

MINUTES
of the Extraordinary Meeting of HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL
 held at
The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich
 on
Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 7.00pm

Present:	Councillors Armstrong, Calver, Chable, Davidson, Fay, I Henderson, Morrison, Powell, Smith, Todd and Wade
In the Chair:	Councillor M Fowler
Clerk:	Ms Lucy Ballard
Also present:	0 members of the public, 0 members of the press and Estate Supervisor, Andy Wells.

101/23	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllrs J Henderson, McLeod, Richardson and Saunders
102/23	<u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</u> None
103/23	<u>COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE</u> Members considered providing funding of up to £2000 for the 2023 Community Christmas Carol Service, which was being organised by the Harwich & Dovercourt Partnership and Rev. Kirsty Emerson. RESOLVED: to agree to the expenditure of up to £2000 to be expended from the Community Projects EMR. FURTHER RESOLVED: to establish the above as an annual event to be budgeted for annually with funds drawn from the Community Projects EMR.
104/23	<u>PICKET FENCING</u> Members considered options for acquiring picket fencing and any necessary peripheral items, the details of which were previously circulated. The clerk suggested that vinyl fencing would last longer than wood but given the availability, suggested that for 2023, members go with option 1 on a lease basis with a view to purchasing the desired vinyl fencing (as per option 2) once this becomes available. RESOLVED: to go with option 1 (3' wooden picket fence) for 2023 on lease basis at a cost of £1645 and purchase the Hook and Base vinyl picket fence once this becomes available cost applicable at time of order) to use from 2024 onwards. Cost to be expended from the Christmas Lights budget and Christmas Lights EMR, respectively. Peripheral items to be purchased as required.

105/23	<u>ARRIVAL OF ST NICHOLAS</u> Members considered a grant application from the Parish of the Harwich Peninsula. The clerk relayed further information in support of the application which had subsequently been received. RESOLVED: To award £160 s137 funding.
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The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.11pm

CHAIRMAN

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