

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2005** at 7.20 p.m.

PRESENT: -

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

Councillor H.J.F. Agelink  
Councillor Mrs. C.A. Bartlett  
Councillor C.R. Bright  
Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow  
Councillor Mrs. C Gainsborough  
Councillor Mrs. H. O'Donovan  
Councillor G.M. Suttle  
Councillor W.S. Trite  
Councillor M.A. Tyrer (Until 8.10 p.m.)  
Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon

The Mayor welcomed Revd. Geoff Cowling, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

181. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was presented from Councillor Pratt. Councillor Bright reported that Councillor Pratt was now progressing well, and that he had conveyed the Council's good wishes to him.

182. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

183. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That the notes on the Public Participation Time held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2005 be accepted.

184. **TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism and Environmental Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

185. **BOAT PARK COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Tyrer, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and  
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Boat Park  
Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 be approved as  
a correct record and signed.

186. **JURASSIC COAST PROJECT WORKING GROUP**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Mrs.  
Gainsborough, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Jurassic Coast  
Project Working Group held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2005 be  
approved as a correct record and signed.

187. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor was pleased to report on the Official Opening of the newly-  
refurbished Vista Complex and Restaurant, held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

188. **TOURISM REPORT**

The Tourist Information Centre Manager reported on the following  
matters:-

- (a) Copies of the Band Concert Programme for 2005 at the Bandstand and  
Prince Albert Gardens were circulated, for information.
- (b) The first in house "Welcome Host" training course had recently been held,  
and the feedback received from those attending had been very positive.
- (c) "Purbeck Aware" month commences on 14<sup>th</sup> May, during which time many  
special events promoting the area will be held. The Town Council's  
"Beach Awareness" week is also being held during this period  
(commencing on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2005), and the RNLI Beach Safety Road Show  
will once again be held on the Seafront and activity packs distributed to the  
children.
- (d) The Council's beach wardens had now commenced duties and had received  
training from the RNLI to assist them in identifying potential dangers.
- (e) A new supervisor had recently been appointed at the Wareham Tourist  
Information Centre.
- (f) Finally, the Manager reported on the very favourable comments received in  
respect of the spring floral displays, and wished to thank the Operations  
Department for their sterling work in achieving such good results.

189. **HOLIDAY PARK REPORT**

The Holiday Park General Manager reported on the following matters:-

- (a) The Swanage Bay View Restaurant was now officially open, and also the  
newly-refurbished upstairs Bar. Entries for the competition to name this  
bar would be considered by the Caravan Park Committee at its meeting on  
28<sup>th</sup> April 2005.
- (b) Caravan sales were buoyant, with nine sales having been completed during  
April.

- (c) Works to upgrade the water supply system at the Holiday Park were continuing – another section of mains having been replaced during April. Water consumption was being monitored on a regular basis, and considerable savings were now being noticed as problem areas were addressed.
- (d) Finally, the General Manager expressed his appreciation of the sterling work undertaken by the Council's Operations Department, with particular reference to the landscaping at the Park entrance.

190. **OPERATIONS REPORT**

The Operations Manager reported on the following matters:-

- (a) Repairs to the damaged walkways and sea wall in the vicinity of the Stone Quay were currently being undertaken.
- (b) Damaged seats at the Stone Quay had been replaced, and repairs undertaken at the Shelter on Shore Road.
- (c) New boat rings had been installed at Monkey Beach.
- (d) Play equipment at the Recreation Ground has been repaired and is scheduled to be repainted.
- (e) Safety railings have been installed in Victoria Avenue at the entrance to King George's Field and on the corner of Northbrook Road.
- (f) CCTV surveillance equipment is now operational at the Boat Park and Sandpit Field.
- (g) The flower beds are being prepared for the summer floral displays.
- (h) Unfortunately, Council-owned property had been the target for various acts of vandalism during the past month. All incidents are reported to the police. As a result of CCTV coverage, two young members of the public have been charged and convicted of various acts of anti-social behaviour.

191. **LICENCES**

Before consideration of the licensing matters, Councillor Suttle declared a prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being Vice Chairman of the Purbeck District Council's Licensing Committee, and left the Meeting during the discussion.

(a) **Tawny's Wine Bar**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of Tawny's Wine Bar was submitted for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED:-

That no objection be raised to the transfer of the Licence.

