

17. TOWN SCHEME GRANTS(i) Boundary Wall, The Green, Mistley

The Committee were advised that an application had been received from Mistley Thorn Residents Association for financial assistance towards the cost of carrying out repairs to the boundary wall at The Green, Mistley, which was a prominent feature in the Manningtree and Mistley Conservation Area. English Heritage had agreed to include the structure in the Manningtree and Mistley Town Scheme. The total cost of eligible works amounted to £7,942. The County Planner had therefore recommended a grant of £3,177 which required a contribution from this Council of £794, subject to the usual technical conditions.

RESOLVED - That the County Council be advised that this Council will contribute a grant of £794 towards the cost of works to the above boundary wall, subject to the usual technical conditions as recommended by the County Planner.

(ii) 61 High Street, Manningtree

The Committee were advised that an application had been submitted for financial assistance towards the cost of works involved in window repairs and replacement and roof repairs at the above Grade II Listed Building. The total cost of eligible works amounted to £8,425. The County Planner had therefore recommended a grant of £3,370 which required a contribution from this Council of £842, subject to the usual technical conditions.

RESOLVED - That the County Council be advised that this Council would contribute a grant of £842 towards the cost of works to the above Grade II Listed Building subject to the usual technical conditions as recommended by the County Planner.

18. PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE MANNINGTREE AND MISTLEY CONSERVATION AREA

It was reported that the County Planner had recently recommended that the existing Manningtree and Mistley Conservation Area be extended to cover the Dairy Farm group of buildings in Mistley, plus other historic buildings and surrounding parkland. The County Planner felt that as Mistley Hall Park was an historic landscape in itself and was a central feature in the historical development of the town it should have the added protection of Conservation Area designation.

RESOLVED - That the Parish Council be formally consulted over the proposed conservation area extension at Mistley Hall Park and the results of such consultation be reported to a future meeting.

19. ESSEX FARM BUILDINGS - SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

Members were advised that the Essex Planning Officers Association had recently produced the above document which was intended to provide guidance for planners, farmers and all those involved in the design of agricultural buildings in the County whether or not planning permission was required. The District Planning Authority were requested to adopt the document as supplementary planning guidance. Members were advised that a copy of such document had been placed in the Members Rack.

RESOLVED - (a) That the Essex Planning Officers Association publication "Essex Farm Buildings" be formally adopted as supplementary planning guidance.

(b) That farmers and their agents be advised of the document and encouraged to consult it before deciding on new proposals for agricultural buildings.

20. ESSEX COASTAL ISSUES REPORT - FINAL DOCUMENT AND ESSEX COASTAL STRATEGY CONSULTATION DRAFT

Members recalled that at their meeting held on 15 November 1993 they had been advised that the consultation draft of the Coastal Issues Report had been published and various comments had been agreed for submission to the County Council. The final Issues Document had now been published and a copy had been placed in the Members Rack.

It was reported that following on from the work of the Issues Report the County Council had prepared a draft Coastal Strategy which had been approved for consultation purposes by the County Council's Environment Committee. The principal aim of the strategy was to encourage sustainable use of the Essex coastline. It set out policies and objectives for the coastline for the main areas of concern as set out in the Issues Report. The Policies were not just land use planning but also included management issues and some were just an expression of opinion on certain issues.

Members were further advised that comments on the Draft Coastal Strategy had been required by 20 May 1994 and therefore officer level views had been submitted at that stage. The County Council had been advised that the views might be subject to amendment or be amplified by Members' comments as a result of consideration at this meeting.

Members had before them a summary of the draft coastal strategy under the following headings:-

- (i) Policy Background
- (ii) The Strategy
- (iii) Policies for the Essex Coast
- (iv) Implementation

After due consideration and discussion it was:-

RESOLVED - That the County Council be advised that this Council had no further comments to make to the previously submitted comments on the Consultation Draft of the Essex Coastal Strategy.

21. REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR THE SOUTH EAST

Members had before them a fully detailed report as set out in item 5 of the Report of the Director of Planning and Economic Development.

RESOLVED - (a) That the contents of the Report be noted.

(b) That the strongest possible representations be made to the Department of the Environment, the local Members of Parliament and SERPLAN in respect of the inadequacies of the Regional Planning Guidance indicated in the Report of the Director of Planning and Economic Development.