



# MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting held at the Masonic Lodge in South Street, Manningtree, CO11 1BG Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7:30 p.m**

**Present:** Cllr. M. Taylor (Mayor) Cllr. R Stocks (Deputy Mayor) Cllr. L. Dunnett  
Cllr. J. Charlesworth Cllr. J Lewis

**In attendance:** Mrs. R Frost (Clerk) Cllr T Barrett

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

Cllr A Helm-Baxter and Cllr L Lay-Flurrie apologies received and approved.

### **10.23.138A To co-opt candidate to fill existing vacancy.**

We welcome Cllr James Lewis to Manningtree Town Council.

Proposed Cllr Stocks seconded Cllr Charlesworth. Full Council unanimous decision.

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

None received

### **10.23.140 Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 were approved and signed.**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by Cllr. M. Taylor

### **10.23.141 Public Announcements**

Congratulations go to Winyt for their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday and receiving runner up in the Tendring for growth awards

Congratulations also go to Navistitch whom were highly commended

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

No Public present

### **10.23.143 Reports from the District and County Councils – circulated prior to the meeting.**

To all fill out the consultation from Essex Highways, and to publicise this on social media.

**Action Cllr Taylor / Clerk**

**10.23.144 Report from Essex Police**

Now receiving weekly newsletter - Essex Police Dispatch

**10.23.145 Report from Street Keepers**

The flower tubs are now due to be replanted with autumn flowers.

The pathway near our wildlife garden is still ongoing. **Action - Cllr Dunnett / Cllr Barrett (District)**

It was noted that gutters and drains are heavily blocked and need some attention.

It was also noted that the Road sweepers have only been seen in the area once with the last few weeks.

**10.23.146 Report from Business Chamber**

The last meeting was the AGM – nothing to report.

**10.23.147 Report from Dementia Awareness**

No Update

**10.23.148 Report from other committees and representatives**

TDALC - Cllr L Dunnett attended this.

**10.23.149 Progress report from the Clerk**

A new bin has been purchased and is ready for installation near the Hospice shop.

Invitations for the Cheese and Wine Event are being sent out.

**10.23.150 To discuss cheese and wine tasting evening 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Invitations are now being sent out - £25 per person **Action - Clerk**

**10.23.151 To discuss the views from the Facebook Consultation re closing High Street**

This was almost a 50/50 split with some very constructive views, however we are continuing to pursue the 20's Plenty campaign in the ongoing period.

**10.23.152 To discuss possible donation to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (£100 last yr)**

**Resolved** – Full council in agreement that a £100 donation be made again this year. **Action - Clerk**

**10.23.153 To discuss supporting the Climate and Ecology Bill (Cllr Dunnett)**

**Resolved** - The full council all agreed to support this Bill **Action - Clerk**

**10.23.154 To agree to have the planters replaced with autumn flowers.**

**Resolved** – The full council all agreed.

**10.23.155 To note new bin has been ordered (£409.07)****10.23.156 To note Wreath has been ordered (£23.98)****10.23.157 To note Star Council Awards**

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful this year.

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

**Resolved** - All applications were considered and all agreed on no objections

**10.23.159 To consider the following planning decisions:**

**Resolved** - All applications were noted

**10.23.160 Finance**

**a)** To review the monthly financial Bank Reconciliation - as of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 there was a total of £15,861.31 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 October 2023, in accordance with the 2022/23 budget – please see attached payment list.

**Resolved** – Cllr Taylor proposed and Cllr Stocks seconded the payments – all in favor.

**10.23.161 To review any urgent correspondence received after the agenda has been set.**

One planning application was received and no objections were raised.

**10.23.162 To discuss this months “what has your council been doing this month?”**

Great work by our Street Keepers.

**10.23.163 To discuss where the resolutions for the current meeting have an impact on biodiversity**

To support the Climate and Ecology Bill

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

Christmas Litter Picking 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 (get into the spirit of Christmas and wear a Santa hat)

**10.23.136 There being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm.**

**10.23.137 Next Financial Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> November. 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall.**

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

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