

HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 21st APRIL 2009 at 8.03pm at LONG MEADOWS COMMUNITY CENTRE, DOVERCOURT

Present: The Mayor, Councillor D Rutson, in the Chair
Councillors: B Brown, L Double, G Calver, A Colbourne,
D McLeod, S Henderson, J Wares, S Tyrer, R Callender,
A Morrison, L Payne, P Burke and M Gardner

The Clerk to the Council, Mrs E Novorol

Also present: 1 member of the press

173/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Brown

174/08 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

175/08 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor deferred this item to the next meeting.

176/08 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 11th March 2009 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman.

177/08 FEASIBILITY STUDY, MAYFLOWER SCHOOL SITE

Councillor Rutson informed the meeting that the feasibility study will commence in the near future. Councillor Double advised that, as the study is to be funded by Essex County Council, the £1733 grant from Harwich Town Council will no longer be required and Councillor Rutson confirmed this to be correct.

178/08 THE FRYATT HOSPITAL

Further to minute 164/08, a letter from Dr. Zollinger-Reade confirming that the Fryatt Hospital is not for sale was noted. The letter also explained that service contracts at the hospital will be from a mixture of NHS and independent sector providers.

RESOLVED: to write to Dr. Zollinger-Reade, thanking him for providing both verbal and written assurances regarding the future of

the Fryatt Hospital and the services provided.

179/08 MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Councillor A Colbourn presented the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2009 (previously circulated).

RESOLVED: that the minutes be adopted.

Ref. minute A107/08, Councillor Tyrer requested that her objections be noted and asked if there would be any contact with the allotment holder prior to further progress with this matter. Councillor Colbourn confirmed that all tenants at the King George's Avenue site would be contacted in due course.

Ref. minute A111/08, Councillor Calver thanked Councillor Colbourn for the manner in which he had chaired the Allotments Committee and for the achievements over the last year. The committee also gave thanks to Mrs Susan Anderson, Assistant Clerk to the Council, for her hard work on its behalf.

180/08 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Councillor J Wares presented the minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2009 (previously circulated).

RESOLVED: that the minutes, including the Part B of the meeting and all recommendations, be adopted.

181/08 THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

Members noted the invitation to comment on the first draft of the revised Gambling Licensing Policy Statement by 3rd July 2009.

182/08 BRIEF REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Councillor Payne referred to the presentation regarding the Harwich Masterplan held on 20th April and described the proposals for Navyard Wharf as exciting and claimed the scheme would lead to major regeneration for the town.

Councillor Morrison gave details of a recent meeting of the Harwich International Port LALC meeting.

Councillor B Brown gave details of the recent meeting of the Carless Environmental Liaison Group and the proposal for events to be held next year to mark the 150th anniversary of the company.

Councillor Wares commented on the recent AGM of Harwich and District Community Association that she had attended.

183/08 FINANCIAL UPDATE AND RECORD OF PAYMENTS

Payments and receipts, current balances, financial activity against budgets and earmarked funds were noted.

RESOLVED: to authorise payments as listed in Appendix 'A'.

184/08 LICENSING ACT 2003

Members noted;

The proposed amendments to the Statement of Licensing Policy.

Application 09/00312/PREMVA - Variation to Premises Licence (to remove condition “Only persons over 21 years of age are permitted into the basement area” and replace with “18 years and over”) – Al Fresco, Dovercourt.

185/08 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Harwich Town Council will be held on Wednesday 13th May 2009 at The 1912 Centre, Harwich at 7.00pm or at the rise of the Town Planning Committee Meeting, whichever is the later.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm

TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

DATE