

**HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010 at 7.00pm  
at THE 1912 CENTRE, COW LANE, HARWICH**

**Present:** Councillor S Henderson, in the Chair  
Councillors J Brown, P Burke, R Callender, G Calver, A Colbourne,  
B Howlett, D McLeod, A Morrison, L Payne and J Wares

Clerk to the Council, Mrs S Anderson

**Also present:**  
2 members of the press and 12 member's of the public.

Mrs Bradnum asked why the kiosk, built within the new toilet block in Dovercourt Park, was not open. Councillor Henderson to reply direct to Mrs Bradnum.

Mr David Flavell asked why the Guildhall not used to hold meetings. Councillor Henderson stated that the Guildhall is not disabled friendly and requested the question be answered by Councillor Tyrer. Councillor Calver stated that the Council were awaiting a response from English Heritage regarding alterations to make the Guildhall disabled friendly and once the information was received a meeting would take place to decide the way forward.

Mrs Bradnum stated that there are lots of pot holes in West End Lane, Dovercourt caused by lorries travelling to the tip. Councillor Callender confirmed that he, and an officer of Essex County Highways, had surveyed the condition of roads throughout the town and would contact her once the report was finalised.

Prayers were said by Reverend Peter Mann

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**01/10 CHAIRMAN**

The Clerk informed the Committee that the Chairman, Councillor S Tyrer was unable to attend the meeting then asked for nominations to chair the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor S Henderson chair the meeting.

**02/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Brown, L Double, M Gardner, D Rutson and S Tyrer.

**03//10 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None.

**04/10 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**05/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> May and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

**06/10 BRITISH ARMED FORCES FLAG**

The Clerk asked if the Council would take an emergency item to give permission for the purchase of a British Armed Forces flag in readiness for Armed Forces Day on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010. **RESOLVED:** unanimously to purchase the flag.

**07/10 TOUR OF GULDHALL ON 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010**

The Clerk asked for a further emergency item of a request to visit the Guildhall Mrs T MacLeod, Head Teacher of St Joseph's School on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 at 1.30pm. The party will consist of thirteen teachers from Ghana and eleven hosts, Mrs MacLeod also requested the attendance of Harwich Town Council and Mr Ray Plummer the Honorary Archivist. **RESOLVED:** that permission be granted.

**08/10 ESSEX LEISURE AND TRAVEL SHOW**

Councillor Calver provided copies of an article printed in the Telegraph promoting Harwich which arose from the Harwich Society's attendance at the annual Essex Leisure and Travel Show. The Council agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Harwich Society.

**09/10 HARWICH MAGISTRATES COURT, MAIN ROAD, DOVERCOURT – BOUNDARY FENCE**

The Council noted a letter from King Sturge LLP who are property advisors to Her Majesty's Court Services who are proposing to reposition the boundary fence at the rear of the Magistrates Court. **RESOLVED:** that the Hill School site be discussed at the meeting of Finance and General Purposes Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010.

**10//10 MILTON ROAD CAR PARK**

The Council discussed the motion to request that Tendring District Council reinstate the 10p car parking charge at Milton Road Car Park. **RESOLVED:** unanimously to allow Councillor Payne to request, at the next meeting of Tendring District Council, reinstatement of the 10p parking charge at Milton Road.

**11/10 20 MPH ZONES**

Councillor Payne suggested that the Council contact Essex County Council to investigate and instigate a 20 mph through old Harwich. **RESOLVED:** to contact Essex County Council to investigate the possibility to instigate a 20 mph zone from the light house, George Street, West Street throughout old Harwich.

**12/10 MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Allotments Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010 (previously circulated) be approved by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

**13/10 ACCOUNTS**

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

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) to authorise payments as listed Appendix A.
- (b) to approve the Annual Return year end March 2010 and noted that there is a sound system of internal control in place.
- (c) to approve the Internal Audit dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**14/10 THE HARWICH FESTIVAL**

The Council noted a letter of thanks from The Harwich Festival for receipt of a grant of £1500.

**15/10 HARWICH SHANTY FESTIVAL**

The Council noted a letter of thanks from the Harwich Shanty Festival for receipt of a grant of £500.

**16/10 BRIEF REPORTS OF MEMBERS**

Councillor Callender reported to members on all projects undertaken by Essex County Council.

- a) Involvement in the Mayflower Project
- b) Town Centre market
- c) Piling at Harwich
- d) Highway as to whether Pattricks Lane has been adopted/unadopted.
- e) Roundabouts and more signage along the A120
- f) Powerboat Festival weekend promoting Harwich

A member asked if Essex County Council was still funding the Mayflower Project. Councillor Callender confirmed that it was initially, but was now funded by English Heritage.

A member requested reports from District Councillors at Full Council meetings. It was agreed that no reports would be received from the seven District Councillors as it was deemed unworkable.

The Council discussed the current condition of the Dovercourt Boating Lake and a member reported that a proposal from Tendring District Council to spend £50,000 would go to Cabinet on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

**17/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Harwich Town Council will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 at The 1912 Centre, Cow Lane, Harwich at 7.00pm, or at the rise of the Town Planning Committee, whichever is the later.

The Chairman closed this part of the meeting at 7.50pm

**TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN**

**DATE**