

MINUTES of the Meeting of HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL
 held at
The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich
 on **Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 7.00PM**

Present:	Councillors Chant, Calver, Davidson, Fay, Ferguson, Fowler, I Henderson, J Henderson, McLeod, C Powell, Richardson, Saunders, D Smith and G Smith
In the Chair:	Councillor Todd
Clerk:	Ms Lucy Ballard
Also present:	3 members of the public, 0 members of the press and the Rev. Canon Margaret Shaw

Prayers were said prior to commencement of the meeting.

036/19	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllr Morrison
037/19	<u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</u> None
038/19	<p><u>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</u></p> <p>Betty Holbrook referred to the continuing problem with the weeds which are back again since she felt they'd not been properly treated and that they used to be dug out. She asked if it would be a good idea to see if any volunteers could be rallied.</p> <p>Additionally, Mrs Holbrook referred to a number of properties in Church Street which had been boarded up for weeks and asked if councillors could do anything about it.</p> <p>Cllr I Henderson said the issue has been raised about the weeds and he's met with Ian Taylor of TDC and they just need to keep going on at them.</p> <p>He's also raised the issue of the boarded up properties but can't say too much as in relation to one property in particular, it's an ongoing case. He did confirm that the continuation of the demolition in Market Street will be commenced tomorrow.</p> <p>Cllr McLeod said the hoarding is untidy itself and wonders if there should be a minimum standard imposed.</p> <p>Cllr Powell referred to a boarded property along Church Street but which has been turned into an art feature by decorating it with plastic rubbish.</p> <p>Cllr I Henderson said the tourism group are looking into the provision of vinyl storyboards, which are in-keeping with the area, and which could be used to make the hoardings look nicer.</p>

039/19	<p><u>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> The Mayor referred to recent engagements attended since the last meeting, which were previously circulated to members. He referred to the Harwich Sing concert and said he was astounded by the standard of singing, especially by the younger members.</p>
040/19	<p><u>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u> RESOLVED: That the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the meeting of Harwich Town Council held on 4th June 2019 (circulated separately) were approved as a correct record.</p>
041/19	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIN 017/19 – Confirmation received that £100 was expended on costs associated with the Capt. Fryatt church service held on 8th July. • MIN 027/19 - Confirmation received that £62.63 was expended on refreshments for the leaving reception for former members. • MIN 032/19 – Confirmation received that a letter was to Ian Taylor of TDC outlining concerns over excessive weeds. • MIN 035/19 – Confirmation received that both individuals have accepted the role of Macebearer in their respective capacity.
042/19	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIN 145/18 – It was confirmed there was nothing to report from Historic England on their assessment of the former Train Ferry Gantry but that a report will follow once their assessment was complete. • MIN 028/19 – Cllr G Smith said he'd driven past the pharmacy earlier today and noticed that the HTC coat of arms image had been removed from the vehicle.
043/19	<p><u>BRIEF REPORTS BY MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES BY THE COUNCIL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Fowler reported having received no information on the next HIPLACL meeting, which is expected in September; the Harwich Conservation Panel meet as and when required and there had been no correspondence or meeting dates from the Harwich & District Community Association. She was unable to attend the Haltermann Carless meeting on 11 July but reported the meeting date was to be advised. • Cllr Powell attended the Haltermann Carless meeting and reported a problem in that the next 18 months there'll be new guidelines for waste water and their plant won't be big enough to cope with the changes and they need to invest £2m to have a new plant put in. Profits are down currently due to lack of fuel purchase but it's hoped it's a temporary problem.
044/19	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING</u> Members received the Minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting held on 6th June 2019 (circulated separately).</p>
045/19	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members received the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 25th June 2019 (circulated separately). • Members ratified the recommendation of the committee in relation to MIN F017/19 and RESOLVED: To agree to proceed with the replacement of the roof of Building No. 5 at a cost of £14900. • Member considered the recommendations of the committee in relation to grant funding applications to:

	<p>1) Harwich Quay Fireworks - £1500 Members thanked everyone who is involved in the organisation and running of the event.</p> <p>2) Ark Family Resource Centre - £1500</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations and ratify the decision of the committee.</p>
046/19	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING</u></p> <p>Members received the Minutes of the Environment & Community Committee meeting held on 27th June 2019 (circulated separately).</p> <p>Cllr Fowler referred to the completion of the installation of the sculpture on the 'blue' roundabout.</p> <p>MIN E07/19 - She also referred to the 30mph stickers for the wheelie bins and asked for clarification from Cllr Calver in relation to the proposed method for communicating with residents. Cllr Calver said he was asked to assist with the letter but had identified a possible issue which the Asst. Clerk would discuss the chair and vice-chair of the committee.</p> <p>Min E12/19 – The committee congratulated Estates Supervisor, Peter Barrenger, on a wonderful job on re-fixing the Tommie at the Minesweepers memorial.</p>
047/19	<p><u>ACCOUNTS</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the financial update and to approve accounts for payment as per the schedule (circulated separately).</p>
048/19	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE POST OR RAISED BY MEMBERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members noted a report by PCSO Amy Robinson. Cllr Ferguson felt the report was out of date and whether we could request an updated version. It was suggested a monthly report might be more useful and the clerk agreed to enquire and clarified that the reports help to identify any patterns in activity. Cllr Ferguson suggested Amy is thanked for her comprehensive reporting. <p>Cllr J Henderson felt that the skate park is a hot spot for certain activity, later on in the afternoon. Cllr McLeod mentioned Orwell Terrace and the Cliff slopes.</p> <p>Cllr J Henderson suggested the holidays was a good time to build a rapport with the younger members of the community.</p> <p>Cllr Ferguson referred to ongoing problems with cars racing around the streets late into the evening, which gives a poor view of Harwich.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk read aloud two letters of thanks following the church service on 8th July to commemorate the centenary of the internment of Capt. Fryatt. Cllr Ferguson said it was a lovely event and was humbled to attend and proud to be there. She thanked Cllr Calver for allowing her to carry the bell back to the church from the graveside.
049/19	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Harwich Town Council will be held on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich, at 7.00pm, or at the rise of the Town Planning Committee, whichever is the later.</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm

CHAIRMAN

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