



# MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting held at the Function Room at the Methodist Church Hall South Steet CO11 1BG on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 7:30 p.m**

**Present:** Cllr. M. Taylor (Mayor) Cllr. R Stocks (Deputy Mayor) Cllr. L Lay-FLurrie  
Cllr. L. Dunnett Cllr. A. Marsh

**In attendance:** Mrs. R Frost (Clerk) Cllr A Coley and 5 members of the public

### **02.23.224 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence**

Cllr B Brown and Cllr J Charlesworth sent their apologies and these were accepted by the Council

### **02.23.225 To receive any Declarations of Interest**

None declared

### **02.23.226 Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved and signed.**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by Cllr. M. Taylor

### **02.23.227 Public Announcements**

None

### **02.23.228 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and matters of mutual interest**

Mermaids against sewage

To Update the council about the ongoing application for bathing water status at Manningtree Beach.  
To request support for this and to ask for help advertising the open day 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and asking for volunteers. To complete the survey to show support.

Pride

Proposed date 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.

To have small events around the town to educate and inform the general public about Pride.

Will have sports teams to engage the children and a car wash. Music and entertainment.

To hold a ticket event upstairs at the Red Lion in the evening. Would like help with advertising.

St John Ambulance

To discuss the hall on station road and to request support in the possibility of raising funds to buy.

The Manningtree Museum have noted an interest however the funds do not stretch this far.

An intension to bid will be sent from the Museum.  
The Manningtree Council do not have funds either.

**02.23.229 Reports from the District and County Councils** – circulated prior to the meeting.  
These are also available on the council's website.

**02.23.230 Report from Essex Police**  
None Received

**02.23.231 Progress report from the Clerk**

- Road Closure - This has been sent, Parking services requested a petition for the High Street which has been completed - report has been sent and awaiting reply.
- Mandate has been completed.
- Manningtree street keepers requested a map of streets being undertaken by Environment design. This has been sent.
- Memorial Beach. Policy states no mementos. Email sent regarding this.
- Precept - This should be in the bank 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- 20's Plenty - Lawford Parish Council have sent an email in support.
- Cottage Landscapes - Sent a letter regarding grass cutting. To keep on file.
- Contract and right to work in UK - Contract signed by all parties.
- Beach Spades - Fully stocked, ongoing monitoring.
- Environment design - requested quote for larger flowering cherry. They kindly offered to donate a tree. Shall obtain prices regarding this.
- Posts for South Street. - ongoing.
- Civility & Respect - a letter has been sent to MP Bernard Jenkins, awaiting a reply.

**02.23.232** To discuss the elections timetable and nominations  
This will be advertised on the website and noticeboards. Awaiting electoral register for the electoral numbers. This will be distributed once received.

**02.23.233** To discuss Manningtree Pride - As Above

**02.23.234** To discuss Earth Festival donation and agreement for use of beach - It was all agreed by the council that £300 donation will be made and were happy for them to use Manningtree beach.

**02.23.235** To Discuss Methodist Church - it was agreed that this is much worse now. The clerk will follow up with further emails to our district councillors.  
Action - Clerk

**02.23.236 Reports from other committees and representatives**

**a) Street Keepers**

It was agreed that Sharon Barker will be invited to the march meeting to discuss the coming year, volunteer agreements and objectives.  
Action - Clerk

**b) Business Chamber**

It was noted that lots of new members have joined.

**c) Coronation Update**

Still awaiting road closure decision.

**d) School Engagement**

No information received

**e) 20's Plenty**

To note Lawford Parish Council are in support.

**f) Witches**

Mayor Taylor will be having a Zoom meeting 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 with Salem Witch Museum. To see how we can work together in the future.

**g) Five Estuaries wind farm**

Information was distributed before meeting.

**h) Dementia Awareness**

This month's meeting was cancelled but will continue to monitor.

**02.23.237** All relevant parties signed the new Contract for the Clerk.

**02.23.238 To consider the following planning applications:**

APPLICATION NO: [23/00145/FULHH](#) Mr Schurr and Mrs Heighton-Ginns

PROPOSAL: Proposed garage extension and conversion incorporating replacement flat roof and internal alterations.

LOCATION: West View 37 South Street Manningtree Essex CO11 1BQ

**Resolved** - The Council have no comment on this planning application.

**02.23.239 Planning Decisions: To note no new decisions.**

**02.23.240 Finance**

**a)** To review the monthly financial Bank Reconciliation - as of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 there was a total of £20,129.78 in both bank accounts.

**Resolved** – The Council has seen this reconciliation and this has been confirmed and signed by the chair.

**b)** To approve new payments for February, in accordance with the 2022/23 budget – please see attached payment list.

**Resolved** – Cllr Dunnnett proposed and Cllr Stocks seconded the payments – all in favour.

**01.23.241** Items for the next meeting to be added to the meeting.

Proposed Water dispenser at Manningtree Beach

To discuss ordering more sand for Manningtree Beach.

**01.23.242** Next Town Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall.

There being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 20.54 pm

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