

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL
held at
THE 1912 CENTRE, COW LANE, HARWICH
on
29th JUNE 2011 at 7.40pm

Present: **The Mayor, Councillor B Brown**
 The Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Thurlow
 Councillors C Callender, R Callender, Calver, Day, Double, Gibbins, I
 Henderson, J Henderson, King, McLeod, O’Neill and Thompson

Clerk to the Council, Mrs L Ballard

Also present: **1 member of the press**

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34/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Flavell and Todd.

35/11 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS

Cllr I Henderson declared an interest with regard to the response from Harwich Haven Authority as a Board member.

36/11 CAR PARKING

Cllr I Henderson left the room whilst remaining members discussed correspondence received from Harwich Haven Authority, Harwich Dock Co. Ltd and Tendring District Council in response to letters from HTC regarding the problem of parking in Harwich.

Various issues were discussed including a) the responsibility for providing parking, b) whether permits already issued were being used to their full potential and c) what further measures can be taken.

In relation to responses from both Harwich Haven Authority and Harwich Dock Co. Ltd it was **RESOLVED:** to note the replies.

Cllr I Henderson returned to the room.

In relation to the response from TDC it was **RESOLVED:** to write back to TDC to a) request clarification/identification of the ‘assets’ to which they refer in their letter, b) inform them that no single Councillor can act on behalf of the Council, but can only liaise, and c) to suggest that they may want to contact local businesses in the area to see if they can offer any assistance.

It was further **RESOLVED** to write to Bernard Jenkin MP, copying TDC, to inform his that Harwich is now desperate for a solution to the parking problem and HTC believe that Network Rail may have the solution with regard to the land at Harwich Train/Bus station, and to enquire if he can assist in moving this forward.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

CHAIRMAN

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