

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND RESOURCES**  
matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**NOVEMBER 2004** at 9.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor A.H. Miller (Town Mayor) – Chairman.

Councillor C.R. Bright	(Until 12.15 p.m.)
Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow	(Until 12.40 p.m.)
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough	(Until 1.30 p.m.)
Councillor Mrs. H. O'Donovan	
Councillor M.W. Pratt	
Councillor M.A. Tyrer	

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Agelink, Mrs. Bartlett, Suttle, Trite and Mrs. Wheeldon.

2. **CAR PARKING**

A letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2004 was submitted from the Swanage & District Chamber of Trade & Commerce requesting that free parking be allowed in all car parks in Swanage on Saturdays, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December and Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2004, to encourage people to shop locally during the run-up to Christmas.

A lengthy discussion ensued, during which Members pledged their support, in principle, to the request, but considered that free parking in the short stay car parks may be counter-productive. It was also noted that a voucher was attached to the reverse of some car park tickets, redeemable from shops which are members of the Chamber of Trade.

It was proposed by Councillor Pratt and seconded by the Town Mayor:-

That free parking be made available in Broad Road and North Beach Car Parks on Saturdays, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December, and Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2004.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Bright:-

That free parking also be made available in Main Beach Car Park.

This AMENDMENT failed to secure a seconder.

A FURTHER AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow:-

That free parking be made available in Mermond Place Car Park on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2004 after 3 p.m.

Upon being put to the Meeting, TWO Members voted IN FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT, and FIVE AGAINST, whereupon the AMENDMENT was declared NOT CARRIED.

The original Proposition was then put as a SUBSTANTIVE MOTION, and was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **JUSTICES' LICENCE**

A Notice of Application for a Justices' Licence was submitted in respect of Erica's (Florist).

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs.

O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That no objection be raised to the granting of the licence, subject to the condition that alcohol sales be ancillary to the main business and only to be sold in conjunction with substantial items from the florist section.

4. **ANY OTHER MATTERS THE TOWN MAYOR DECIDES ARE URGENT Refurbishment Scheme – Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**

Further to Minute No. 2 of the Caravan Park Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2004, the Clerk reported that he had received a quotation for replacement fire doors and metal windows at the Vista Complex in the sum of £13,500. This sum included the cost for the removal of asbestos, but did not include the cost of the structural engineer's report.

It was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To endorse the recommendation of the Caravan Park Committee to vary the Contract, and accept the quotation for the replacement fire doors and metal windows in the sum of £13,500.

5. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and RESOLVED:-

That, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

6. **LICENCE/LEASES**

(a) **Beach Chair and Boat Concession**

Further to Minute No. 12 (c) of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2004, the Clerk reported on negotiations with the Beach Chair and Boat Concessionaire regarding the replacement hut. Permission was sought to erect a wooden chalet type hut (size 7' x 12') with an apex roof. Councillor Bright was of the opinion that the apex roof was not in keeping with the conditions for the private beach huts, and made the proposition:-

That the request be not granted.

This Proposition failed to secure a seconder.

It was then proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the request be approved, subject to an additional charge of £175 (in line with private beach hut site rental) and detailed drawings of the proposed design.

(b) **Refreshment Kiosk – Shore Road**

Further to Minute No. 12 (b) of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2004, the Clerk reported on negotiations with the lessee of the Family Games Room and Santa Fe Park regarding the concession for the refreshment kiosk on Shore Road for 2005.

Following discussion, during which Councillor Bright expressed his concern at the size and siting of the trailer, it was proposed by Councillor Pratt and seconded by the Town Mayor:-

That the concession be offered to the lessee of the Family Games Room and Santa Fe Park for the months of June/July/August 2005 at a rental of £7,000, subject to the following conditions:-

The trailer to be lowered in height and painted dark marine blue, with a “skirt” attached to the bottom of the trailer.

All lettering to be approved by the Town Council.

No picnic tables/seating to be sited in the vicinity.

Upon being put to the Meeting, FIVE Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and TWO AGAINST, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

(c) **Ice Cream Concession – Shore Road/Victoria Avenue**

Further to Minute No. 12 (a) of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2004, the Clerk reported on negotiations with the present lessee of the above concession for 2005.

It was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. O’Donovan, and RESOLVED:-

That the concession be extended for one season only to the present lessee at a rental of £11,100.

7. **SEASONAL INCOME**

(a) **Seasonal Income - General**

The Clerk submitted a statement of seasonal income and budget reports for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2004, and the position was noted.

(b) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**

Details of caravan sales, to date, were submitted for information, and the position was noted.

The Town Mayor requested that actual siting costs be recorded for each caravan, and it was agreed that these would be identified on future statements, if possible.