

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 31st JANUARY 2005 at 7.10 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

The Town Mayor welcomed Pastor Steve Cerone, from the Kings Church, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

127. **APOLOGIES**

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

128. **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 20th December 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 7th January 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

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

129. **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 20th December 2004 be accepted.

130. **GRANT OF LIBERTY WORKING GROUP**

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

That the Minutes of the following Meetings be approved as a correct record and signed.
Meeting held on 11th November 2004.
Meeting held on 6th January 2005.
Meeting held on 26th January 2005.

131. **CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Committee held on 15th December 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed.

It was further RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Committee held on 26th January 2005 be deferred for consideration later in the Meeting.

132. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that:-

- (a) Most of the CCTV equipment had now been installed and should be fully operational within the next few weeks.
- (b) With the aid of CCTV footage, an offender had been identified causing damage to the shelter in the vicinity of the Mowlem, and a successful prosecution had resulted.
- (c) The Swanage Regatta and Carnival had offered to hold an event in support of the Mayor's Charity – the new Pavilion project in King George's Field. Mr. Joe Clark, on behalf of the Royal British Legion, had also pledged support for the Charity and would be holding a fundraising event at some time in the future.

133. **TOURISM REPORT**

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

- (a) As a result of concerns expressed over proposed changes to the criteria for the Encams seaside award, the UK Beach Management Forum had been set up to negotiate on the new requirements. One of the main changes envisaged will be how beaches are risk assessed, and it is intended for training to be given to Beach Managers and a standardised form for the assessment formulated.
- (b) The RNLI would shortly be launching a national manual for beach signage which would eventually lead to standardised beach signs throughout the UK.
- (c) To date, approximately 13,000 holiday guides had been distributed from the Tourist Information Centre.
- (d) Purbeck Tourism Group had published a new "Eating Out" guide, and copies were circulated to those present.
- (e) Two "Welcome Host" courses were being held for Town Council employees, details having been circulated to all Departments.

134. **HOLIDAY PARK REPORT**

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

- (a) The refurbishment works were progressing well, and it was hoped that the Reception area would be completed by 9th February 2005.
- (b) Work on the upgrading of the water supply at the Holiday Park was continuing. To date, approximately £7,500 had been spent on the improvements, and the leakage had been reduced by approximately 20 cubic metres per day.
- (c) Delivery of the new residential park home for the Bar Manager was expected on Wednesday, 2nd February 2005, and the site had been prepared in readiness.
- (d) The Upper Bar would re-open this evening until the commencement of the refurbishment works that had been approved at the meeting of the Caravan Park Committee held on 26th January 2005.
- (e) The Environmental Services of Purbeck District Council had issued a site licence for 313 units.
- (f) Results of the "Owner's Survey" had now been analysed, and overall the results were very satisfactory. However, it was agreed that attention should be given to improving the shop facilities, gymnasium and refuse collection service before the commencement of the 2005 summer season.

135. **OPERATIONS REPORT**

In the absence of the Operations Manager, who was unwell, there were no matters to report on outside works at the present time.

136. **SWANAGE SEA ROWING CLUB**

A letter dated 25th January 2005 was submitted from the Swanage Sea Rowing Club, together with details of the proposals for the development of a new boat house.

It was RESOLVED:-

That a meeting of the Working Group be held on with representatives of the Sea Rowing Club on Tuesday, 15th February 2005 at 6.30 p.m.

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

The Mayor reported that a Public Meeting was being held at the Catholic Hall on Friday, 11th February 2005 at 7.30 p.m. to discuss the Swanage Beach Recharge Scheme.

138. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of December 2004 were submitted for information.

139. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 10, 10a and 10b, amounting to £252,877.49, £50,715.00 and £106,540.85 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

140. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 31st December 2004 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.

141. **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.

142. **MINUTES**

Further to Minute No. 131 above, consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of the Caravan Park Committee held on 26th January 2005.

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Committee held on 26th January 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Arising from Minute No. 3 (h), consideration was again given to the official opening of the new restaurant, and, following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the official opening of the new restaurant should take the form of a promotional buffet lunch to which Councillors, members of the press (covering neighbouring villages for up to 50 miles radius) and representatives from local organisations (who may wish to use the facilities in the future) be invited.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That a separate "Charity Event" be held, on a date yet to be decided.