

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 28th FEBRUARY 2005 at 7.20 p.m.

PRESENT: -

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

Councillor Mrs. C.A. Bartlett
Councillor C.R. Bright
Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow
Councillor Mrs. C Gainsborough
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor G.M. Suttle
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.

143. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Agelink, Mrs. O'Donovan and Trite.

144. **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 31st January 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 4th February 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 21st February 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

145. **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 31st January 2005 be accepted.

146. **JURASSIC COAST PROJECT WORKING GROUP**

It was proposed by Councillor Tyrer, seconded by the Town Mayor, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Jurassic Coast Project Working Group held on 27th January 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Arising from the above, a letter was submitted from Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan requesting that consideration be given to formally expanding the Group and reforming it as a Committee.

It was RESOLVED:-

That, in the absence of Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, the matter be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 14th March 2005.

147. **SWANAGE TOWN MARKET COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Swanage Town Market Committee held on 31st January 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

148. **CEMETERY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cemetery Management Committee held on 11th February 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to it being recorded that Councillor Mrs. Bartlett had presented her apologies for her inability to attend the Meeting.

149. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had no specific announcements to make this month.

150. **TOURISM REPORT**

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

- (a) "Fair Trade Fortnight" was due to commence on Tuesday, 1st March 2005 and free samples, together with information on "Fair Trade" products would be available at the Tourist Information Centre.
- (b) The 5th Annual Swanage Blues Festival was being held during the forthcoming weekend (5th - 6th March) and free programmes for the event would be available at the Tourist Information Centre.

- (c) Work is being undertaken to meet the criteria required for the Partners in Success business accolade at Beach Gardens. A good response had been received to the advertisements for seasonal attendants at Beach Gardens, and also for beach wardens. The RNLI, together with coastguard personnel, would be delivering short training sessions to the beach wardens on how to assist the public with beach safety.

151. **HOLIDAY PARK REPORT**

In the absence of the Holiday Park General Manager, the Town Clerk reported:-

- (a) That the refurbishment of the reception area and the new link to the swimming pool had now been completed, and the administration staff were in the process of relocating to the new offices.
- (b) The newly refurbished Bay View Restaurant and upper function bar was scheduled to open during the week commencing 21st March 2005. An official press launch, with invited guests, would be held at lunchtime on Tuesday, 5th April 2005.

152. **OPERATIONS REPORT**

The Operations Manager reported on the following matters:-

- (a) Two new bus shelters had been installed by Dorset County Council in the vicinity of the Station.
- (b) Improvements at Main Beach Car Park were progressing well, including works at the entrance to the Skate Park and the wetlands area of King George's Field. Armco railings and gates had been installed and soft planting had been undertaken.
- (c) Shore Road:-
 - i) Two new safety barriers had been installed at the bottom of the Spa site in order to prevent direct access onto the main road.
 - ii) The clock on the shelter on Shore Road had been repaired and reinstated.
 - iii) Signs on the main beach area had been renewed, and refuse bins repaired and repainted.
 - iv) Works to create additional office space at the Town Hall were nearing completion.
 - v) The installation of additional CCTV cameras along Shore Road and at the Boat Park was continuing.
 - vi) General grounds maintenance works were being undertaken and flower beds prepared in readiness for the forthcoming season.
- (d) Finally, the Operations Manager reported on vandalism that was being experienced in the town, which included damage to shelters, toilet facilities and spraying of graffiti on property at Burlington Chine.

153. **SANDPIT FIELD**

A letter dated 18th January 2005 was submitted from the Swanage Sea Rowing Club requesting permission for the use of Sandpit Field in conjunction with the Sea Rowing Club Regatta on Saturday, 28th May 2005.

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

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

154. **MAIN BEACH CAR PARK**

A letter dated 5th January 2005 was submitted from the Secretary of the Swanage Regatta and Carnival, outlining their intention to hold an event in support of the Mayor's Charity in King George's Field on Saturday, 23rd April 2005, and requesting permission to erect a marquee in Main Beach Car Park in the event of inclement weather. It was also requested that free parking be made available from 7.30 p.m.

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

That the requests be approved.

155. **USE OF FORMER SHELTER AREA, SHORE ROAD**

A schedule listing requests to operate Teddy Bear and other stalls in the area of the former shelter on Shore Road during the 2005 summer season was submitted.

It was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the requests be granted.

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

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

157. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

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

158. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 11, 11a and 11b, amounting to £661,777.46, £36,120.04 and £80,206.30 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

159. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

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

160. **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.

161. **LEASES**

(a) **Town Partnership – Heads of Terms – Town Hall Office.**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Bright queried whether Councillors who were members of the Swanage Town and Community Partnership should declare their interest under the Model Code of Conduct. Following a brief discussion, it was RESOLVED:-

That the matter be deferred to enable further clarification regarding Declarations of Interest to be obtained.

(b) **North Beach Car Park – Maritime Coastguard Agency Building**

The Clerk updated Members on discussions held with the Maritime Coastguard Agency and the proposals for the building at North Beach Car Park.

Notes of the Meeting held with representatives of the Maritime Coastguard Agency on 17th February 2005 were circulated, for information.

Following discussion, It was proposed by Councillor Pratt and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett:-

That the poplar trees adjacent to “Garwoods” be removed. The residents of “Garwoods” should be notified of the Council’s proposals as soon as possible.

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

During general discussion on matters arising at North Beach Car Park, Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough drew attention to rubbish that had been deposited in the vicinity of the Purbeck Players store.

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

That the Purbeck Players be given 7 days’ notice to remove the rubbish, failing which the Council will undertake the work itself and recharge the costs incurred in clearing the site.

162. **TOWN HALL CAR PARK**

Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon referred to the difficulties experienced regarding parking at the Town Hall, and requested that consideration be given to the options available to relieve the congestion in the car park.

It was AGREED:-

That the proposals be submitted for consideration at a future meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters.