

HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON 24th JUNE 2009 at 7.00pm

at THE 1912 CENTRE, COW LANE, HARWICH

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

The Clerk to the Council, Mrs E Novorol

Also present: 1 member of the press and 10 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Mrs Joan Cooper raised her concerns regarding a lack of shops and facilities in Harwich and Dovercourt and, in particular, in the area close to Gravel Hill Way. The Mayor thanked Mrs Cooper for her comments.

Prayers were said by the Reverend E Lammens

24/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Gardner, D McLeod and B Howlett. No apologies were received from Councillor A Morrison.

25/09 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None.

26/09 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave details of engagements she has recently undertaken.

27/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on 13th May and 21st May 2009 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

28/09 450th ANNIVERSARY OF VISIT TO HARWICH BY QUEEN ELIZABETH I

Reference minute 162/07, Councillor Calver asked if the Council still supports the suggestion to commemorate the 450th Anniversary of the visit to Harwich by Queen Elizabeth I and, if so, requested that the

Mayor call a meeting of the established Working Party.
RESOLVED: to call a meeting of the Working Party.

29/09 COUNCIL MEETING AT THE HARWICH SCHOOL

Further to minute 05/09, members considered holding a meeting of the Full Council at the Harwich School.

RESOLVED: Councillor Rutson to contact the Harwich School to confirm the matter and, on receipt of a formal request, the Clerk is to investigate setting up a meeting to be held at the school.

30/09 HOOK OF HOLLAND EXCHANGE VISIT

a) Members considered the claim for expenses made by Councillor Rutson following the recent visit to the Hook of Holland Council.

RESOLVED: to arrange for a formal investigation of the claim.

b) Members considered the report of the Working Party meeting held on 15th June 2009 and noted that Mr Paddy Roomer of the Hook of Holland council has deferred his visit to Harwich until 14th July.

31/09 GROUP VISIT TO THE GUILDHALL – THE HARWICH SOCIETY

RESOLVED: to welcome the group visit to be hosted by The Harwich Society.

Councillor Calver advised members that Mr Andy Rutter of the Harwich Society had recently been involved in a car accident.

RESOLVED: to send a get well message to Mr Rutter from Harwich Town Council.

32/09 PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN RETIRING MAYOR'S SPEECH

A member raised concerns that projects identified in the retiring Mayor's speech had not, at any stage, been discussed by Harwich Town Council.

RESOLVED: to contact Mr Tom Daly with an invitation to talk to Harwich Town Council regarding the proposal to build a replica of the Mayflower. **FURTHER RESOLVED:** to write to Essex County Council to advise that the suggested new Community Centre at the Mayflower School site is not a Harwich Town Council project but that the Council would be interested in discussing it together with any other proposed sites.

33/09 HARWICH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT: CONSTITUENCY NEWSLETTER

A member raised concerns that the constituency newsletter of Mr Douglas Carswell, the Member of Parliament for Harwich, had not been circulated in Harwich. **RESOLVED:** to write the MP advising that the latest constituency newsletter has not been delivered in the

town of Harwich and to ask for this to be done as soon as possible.

34/09 BRIEF REPORTS OF MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Jacky Wares, advised that she has recently attended a meeting of the Crime Prevention Panel where the Community Payback scheme regarding people on probation was discussed.

35/09 ACCOUNTS

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

RESOLVED: to authorise payments as listed in Appendix A.

b) The Annual Return for the year-end March 2009 was considered.

RESOLVED: to agree the Annual Return.

c) The Internal Audit dated 28th May 2009 was noted.

36/09 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) LEAFLETS

Members noted that the following have recently been adopted and will eventually form a small part of the Council LDF:

- 1) The Statement of Community Involvement
- 2) The Supplementary Planning Document on Open Space
- 3) Local Development Scheme

37/09 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Harwich Town Council will be held on Wednesday 5th August 2009 at The 1912 Centre, Harwich at 7.00pm, or at the rise of the Town Planning Committee, whichever is the later.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm

TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

DATE