

**AT A MEETING of HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL  
held at 1912 CENTRE, HARWICH, ESSEX  
on WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008 at 7.42pm**

**PRESENT**

The Mayor Councillor D McLeod in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor Councillor D Rutson

Councillors:

B Brown

J Brown

S Tyrer

J Wares

L Double

A Colbourne

G Calver

P Burke

L Payne

R Callender

B Howlett

A Morrison

Clerk to the Council Mrs E Novorol

Also present were one member of the press and two members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Henderson and Gardner

Prayers were said by the Reverend E Lammens

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| <b>111/07</b> | <b>REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</b> | None  |
| <b>112/07</b> | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>                   | Councillor J Brown declared he has a personal interest in the Hill School site.   |
| <b>113/07</b> | <b>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>                      | The Mayor gave details of engagements undertaken since the last meeting.  |
| <b>114/07</b> | <b>MINUTES</b>                                    | <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on the 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2007 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.                |
| <b>115/07</b> | <b>RHYME AGAINST CRIME</b>                        | Councillor Calver advised the meeting of £180 left in the fund after the closure of the Rhyme Against Crime initiative. <b>RESOLVED:</b> to forward the £180 to the Crime Prevention Panel. |

<b>116/07</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE</b>	<p>Councillor D Rutson presented the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Reference minute E39/07 – People’s Garden, a member asked the Chairman why he had not supported this scheme with the District Council and requested confirmation that he would support this project when the opportunity next arose. The Chairman responded that he would make that decision when necessary.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes be adopted.</p>
<b>117/07</b>	<b>HILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	<p>Councillor B Howlett presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes be adopted.</p>
<b>118/07</b>	<b>GUILDHALL COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	<p>Councillor Calver presented the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes be adopted.</p>
<b>119/07</b>	<b>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b>	<p>Councillor Wares presented the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007. Reference F47/07: the Mayor left the meeting and the Deputy Mayor took the Chair. A member raised concerns regarding the content of a letter published in the local newspaper stating that the Labour group had voted against a grant to the Ark Centre.</p> <p>The Chairman of the committee was asked to confirm the accuracy of the minute and did so. A member then requested that the author of the letter publish a retraction and apology as its content was a contradiction of the agreed minute. The Mayor returned to the meeting and took the chair.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes be adopted</p>
<b>120/07</b>	<b>GRANT FUNDING</b>	<p>Motion pursuant to Standing Order 18: Proposal that Harwich Town Council resolves to continue supporting groups, charities and organisations through the scope and direction of the Local Government Acts in the Harwich Town area only. Councillor L Double</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the motion is carried.</p>
<b>121/07</b>	<b>OPEN SPACE AUDIT IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL PLAN</b>	<p>A request from Tendring District Council for comments by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2008, on the open space audit in support of the local plan was noted.</p>
<b>122/07</b>	<b>FRIENDS OF HISTORIC ESSEX</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> to offer free use of the Guildhall to Friends of Historic Essex for their A.G.M.</p>

- 123/07 FINANCIAL UPDATE** Payments and receipts, current balances, financial activity against budgets and earmarked funds were noted.  
**RESOLVED:** to authorise payments as listed.
- 124/07 INTERNAL AUDIT** The Internal Auditor's report was noted.
- 125/07 THE LICENSING ACT 2003** Application for variation of premises licence for Al Fresco, 32 Kingsway, Dovercourt was noted.
- 126/07 NEW DEVELOPMENT STANTON EURO PARK ROAD NAMES** Suggestions for road names of Bridge Street, Springwell Close and Braybrooke Close to be allocated at the new development at Stanton Euro Park were considered.  
**RESOLVED:** to write to Tendring District Council suggesting Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown as road names due to the link with last year's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first European settlement in Virginia by Harwich seaman, Christopher Newport.
- 127/07 RHYME AGAINST CRIME** A letter of thanks regarding the Rhyme Against Crime initiative, from Two Village Church of England VC Primary School, was noted.
- 128/07 LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE LEADER OF TENDRING** A letter from Mr David Lines, Executive Leader of Tendring District Council, thanking the Mayor for organising a tour of Harwich and Dovercourt was noted.
- 129/07 STRATEGIC HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT** Notification, from Tendring District Council, of a stakeholder workshop to be held at 7.00 pm on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 at the Council Chamber, Weeley was noted.
- 130/07 TEEN TALK** The meeting was advised that Teen Talk will be holding its AGM at the centre in Cliff Road on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 6.00pm.
- 131/07 MRS MOLLY BLEAKLEY** A letter from Mrs Molly Bleakley, thanking the council for the paperweight presented in recognition of Bill's term of office as a Harwich Town Councillor, was read to the meeting.  
**RESOLVED:** to place the letter in the town archive.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17pm

**TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN**

**DATE**