

Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 23rd MAY 2005 at 7.25 p.m.

PRESENT: -

Councillor H.J.F. Agelink
Councillor Mrs. C.A. Bartlett
Councillor C.R. Bright
Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow
Councillor Mrs. C Gainsborough
Councillor A.H. Miller
Councillor Mrs. H. O'Donovan
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor W.S. Trite
Councillor M.A. Tyrer
Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon

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

Before inviting nominations for the appointment of Town Mayor, Councillor Miller expressed his appreciation of the support given to him by his fellow Members during his term of Office. He made particular mention of the invaluable support from his wife, Pam, Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough (Deputy Town Mayor), and the Town Clerk and the staff at the Town Hall.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Farrow and seconded by Councillor Trite:-
That Councillor Antony Henry Miller be
appointed Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett:-
That Councillor Gary Maurice Suttle be
appointed Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Suttle thanked Councillor Mrs. Bartlett for her proposal, but was unable to accept the nomination due to his extensive business commitments at the present time.

Councillor Mrs. Bartlett withdrew the Amendment.

Councillor Bright spoke strongly against the original proposition, and his comments were endorsed by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan.

The original Proposition was then put to the Meeting, and declared CARRIED, with EIGHT Members voting IN FAVOUR, TWO Members voting AGAINST, and ONE ABSTENTION.

Councillor Miller completed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was pleased to accept the appointment.

COUNCILLOR MILLER IN THE CHAIR

2. **DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

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

That Councillor Gary Maurice Suttle be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Before standing down, Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough wished to record her appreciation of the support given to her during her period of Office, in particular by the Town Clerk, Mrs. Linda Burgess and other members of the Town Hall staff.

Councillor Suttle then completed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was pleased to accept the appointment.

3. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies to report for inability to attend the Meeting.

4. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25th April 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 9th May 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, 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 16th May 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to it being recorded in the Resolution of Minute No.11 (b):-

That Councillor Suttle, as Chairman of the Caravan Park Committee, also be in attendance at the Management Meeting.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

That the notes on the Public Participation Time held on 25th April 2005 be accepted.

6. **SWANAGE TOWN MARKET COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Swanage
Town Market Committee held on 25th April
2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

7. **ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Allotment
Committee held on 28th April 2005 be approved as
a correct record and signed.

8. **CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon,
and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan
Park Committee held on 28th April 2005 be
approved as a correct record and signed.

Arising from Minute No. 9, it was agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk
seek an urgent meeting with the Consultants to discuss certain issues.

9. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor made no specific announcements.

10. **TOURISM REPORT**

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

- (a) "Beach Awareness" week is due to commence on Saturday, 28th May, and the RNLI Beach Safety Road Show will also be held on the Seafront during this period. Activity packs will be distributed to children during the week.
- (b) The first water quality readings for the 2005 season have been recorded as being of an "excellent" standard.
- (c) Shore Road bungalows are fully booked for the half term week, but there are still some bungalows available at the Spa for this period.
- (d) A busy time is anticipated over the forthcoming Bank Holiday weekend, with very little accommodation still available in the town.
- (e) A selection of evening events will be held at Durlston Country Park for the first time this summer, commencing on Tuesday, 24th May. The evening will include a 3 course meal, with traditional sea songs and shanties between courses.

- (f) An “A” board advertising the Burlington Chine beach chalets is being displayed outside of the Tourist Information Centre, and a good deal of interest is being shown. Arrangements are being made for the chalets to be open for viewing during the forthcoming Bank Holiday weekend.

11. **HOLIDAY PARK REPORT**

The Town Clerk presented apologies from the Holiday Park General Manager, who was unable to attend the Meeting due to electrical problems at the Holiday Park.

In his absence, there were no matters to report on the Holiday Park at the present time.

12. **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 had now been completed.
- (b) Resurfacing works had been undertaken at Main Beach Car Park, Godlingston Cemetery and the Boat Park.
- (c) The installation of equipment in the children’s play area at King George’s Field was due to be completed and operational by the forthcoming weekend, and areas within the skate park had been levelled and resurfaced.
- (d) Refurbishment of the shelters on Shore Road is continuing, but regrettably, is taking longer than expected due to further acts of vandalism.
- (e) Wooden bench type seating is being installed at the Bandstand.
- (f) A number of swings had been removed for safety reasons from the Recreation Ground play area. New equipment had been ordered and would be installed as soon as possible.
- (g) General maintenance works were continuing in the parks and open spaces, and flower beds being prepared for summer planting.
- (h) Unfortunately, Council-owned property was still the target for vandalism, despite the increased CCTV coverage.

13. **LICENCES**

Before consideration of the licensing matters, Councillor Suttle declared his interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being Vice Chairman of the Purbeck District Council’s Licensing Committee. He remained in the Meeting during the discussion, but refrained from voting.

(a) **“La Trattoria Restaurant”**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices’ Licence in respect of “La Trattoria Restaurant” 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.

(b) **The Globe Inn**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of The Globe Inn 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.

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

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

15. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

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

16. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Agelink, seconded by Councillor Trite, and RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 2, 2a and 2b, amounting to £351,922.60, £34,050.07 and £128,148.81 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

17. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 30th April 2005 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.
