



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 16th November 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 Cllr. A. Helm-Baxter
Cllr L. Lay-Flurrie

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

11.23.166 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence

None received

11.23.167 To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr J. Lewis - item 11.23.184 1st application.

11.23.168 Minutes of the 19th October 2023 were approved and signed.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 19th October 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by Cllr. M. Taylor

11.23.169 Public Announcements

MTC Cheese & Wine evening 24th November 2023 now postponed due to lack of numbers
Manningtree Christmas Market 2nd December 2023

11.23.170 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and matters of mutual interest

No Public present

11.23.171 Reports from the District and County Councils – circulated prior to the meeting.

11.23.172 Report from Essex Police

Weekly newsletter - Essex Police Dispatch – circulated weekly.

11.23.173 Report from Street Keepers

Mulch has been purchased and will be placed this week
bulbs have been planted around the tree at the Market Place.

Thanks to Sharon and Liz for their work at the War Memorial and their continued work.

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

11.23.174 Report from Business Chamber

A new business Blue Skies Skin Clinic to open 24th November 2023

11.23.175 Report from Dementia Awareness

Ruth attended the singing which was very enjoyable.

Next meeting 13th December via Zoom Michelle and Ruth to attend

11.23.176 Report from other committees and representatives

Mermaids talked at the Surfers against Sewage Conference, and had an interesting time.

The application for Bathing Status has been submitted and awaiting results.

11.23.177 Progress report from the Clerk

A report was delivered to the Full Council.

11.23.178 To discuss cheese and wine tasting evening 24th November 2023

This has now been postponed until 17th May 2024

11.23.179 To approve the Clerk joining the LGA Pension Scheme

Clerk to investigate joining Nest Pension Scheme as the LGA Scheme was too expensive.

11.23.180 To consider donation to Manningtree & Community Bus

Resolved – £100 donation to be made to Manningtree & Community Bus.

11.23.181 To Consider Changing electricity supplier as per details from Utility Aid

Resolved – After a discussion it was decided not to change supplies.

11.23.182 To discuss the condition of drain covers either side of junction of Colchester Road and Station Rd (raised by Cllr Lay-Flurrie).

This has been reported to Essex Highways Via Website

11.23.183 To discuss the large hole outside the former Natwest Bank on the high street (raised by Cllr Lay-Flurrie)

This has been reported to Essex Highways Via Website

11.23.184 To consider the following planning applications:

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

11.23.185 To consider the following planning decisions:

Resolved – No applications were received

11.23.186 Finance

a) To review the monthly financial Bank Reconciliation - as of 30th October 2023 there was a total of £26,789.65 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 November 2023, in accordance with the 2023/24 budget – please

see attached payment list.

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

c) To note the precept of £14110.00 has been paid into our bank account.

d) To note that the precept for next year 2024/2025 has been set at £32,453.00
This is to be review at next meeting 14th December 2023

11.23.187 To review any urgent correspondence received after the agenda has been set.
None received

11.23.188 To discuss this months “what has your council been doing this month?”
Remembrance Sunday Service – Nice turnout and many thanks to the Cadets

11.23.189 To discuss where the resolutions for the current meeting have an impact on biodiversity
None

11.23.190 Items for the next meeting to be added to the meeting.
Historical data to be sort for next years Remembrance Service. **Action - Cllr Taylor**
To discuss new charging points for electric vehicles within Manningtree.

11.12.191 There being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 8.32pm.

Next Finance Meeting 14th December 2023 7pm at the Masonic Hall.

Next Town Council Meeting 14th December 2023. 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall.

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