

**AT A MEETING of HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL held  
at THE GUILDHALL, HARWICH, ESSEX on  
TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> November 2005 at 7.50PM**

**PRESENT**

The Mayor of Harwich Councillor G J Ford in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor Councillor J Thurlow

Councillors:

P Brand

L Double

M Gardner

W Bleakley

S Henderson

H Markham Lee

L Payne

D Rutson

V Williams

G Calver

M Gibbins

The Clerk to the Council Mrs D Humphris

The Mayor's Chaplain Captain George Warren

Also present was one member of the press.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Morrison, McLeod and Rose.

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| <b>60/05</b> | <b>PRAYERS</b>   | The Mayor's Chaplain said prayers.   |
| <b>61/05</b> | <b>MAYOR'S<br/>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>                         | The Mayor gave details of engagements undertaken since the last meeting.   |
| <b>62/05</b> | <b>MINUTES</b>   | <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2005 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.  |
| <b>63/05</b> | <b>STANDING ORDERS<br/>AND FINANCIAL<br/>REGULATIONS</b> | <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Mayor would arrange a meeting for the working party on public speaking at council meetings.  |
| <b>64/05</b> | <b>BATTLE OF<br/>TRAFALGAR<br/>COMMEMORATION</b>         | Councillors noted that the collection at the Church commemoration service totalling £152 had been sent to the Royal Naval Benevolent Fund.   |
| <b>65/05</b> | <b>DOVERCOURT SEA<br/>FRONT</b>                          | Concerns were raised about the possibility of existing leisure land between Beach Road and West End lane being lost to property developers in the future. <b>RESOLVED:</b> to write to Tendring District Council to ask for a guarantee that they will protect and enhance, where or when possible, the existing leisure land between Beach Road and West End lane, for the benefit of residents and tourists alike. |

66/05	<b>HILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	Councillor Markham-Lee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 1 <sup>ST</sup> November 2005. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes be adopted including the recommendations therein.
67/05	<b>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b>  <b>ROYAL BRITISH LEGION</b>   <b>THE HARWICH SOCIETY</b>   <b>HARWICH AMATEUR BOXING CLUB</b>  <b>PRECEPT 2006/2007</b>	<p>Councillor Double presented the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes be adopted including the recommendations therein, apart from the following:</p> <p><u>F47/05 The Royal British Legion.</u> Councillors Calver and Thurlow declared a personal interest. Members considered the accounts of the Royal British Legion for their financial year ended September 2004 and <b>RESOLVED:</b> s137 grant funding of £1000 towards refurbishment and disabled toilet facilities for the Royal British Legion Hall.</p> <p><u>F48/05 The Harwich Society</u> Councillors Bleakley and Markham-Lee declared a personal interest. <b>RESOLVED:</b> the clerk to write to the Harwich Society asking for more specific and up to date information regarding their accounts, which will be used to consider future requests for grant funding.</p> <p><u>F51/05 Harwich Amateur Boxing Club</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> s137 grant funding up to £500 to cover any shortfall from the forthcoming boxing tournament.</p> <p><u>F54/05 Precept 2006/2007</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> to refer this matter back to the Finance and General Purposes Committee to finalise precept figures. It was further <b>RESOLVED</b> that full authority be delegated to the Finance and General Purposes Committee to set the precept providing that there were no changes to the actual budget figures as laid before the Council today.</p>
68/05	<b>BRIEF REPORTS OF MEMBERS</b>	<p>Councillor Ford gave a report on the Crime Prevention Panel, the Merchant Navy Welfare Board and The Harwich Festival Society.</p> <p>Councillor Rutson gave a report on the Regeneration of Tendring meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Markham Lee gave a report on the Henry Smith Charity</p> <p>Councillor Henderson gave a report on the Single Homeless Forum</p>
69/05	<b>FINANCE – PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS</b>	The Payment of Account as listed (including the Petty Cash) was presented for consideration by members. <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Accounts shown on the attached Appendix ‘A’ and Appendix ‘B’ be approved.

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| <b>70/05</b> | <b>TENDRING DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS</b>    | <b>RESOLVED:</b> to approve payment of the annual affiliation fee of £24.  |
| <b>71/05</b> | <b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF PARISH MEMBER</b> | <b>RESOLVED:</b> to nominate Councillor McLeod.  |
| <b>72/05</b> | <b>THE LICENSING ACT 2003</b>                             | Councillor Henderson and Councillor Markham Lee declared an interest.<br>The following applications were noted:<br>Lidl Harwich<br>Tollgate Takeaway<br>New CoCo Takeaway 2 Kingsway Dovercourt<br>Shanghai Garden Chinese Takeaway – 733 Main Road Harwich  |
| <b>73/05</b> | <b>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS</b>                      | <b>RESOLVED:</b> that pursuant to Section 1 of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the meeting is closed to the press and public for the transaction of the undermentioned business:<br><br>Approval of Part ‘B’ minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting date 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2005. |

**TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN**

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