

**AT A MEETING of HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL held
at THE GUILDHALL, HARWICH, ESSEX on
TUESDAY 7th JUNE 2005 at 8.35PM
PRESENT**

The Mayor of Harwich, Councillor G J Ford in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor Councillor J Thurlow

Councillors:
W Bleakley
P Brand
G Calver
L Double
M Gardner
M Gibbins
S Henderson
H Markham Lee
A Morrison
D McLeod
L Payne
W Rose
V Williams

Also present was one member of the press

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor
Rutson.

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| 01/05 | MAYOR'S
ANNOUNCEMENTS | The Retiring Mayor Councillor A Morrison gave details of engagements undertaken by him since the last meeting. The Mayor of Harwich and The Deputy Mayor also gave details. |
| 02/05 | MINUTES | RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 26 th April 2005 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record. |
| 03/05 | ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING | RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 th April 2005 (previously circulated) be approved by The Chairman and signed as a true record. |
| 04/05 | STATUTORY ANNUAL
MEETING | RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 th May 2005 (previously circulated) be approved by The Chairman and signed as a true record. |
| 05/05 | DOVERCOURT
BOATING LAKE | Further to a minute from the Annual Parish Meeting, a response from Tendring District Council advising that rat-baiting was to take place was noted:
RESOLVED: to send a copy of this letter to the member of the public who raised this concern. |

06/05	HANDRAILING ON STONE PIER HARWICH	Tendring District Council advised that regular Risk Assessments were undertaken which have shown a hand rail is not necessary.
07/05	CCTV	Members noted receipt of a letter from Tendring District Council advising that it is not possible to gauge how successful CCTV cameras are in preventing or solving crime as this is not something that could be easily monitored. They also advised that there are no plans at present to upgrade CCTV cameras in the town. RESOLVED: to write to TDC thanking them for their offer to visit the CCTV control centre which councillors are likely to take up at a later date.
08/05	BUS ROUTES	RESOLVED: to write to the Transportation Manger Essex County Council to ask if a new bus route which goes through the Dove Crescent estate could be put in place.
09/05	A120	RESOLVED: to write to Hutchison Ports to ask if they have reached any agreement with road developers re future improvements for the A120 should the new port go ahead.
10/05	DOVERCOURT CEMETERY	Members were advised that the cemetery is closed this week for burials/interment of ashes due to staff training. RESOLVED: to write to Tendring District Council asking why this situation has arisen.
11/05	BRIEF REPORTS OF MEMBERS	Councillor Henderson gave a report on the Single Homeless Forum. Councillor Thurlow gave details of the forthcoming VJVE celebrations in July.
12/05	FINANCE – PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS	The Payment of Account as listed was presented for consideration by members. RESOLVED: that the Accounts shown on the attached Appendix ‘A’ be approved.
13/05	TRAFALGAR WEEKEND 21ST – 23RD OCTOBER 2005	Members considered whether any special celebrations could be arranged for this weekend and RESOLVED: to arrange a meeting at the earliest opportunity to include the following organisations: Harwich Town Council – The Mayor and Deputy Mayor The Church The Harwich Society The Royal Naval Association King Georges Fund for Seafarers The Sea Cadets.
14/05	THE LICENSING ACT 2003	Councillor Henderson and Councillor Markham Lee declared an interest and left the meeting. Members considered receipt of an application to extend opening hours to midnight on weekdays and 1am at

weekends which included live/recorded music and the sale of alcohol.

RESOLVED: to advise Tendring District Council that this council object to the extended hours as the Pub is in a residential area as well as being in the centre of a small town centre and as such is not suitable for such hours.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

DATE