

**AT A MEETING of HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL
held at THE GUILDHALL, HARWICH, ESSEX on
TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2006 at 7.00pm.**

PRESENT

The Mayor of Harwich Councillor J Thurlow in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor Councillor D McLeod

Councillors:

W Bleakley

L Payne

A Morrison

V Williams

L Double

M Gardner

W Rose

J Ford

H Markham-Lee

D Rutson

P Brand from 8.10pm

Assistant to the Clerk to the Council Mrs S Anderson

Also present was one member of the press

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors
Gibbins, Calver and Henderson

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| 87/06 | PRAYERS | Prayers were said by Reverend Erwin Lammens |
| 88/06 | REPRESENTATIONS
FROM MEMBERS OF
THE PUBLIC | None |
| 89/06 | DECLARATIONS OF
INTEREST | Councillor Double declared a personal interest in Item 12
- Vacant plots at Willow Way. |
| 90/06 | MAYOR'S
ANNOUNCEMENTS | The Mayor gave details of engagements undertaken since
the last meeting. |
| 91/06 | MINUTES | RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on
the 17 th October 2006 (previously circulated) be
approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record. |
| 92/06 | GRASS CUTTING
DOVERCOURT
SEAFRONT | Further to minute 67/06, a letter was read out to members
from Tendring District Council. RESOLVED: to keep
the letter on file. |

93/06	PUBLIC CONVENIENCES DOVERCOURT SEAFRONT	Further to minute 68/06, a response from Tendring District Council was read out to members. RESOLVED: letter be noted.
94/06	FUNDING OF DENTISTRY	Further to Minute 70/06 a response from North East Essex Primary Care Trust was read out to members. RESOLVED: to invite Dr Zollinger-Read, Chief Executive, to attend the next Full Council meeting to discuss Members concerns.
95/06	INVESTMENT FOR HARWICH AND DOVERCOURT	A response from Tendring District Council regarding minute 71/06, investment for Harwich and Dovercourt, was read. Members expressed their disappointment with the response from Tendring District Council and expressed their concern that there was no assurance for the security of the Town's assets. The members welcomed the proposal of building a new modern swimming pool but not at the expense of losing the existing one in Dovercourt. RESOLVED: letter was noted.
96/06	FRIENDS OF THE EARTH/UPGRADING OF THE A120	Further to Minute 73/06, a response from Friends of the Earth was read to Members. RESOLVED: send copy of letter to Hutchinson Ports (UK) Limited.
97/06	LIME COURT/ STAFFING ISSUES	Members considered a letter from Lime Court Healthcare Limited outlining the current employment staffing issues. RESOLVED: It was agreed to reply to the letter expressing the Council's concerns at the misleading press reports and also the erosion of the Terms and Conditions of Lime Court staff. Members agreed to decline the invitation to visit the Home.
98/06	GUILDING HALL COMMITTEE	Councillor Gardner presented the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th November 2006. RESOLVED: that the minutes be adopted.
99/06	HILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Councillor Brand presented the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th November 2006. RESOLVED: that the minutes be adopted.
100/06	ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE	Councillor Williams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 14 th November 2006. RESOLVED: that the minutes be adopted.
101/06	ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE	Councillor Markham-Lee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 15 th November 2006. RESOLVED: that

		<p>the minutes be adopted. It was FURTHER RESOLVED: Minute A40/06 – Vacant plots at Willow Way to be referred to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.</p> <p>Councillor Double declared a personal interest in Minute A40/06.</p>
102/06	BRIEF REPORT OF MEMBERS	<p>Councillor Brand attended the AGM of Teen Talk and advised Members that it had been a difficult year but the facility is well used by youngsters.</p> <p>Councillor McLeod reported on the introduction of two new buses and, as a result, new areas of the town are available by Public Transport.</p>
103/06	MILTON ROAD CAR PARK	<p>Pursuant to Standing Order 17: Motion to Council</p> <p>Councillor McLeod proposed that the Council seek serious discussion with the appropriate port folio holder at Tendring District Council, to negotiate an agreement on obtaining a trial period to accommodate a ‘first hour free parking’ policy at Milton Road car park this to help toward the viability of our town centre which is at risk from competition. After a lengthy debate it was RESOLVED: Councillor McLeod will arrange a meeting and invite Mr H Shearing, Technical and Procurement Manager at Tendring District Council.</p>
104/06	FINANCIAL UPDATE	<p>Payments and receipts, current balances, financial activity against budgets and earmarked funds were noted and approved.</p>
105/06	AL FRESCO, KINGSWAY AND THE HUSTLER SNOOKER AND SOCIAL CLUB, KINGSWAY	<p>Two applications had been received from Tendring District Council to extend/vary the hours under The Licensing Act 2003, from Al Fresco, Kingsway and The Hustler Snooker and Social Club, Kingsway. RESOLVED: applications noted.</p>
106/06	ROWLES OF DOVERCOURT	<p>A letter from Rowles of Dovercourt was read to the Members regarding re-surfacing of Main Road/High Street. RESOLVED: letter noted.</p>
107/06	ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING COLLEGE	<p>A letter received from Essex County Council inviting the Council to nominate a representative to join the Harwich Local Consultative Committee. RESOLVED: Councillor McLeod was elected to join the group.</p>
108/06	REVIEW OF MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICES IN ESSEX	<p>A letter received from Essex County Council reviewing the mobile library service within the town, was discussed at length. The Members accepted that amendments to the schedule was necessary but not at the curtailment of</p>

the service altogether. **RESOLVED:** to write to Essex County Council, enclosing completed questionnaire.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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