

MINUTES of the Meeting of the HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL
 held
Remotely
 on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7.15pm

Present:	Councillors Chant, Davidson, Fay, I Henderson, J Henderson, McLeod, Morrison, Powell, Richardson, Saunders, D Smith and G Smith
In the Chair:	Councillor A Todd
Clerk:	Ms Lucy Ballard
Also present:	1 member of the public, 0 members of the press

053/20	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllrs Calver, Ferguson and Fowler
054/20	<u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</u> None
055/20	<u>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</u> None
056/20	<u>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> The Mayor referred to recent engagements attended since the last meeting, which were previously circulated to members.
057/20	<u>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u> RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of Harwich Town Council held on 1 st September 2020 (circulated separately) were approved as a correct record. FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Harwich Town Council held on 22 nd September 2020 (circulated separately) were approved as a correct record.
058/20	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> • MIN 36/20 – Cllr Morrison referred to the letter HTC sent to the East of England Ambulance service NHS Trust regarding ambulance response times and that a response was yet to be received. She confirmed that the clerk had chased this up.
059/20	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u> • MIN 035/20 – Members noted a response from Post Office Ltd following concerns raised over the outcome of the Tollgate Post Office consultation. Cllr McLeod wanted to thank Council for supporting his views and objecting to the move and whilst he's disappointed with the outcome, he recognises that they've made the attempt to find other provisions. Cllr Richardson felt the

	<p>decision had already been made prior to the public consultation but agreed the end result was better than no post office at all. Cllr Morrison said HTC needed to take note of the incorrect reporting in the H&M Standard, which suggested that HTC had an about turn on the original stance. The clerk agreed to contact the reporter to discuss.</p>
060/20	<p><u>REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATIONS 2020</u> Cllr I Henderson briefed members on the plans to commemorate Remembrance Day 2020, which initially included an event at the Harwich & Parkeston football ground, but it has since been agreed that it would be best to have a pre-filmed version of events to include a civic procession, wreath laying, 2 minutes' silence and the playing of 'The Last Post' and which would be edited into a single commemoration piece. HTC had been asked to process from the Guildhall to St Nicholas church, however members discussed how the current and possible future restrictions on gatherings and movements might affect these efforts. 11 members confirmed they'd be in a position to film on 21st unless restrictions prevented this. The clerk offered a plan B which would be to provide some footage of the Mayor making from 2019, which was available and which would include members of the current council. Cllr Morrison raised concern about members entering the Guildhall and the Clerk confirmed the measures in place to comply with Covid-19 restrictions. RESOLVED: To take part in the revised programme of events with a view to filming HTC's part on 21st October unless this becomes impractical due to enhanced Covid-19 restrictions being implemented and in which case, to submit pre-recorded footage of procession from Mayor Making 2019.</p>
061/20	<p><u>ACCOUNTS</u> RESOLVED: To accept the financial update and to approve accounts for payment as per the schedule (circulated separately).</p>
062/20	<p><u>BRIEF REPORTS BY MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES BY THE COUNCIL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Morrison reported that the Ark Centre was due to meet but this was cancelled at the last minute and that going forward they will make reports and circulate for feedback. • Cllr McLeod reported that the latest TDALC meeting was held remotely. • Cllr J Henderson attended a remote Teen Talk meeting and reported that they were progressing well with their online services and had managed to organise social distanced get togethers. She said that despite struggling for funding, they were doing an excellent job. • Cllr Todd reported that the next MNWB meeting is scheduled for next month. He informed members that he'd become aware that currently there are approximately 300,000 merchant seaman on board vessels across the world and unable to disembark due to Covid-19 restrictions and they've taken this concern to the United Nations on humanitarian grounds since all contracts have been broken and some have been on board for 15 months. He reported 7 cruise ships anchored off the coast of Weymouth.
063/20	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE POST OR RAISED BY MEMBERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members acknowledged receipt of the latest report(s) from PCSO Ryan Duffett. Cllr Morrison asked if the new PCSO could join a future meeting and the clerk agreed to invite him to the next FC meeting in November. Cllr G Smith reported gatherings of young people in and around the oval shelter off the main promenade near to the Beach Warden's hut and there appeared to

	<p>be a lot of broken glass (bottles) left on the footpath around the shelter as a result. He has reported this to Cllr Ivan Henderson who said he'd mentioned it to a duty police officer as there also seems to be an increase in the littering of tiny gas-like canisters. Cllr Morrison said she'd also noticed these and had collected and disposed of quite a few in recent weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members noted the Transparency and Data consultation and decided not to respond to the consultation.
064/20	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting of Harwich Town Council will be held remotely on Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 7pm or at the rise of the Planning Committee meeting, whichever is later.</p>
065/20	<p><u>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS</u> Pursuant to Sub-section 2 of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the meeting was closed to the press and public for the transaction of the under-mention business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apprentice Rate of Pay

The Chairman closed the public part of the meeting at 7.53pm

CHAIRMAN

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