr Horlock were organising this. The provision of a fixed filling pipe had been blocked by the TDC Conservation Officer and a location to store the removable filling standpipe is being sought.

98.10 Date of next meeting: Monday 10 January 2011 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.