

MINUTES of the Extraordinary Meeting of the HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL
 held at
The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich
 on Tuesday 7th August 2018 at 7.19pm

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| Present: | Councillors B Brown, J Brown, Calver, Fay, Fowler, Struth |
| In the Chair: | Councillor Todd |
| Clerk: | Ms Lucy Ballard |
| Also present: | 1 member of the public, 0 members of the press |

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| 057/18 | <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllrs Ashley, I Henderson, J Henderson, McLeod, Morrison, C Powell, F Powell, Smith and Urwin |
| 058/18 | <u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</u> None |
| 059/18 | <u>POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW 2018</u> Members considered the polling place review undertaken by Tendring District Council which included the proposed polling stations for Parliamentary and Local Government elections. Cllr Fowler said overall, she didn't see any problems with the proposals other than the loss of the Scout Hut on Parkeston Road as a polling station in what will be Dovercourt All Saints ward, since this would be extremely unfair to the residents in that area which it currently serves. Cllr Calver agreed with Cllr Fowler and went on to discuss the various new wards and the polling stations that would serve them. Members welcomed the 1912 Centre as a polling station, which means that Harwich-based residents will have a Harwich-based polling station and the new Dovercourt Bay ward proposes Central Church and the Waterfront. In the new shared ward with Parkeston, the Mayflower school will be retained as will the existing Parkeston polling station. In the Dovercourt Tollgate ward, Long Meadows Community Centre is the only suitable building and where the residents currently go to vote. Cllr Struth queried that whilst some resident would now be more convenience with the new polling stations, others would be less so if their property fell within a new ward due to the boundary changes. She asked how residents would be informed of any changes. It was confirmed that this would happen during the elections process. Cllr Fay asked if there was a legitimate reason why the Scout hut had been withdrawn. Cllr Fowler said it wasn't contained in the paperwork for the consultation. Cllr J Brown asked if those Parkeston residents who live within the shared ward with Harwich would now fall under HTC rather than RPPC. Cllr Calver said no; for district purposes, there will be 1 councillor covering both parishes. |

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| | RESOLVED: To agree with all the polling stations, welcoming a polling station within Historic Harwich but to request that the Scout Hut be retained for those residents who are currently served by that particular polling station. |
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The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.33pm.

CHAIRMAN

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