

AT A MEETING of HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL held at THE GUILDHALL,
HARWICH, ESSEX on TUESDAY 20th June 2006 at 8.05pm.

PRESENT

The Mayor of Harwich Councillor J Thurlow in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor Councillor D McLeod

Councillors:

L Double

M Gardner

W Bleakley until 8.03pm

D Rutson until 8.04pm

P Brand

V Williams

G Calver

M Gibbins

W Rose

L Payne

S Henderson until 8.04pm

J Ford

Revd E Lammens until 8.00pm

Acting Clerk to the Council Mrs E Novorol

Also present was one member of the press.

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

01/06 REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

02/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

03/06 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS The Mayor gave details of engagements undertaken since the last meeting.

04/06 MINUTES RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings held on the 29th March 2006 and 10th May 2006 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record, except to insert Councillor Rutson as being present and change day from Tuesday to Wednesday on the latter.

05/06 FRIENDS OF THE EARTH Further to minute 140/05, communication from Friends of the Earth was noted although no response to Harwich Town Council's requests has been received. RESOLVED: to write to Mary Edwards of Friends of the Earth and ask them to advise Harwich Town Council why they oppose the upgrading of the A120.

06/06 SKATEPARK Further to minute 141/05, details of funding of the Clacton Skatepark were noted. RESOLVED: to write to Tendring District Council requesting an immediate review into the manner in which they allocate skatepark funding to ensure that support for the Harwich facility is the same as that in Clacton. Also, to request that they enhance the area at Harwich to bring the standard up to that of the Clacton Skatepark.

07/06 GRASS AREAS BETWEEN THE LOW LIGHTHOUSES AND CLIFF PARK Councillors were advised that the grass between the low lighthouses and Cliff Park had been left uncut for too long and was unsightly. RESOLVED: to write to Tendring District Council and request that the grass is cut on a regular basis.

08/06 ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE Councillor Mcleod presented the minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2006. RESOLVED: that the minutes be adopted.

09/06 COX'S POND Councillors were informed of the poor condition of the pond and the low level of the water. Subject to the Local Government Act 1972 and supporting case law, a council cannot lawfully decide any matter not specified on the agenda. The Chairman agreed to take the item and it was RESOLVED: to write to Tendring District Council regarding the poor condition of the pond and the low level of water and request that they investigate.

10/06 CAPTAIN FRYATT EXHIBITION Judy Lockett, daughter of Captain Fryatt, will be visiting the exhibition at the Guildhall on 9th July 2006. RESOLVED: to award a Town Plaque to Ms Lockett.

11/06 BRIEF REPORTS OF MEMBERS A member of Harwich Town Council raised concerns regarding the poor state of the roads in the town. RESOLVED: to write to Essex County Council and ask them what is happening regarding repairs and resurfacing.

12/06 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS a) The Annual Accounts 2005/2006 were considered and it was RESOLVED: to adopt the accounts. b) The Internal Auditors Report was considered. RESOLVED: to report that the comment regarding Petty Cash and VAT was not appropriate. c) Annual Return for Year End March 2006 was noted RESOLVED: to agree and send out.

13/06 FINANCIAL UPDATE Noted

14/06 THANKS FROM RECIPIENTS OF GRANT FUNDING Letters of thanks from Home-Start, Teentalk and Coastal Soundwaves were read out.

15/06 HEALTH CLINIC SITE A discussion regarding the issue of ownership of the access land took place. RESOLVED: to move the item to the Finance and General Purposes Committee and for Councillor Double to initiate discussions with the developer's agent.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm