

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2005** at 7.15 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 M.W. Pratt  
Councillor W.S. Trite  
Councillor M.A. Tyrer  
Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon

In the absence of a clergyman, Councillor Bright offered a short prayer  
before the commencement of the Meeting.

53. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from  
Councillor Suttle.

54. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held  
on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2005 be approved as a correct record  
and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Agelink, and  
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Council held to discuss planning and other matters  
on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2005 be approved as a correct record  
and signed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Mrs.  
Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Council held to discuss policy and resources matters  
on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005 be approved as a correct record  
and signed.

55. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

That the notes on the Public Participation  
Time held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2005 be accepted.

56. **SWANAGE TOWN MARKET COMMITTEE**  
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED:-  
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Swanage Town Market Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.
57. **CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE**  
Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-  
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.
58. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
(a) The Town Mayor was delighted to read a letter received from a visitor to the town congratulating the Town Council on the "splendid presentation of Swanage". Particular mention was made of the beach, seafront, Beach Gardens, and the overall cleanliness of the town, and credit was given to the team effort of the Council's workforce in achieving such results. The Town Mayor, and other Councillors, endorsed these comments and requested that their appreciation be conveyed to the Operations Department.
- (b) Attention was also drawn to the condition of the Council's toilet facilities, and, although many of the units were in need of upgrading, the new contract cleaner was to be commended for the cleanliness of the facilities.
- (c) Finally, the Mayor referred to the Grant of Liberty held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2005, and reported that a framed document had been presented from the 11<sup>th</sup> Signals Regiment, The Royal School of Signals listing the soldiers that had been involved in Operation Topham Hatt over the years.
59. **TOURISM REPORT**  
The Tourist Information Centre Manager reported on the following matters:-  
(a) The mystery assessment visit had recently been carried out by the ENCAMS Blue Flag/Seaside Award inspectors, and they had confirmed that all of the criteria had been met.
- (b) The children's wristbands had proved very successful again this year, and as well as being available at the Tourist Information Centre, were being distributed by the beach wardens and the operators of the Punch and Judy concession.
- (c) Footfall figures at the Tourist Information Centre were considerably up on the corresponding period in 2004, and the staff had been kept very busy with accommodation bookings due to the long spell of good weather.

- (d) The free shuttle bus service to Durlston had commenced on 20<sup>th</sup> August and would be running daily from the pier entrance between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until 15<sup>th</sup> September 2005.  
The next special evening event at the Lookout at Durlston is being held on 31<sup>st</sup> August at 7 p.m. The evening will include a talk on the wildlife at Durlston and a three-course meal (tickets available from the TIC, Heritage Centre and Durlston).
- (e) Finally, the Tourist Information Centre Manager introduced Carolyn Hooper, who had commenced work at the TIC that morning.

60. **HOLIDAY PARK REPORT**

In the absence of the Holiday Park General Manager, who was unwell, there were no matters to report on the Holiday Park at the present time.

61. **OPERATIONS REPORT**

In the absence of the Operations Manager, there were no general matters to report.

62. **BANDSTAND, RECREATION GROUND**

Before consideration of this item, the Town Mayor and Councillors Bright, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Farrow and Mrs. O'Donovan declared their interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being members of the Swanage Lights Committee, and left the Meeting during the discussion.

In the absence of the Town Mayor, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon assumes the Chair during consideration of this matter.

The Town Clerk also declared his interest by reason of being a member of the Swanage Lights Committee, but remained in the Meeting, and reported on a request received from the Lights Committee for the use of the Bandstand for a Concert on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2005.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Tyrer, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the request be granted, subject to the appropriate licences being obtained.

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

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

64. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

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

65. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer  
Nos. 5, 5a and 5b, amounting to £159,544.47,  
£41,510.06 and £135,534.03 respectively be paid, and  
that cheques be drawn therefore.

66. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

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

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