- (b) **Threshers Wine Shop**  
A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of Threshers Wine Shop was submitted for consideration.  
It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED:-  
That no objection be raised to the transfer of the Licence.
- (c) **The Parade Restaurant**  
A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of The Parade Restaurant was submitted for consideration.  
It was proposed by Councillor Tyrer, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED:-  
That no objection be raised to the transfer of the Licence.
- (d) **The Lookout, Durlston Castle**  
A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of The Lookout, Durlston Castle was submitted for consideration.  
It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED:-  
That no objection be raised to the transfer of the Licence.
- (e) **Swanage Dining Train, Swanage Railway**  
Before consideration of this item, Councillor Trite declared a prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a member of the Southern Steam Trust, and left the meeting during the discussion.  
A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of the Swanage Dining Train, Swanage Railway was submitted for consideration.  
It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Agelink, and RESOLVED:-  
That no objection be raised to the transfer of the Licence.

192. **PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon declared her interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a member of the Swanage Folk Festival Committee, and left the Meeting during the debate.  
A letter dated 12th March 2005 was submitted from the Licensing Officer of Purbeck District Council seeking the Council's observations on proposed temporary road closures in connection with events relating to the Swanage Regatta and Carnival, Swanage Folk Festival and Royal British Legion VE/VJ Day Tattoo.  
It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-  
To support the Temporary Road Closure Order in connection with the above events.

193. **USE OF SHORE ROAD**

A letter was submitted on behalf of the Bridport Classic Motorcycle Club requesting permission to display their machines on Shore Road during their Annual Charity Run on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

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

That permission be granted, subject to adequate marshalling being provided.

194. **AGENDA ITEMS 11 AND 12**

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and RESOLVED:-

That Agenda Items 11 and 12 be deferred for consideration later in the Meeting.

195. **ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE TOWN MAYOR DECIDES ARE URGENT**

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

196. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of March 2005 were submitted for information.

197. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Agelink, and RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 13, 13a and 1 and 1a, amounting to £409,722.00, £216,711.69, £95,794.18 and £80,791.06 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

198. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.

Councillor Bright referred to the unrepresented cheques shown on the statement and enquired whether this would impact on the Council's current level of borrowing. He was assured by the Town Clerk that the balances had been accounted for in the Council's cash flow and would not affect the Council's short-term borrowing commitment.

199. **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 items.

200. **STONE QUAY**

A letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2005 was submitted from Mr. P. Lamb of "The Dorset Belles" requesting permission to site a ticket kiosk on the Stone Quay.

During the ensuing discussion, concern was expressed at the introduction of a kiosk on this already congested area, and it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That permission be not granted, it being considered more appropriate to continue the service from the existing kiosk at the Pier.

A request to operate speedboat rides from the Quay was also considered, but Members were concerned for the safety of all waterborne users in this already congested area, and considered that it would be inappropriate to operate speedboat rides in this vicinity.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the request be not granted.

201. **PHOTOGRAPHIC CONCESSION**

A letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2005 was submitted from Mr. B. Sturch of Swanage requesting permission to operate a photographic concession from the Council's main beach.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Suttle, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That permission be not granted, it being considered inappropriate to provide this service in a public domain in this day and age.

202. **TOILETS – BURLINGTON CHINE**

The Operations Manager updated those present on the condition of the toilets at Burlington Chine. It was noted that some interior decoration was still required and that the turnstiles had not yet been installed.

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED:-

That the toilets be opened to the public during the forthcoming May Bank Holiday weekend, following which they should closed for painting but re-opened at weekends during May.

Estimates for the supply and installation of turnstiles should be obtained and submitted for consideration at the next meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2005.

203. **TOWN COUNCIL AND TOWN PARTNERSHIP PROTOCOL**

The Clerk submitted a draft Protocol Agreement between the Town Council and Swanage Town & Community Partnership.

Detailed consideration was given to the document, during which Councillor Suttle felt that the "Office Accommodation" should be the subject of a separate agreement and should be deleted from the "Protocol Agreement". This suggestion was endorsed by other Members.

It was then proposed by Councillor Suttle and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow:-

That items 1 – 4 be incorporated as part of a Protocol Agreement and items 5 – 8 be formulated into a 364 day Licence Agreement.

Upon being put to the Meeting, SEVEN Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition, ONE Member voted AGAINST, and there was ONE ABSTENTION, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That two newly-refurbished basement rooms in the Town Hall be made available for the use of the Town and Community Partnership, subject to a rent to be agreed by the Council's valuer. No car parking space would be available.

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