

AT A MEETING of HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL held at THE GUILDHALL, HARWICH,
ESSEX on
TUESDAY 10TH MAY 2006 at 7.20pm.

PRESENT

The Mayor of Harwich Councillor G J Ford in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor Councillor J Thurlow

Councillors:

S Henderson

L Payne

M Gardner

W Bleakley

P Brand

G Calver

M Gibbins

W Rose

A Morrison

L Double

Acting Clerk to the Council Mrs E Novorol

The Mayor's Chaplain Major G Warren

Also present was one member of the press

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Williams and Markham-Lee

133/05 PRAYERS The Mayor's Chaplain said prayers.

134/05 REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

135/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Councillor Bleakley declared a personal interest in The Harwich Society, item 15 c) and Councillors Double and Brand declared a personal interest in Harwich Connexions, item 15a).

136/05 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS The Mayor informed Councillors that the Clerk to the Council Mrs Denise Humphris had resigned. The Mayor then gave details of engagements undertaken since the last meeting.

137/05 MINUTES RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th April 2006 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

138/05 ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE Councillor McLeod presented the minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2006. RESOLVED: that the minutes be adopted including the recommendations therein.

139/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES None

140/05 FRIENDS OF THE EARTH: UPGRADING OF THE A120 Pursuant to Standing Order 18: Notice of Motion Councillors were advised that there had still been no response from Friends of the Earth to two letters sent. RESOLVED: to write again emphasising the issue of safety, asking for details of their real objections and demanding a response.

141/05 SKATEPARK Further to minute 115/05 a response from Tendring District Council with the breakdown of costs of Clacton Skatepark was considered. RESOLVED: to write to Tendring District Council and request a breakdown of all costs incurred in setting-up and running the Clacton Skatepark since it was built including details of who meets these costs.

142/05 GUILDHALL COMMITTEE Councillor Calver presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2006. RESOLVED: that the minutes be adopted.

143/05 BRIEF REPORT OF MEMBERS Councillor Payne gave a report on the Harwich Regeneration Group. Councillor McLeod gave a report on the Bus Station at Harwich and also informed the meeting that Senior Citizens' Bus Passes were now being given out.

144/05 PETTY CASH EXPENDITURE The petty cash expenditure list was presented for

consideration by members. RESOLVED: that the Accounts Appendix 'A' is approved.

145/05 PARTY IN THE PARK 2006 A request for £5000.00 funding from Harwich Town Council was considered. RESOLVED: to support the request and to ensure recognition for Harwich Town Council.

146/05 FREE USE OF THE GUILDHALL RESOLVED: to allow free use of the Guildhall by Tendring Twinning Association on 16.06.06 and Harwich Festival Group on 02.07.06.

147/05 REDOUBT FETE 29TH MAY 2006 RESOLVED: to allow use of the Mayflower Avenue gate by the Harwich Society to access the Redoubt, subject to agreement with adjacent residents

148/05 LETTER OF THANKS FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE A letter of thanks from Buckingham Palace to Harwich Town Council for the birthday card sent to the Queen to mark her 80th birthday was noted. RESOLVED: to pass the letter to the archivists for it to be placed in the Town Archive.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Thurlow, took the chair at 8.40pm

128/05 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS RESOLVED: 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: Approval of Part 'B' minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 2nd May 2006.

Update on continuity of Town Council Duties

Further consideration of matters related to resignation of the Clerk to the Council.

TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN