

Minutes of the meeting of the council held on Monday 11 October 2010 at the Village Hall, Shrublands Road, Mistley commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs M Rayner (Chair), F Fairhall (Vice Chair), A Forrester, A Kilmartin, A Norman, I Peacock, I Rose and K Worsley. District Cllrs M Dew and G Guglielmi; Press representative; 11 Members of the Public.

71.10 Apologies Cllrs Carter and Horlock. Pc Phillips (Police)

72.10 Declarations of Interest. Cllrs Forrester, Kilmartin and Peacock declared a personal interest in item 12(c) of the agenda and Cllr Rose in 12(g).

73.10 Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 August 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Rose

74.10 Public Voice. The meeting was adjourned between 7.35pm. and 8.05pm to allow members of the public to speak. Matters raised were: (1) Report from D/C Guglielmi highlighting that the Local Development Framework would be out to public consultation soon and that the policing of gathering on the Quay is being questioned. (2) Abandoned cars left on the Quay. (3) Proposed art exhibition on The Walls. (4) Completion of river-bank protection by Swanwatch. (5) Speed of traffic, and use by HGVs, in Clacton Road and (6) in the absence of Pc Phillips, the Comparison Crime Tables for Mistley were noted.

75.10 Action on matters raised under Public Voice. 2. To be placed on the agenda of the next Police liaison meeting. 3. To be placed on next Council agenda. 5. To be placed on the agenda of the next Police liaison meeting.

76.10 Matters Arising from Minutes of August 23 meeting.

1. Parking in California Road. The Chairman reported on a meeting he had attended with D/C Guglielmi and an Officer from TDC. He stated that he had been informed, despite the notice to the contrary, that parking was permitted in the cul-de-sac off California Road.

2. Open space in High Street. A letter had now been received from the owners giving the Council permission to maintain the area opposite Mistley House. A quotation to clear tree stumps from the land is now awaited.

3. Traffic in Clacton Road. The Clerk reported that, following a review of the criteria by ECC, the road no longer met the requirements for a VAS sign to be erected. A sign could be provided by the Council, at a cost of around £5,000 but the site would still need to conform with the ECC criteria. The Clerk was asked to press the County Council to provide 40mph roundels on the road.

4. The Pound. The Clerk reported that planning permission to rebuild the Pound had been received but a Tree Preservation Order had been placed on the tree in its centre. The roots of this tree would make it difficult to construct a foundation for the wall and the Clerk was asked to set up a meeting with TDC's Tree Officer to discuss a solution.

5. Litter Bin. The Clerk reported that an order had been placed with TDC to provide a litter bin in Harwich Road, at the junction with the footpath to Stourview Avenue, at a cost of £280.

77.10 Minutes of the Finance Committee. The minutes of the Finance Committee held on 9 September 2010 were noted.

78.10 Matters arising.

1. The recommendations for expenditure for the remainder of the year were approved with the exception of the £2,000 grant to The Hub which would be considered again for next year's budget. Proposed Cllr Kilmartin

2. The variation in the Clerk's contract of employment and the purchase of a new computer were approved. Proposed Cllr Rose

3. The grant of £4,000 to the Stour Valley Market Town Initiative was not approved but would be considered again in next year's budget. Proposed Cllr Kilmartin

79.10 Minutes of the Cemetery Committee. The minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 23 September 2010 were noted.

80.10 Report on meetings attended by Councillors.

The Chairman reported on meetings he had attended regarding Tesco's planning application, Affordable Housing and a meeting of the Tendring District Association of Local Councils.

Cllr Rose reported on a meeting of the Suffolk Coasts and Heath Partnership.

Cllrs Fairhall and Norman reported on a training morning on Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors held by E.A.L.C.

Cllr Worsley reported on a meeting of the Free the Quay Committee and that they would be needing funds to designate the Quay as a village green.

81.10 Speed Watch

The Chairman reported on a scheme being run by Essex Police whereby volunteers were required for training in the use of radar speed guns. Anyone interested should contact PC Phillips at Mistley Police Station.

82.10 Planning

1. Recent planning decisions made by TDC were noted.
2. An application for a change of use to a Restaurant and Take Away

of the former Station Master's house at Mistley Station was discussed and comments would be forwarded when the application had been seen by all members of the Planning Committee.

3. The Clerk reported that he had a copy of the Manningtree and Mistley Conservation Area Plan and that it was also available on TDC's website.

83.10 Finance

1. The following Standing Orders and Direct Debits were noted: £1,440.00 (salaries); £82.55 (hire of photocopier).
2. The following cheques issued since the last meeting were noted: Bruce Landscapes £82.50; E.A.L.C. £108.00. A & J Lighting £619.46; L Pearse £138.00; MPS Computers £443.62; 3. The following payments were approved: R Ling £173.22; Essex Police £7,629.00; I Peacock £30.00; TDC £2,500.00; B Forrester £220.80; B Clarkson £350.00; P Liverton £1,583.38.
3. Section 137 payments: First Responders £300.00; Homestart £150.00; Community Bus £200.00; CAB £200.00; Mistley PCC £870.00; British Legion £50.00; Mistley Cricket Club £2,000.00; Rotary Club £70.00; Brantham Community Association £50.00; Proposed Cllr Rayner.
4. A quotation from A and J Lighting of £390.00 to remove a street-light stump in the High Street was accepted.
5. A quotation from P Liverton of £350.00 to remove scrub and undergrowth from the Trinity Road cemetery was accepted.
6. A quotation from C & W Fencing of £1,179.00 to repair the fence alongside the Village Hall was accepted.
7. The Clerk reported that Rose Builders were carrying out repairs to the Swan Basin at a cost of £3,800 which would be fully recovered from the Council's Insurers.

84.10 Correspondence

Recent correspondence was reported. Decisions made were: 1) Bruce Landscapes – play equipment inspection. Noted. 2) Essex County Council – footpath orders along the Quay. Strongly supported. 3) Colchester Rovers CC – use of Furze Hill on 14 November 10 and 23 January 11. Agreed.

85.10 Next Meeting. Monday 22 November 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 9.10pm.