

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 28th NOVEMBER 2005 at 7.10 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 W.S. Trite

Councillor M.A. Tyrer

Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon

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

106. **APOLOGIES**

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

107. **COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

Following the recent death of Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, appropriate notices of a Councillor vacancy had been displayed in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972. As no application had been made for an election, the Council could now proceed to fill the seat by co-option.

One nomination had been received from Mr. Michael Hadley, and it was proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That Mr. Michael Hadley be co-opted to serve on the Swanage Town Council.

Mr. Hadley made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was pleased to accept the appointment, which he considered to be democratically fair.

108. **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 31st October 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) 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 planning and other matters on 4th November 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (c) Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and
RESOLVED:-

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

109. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

That the notes on the Public Participation Time held on 31st October 2005 be accepted.

110. **SWANAGE TOWN MARKET COMMITTEE**

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

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

111. **CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Caravan Park Committee held on 2nd November 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

112. **PUBLIC BUILDINGS BEST VALUE REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Buildings Best Value Working Group held on 4th November 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

113. **BEACH GARDENS BEST VALUE REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Bright, and **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Beach Gardens Best Value Review Working Group held on 7th November 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

114. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had no specific announcements to make at the present time.

115. **TOURISM REPORT**

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

- (a) November had been a busy month at the Tourist Information Centre, the footfall count being the highest for 15 years. Christmas card sales were up

on previous years and there had been a large increase in accommodation bookings for this time of the year.

- (b) Bookings for beach bungalows for the 2006 season had commenced on 1st November, and were being well received. Shore Road bungalows and The Spa were already fully booked for Carnival Week, and there was limited availability during the school holiday periods.
- (c) Due to the amount of public interest in the beach recharge scheme, a display was to be staged at the Tourist Information Centre giving week by week information on the works in progress.
- (d) Once again, the “mystery shopper” had visited the Tourist Information Centre, and the overall grading of the services provided by the staff had been comparable to that awarded in 2004.
- (e) Delivery of the 2006 Swanage and Purbeck Holiday Guide is expected on 8th December, and a large number of enquiries for it had already been received.

116. **HOLIDAY PARK REPORT**

In the absence of the Holiday Park General Manager, there were no matters to report on the Holiday Park.

117. **OPERATIONS REPORT**

There were no matters to report on outside works at the present time.

118. **CONDOR FERRIES**

A letter dated 9th November 2005, was submitted from Mr. Roger Marsh, of Marsh’s Boats, expressing concern at the wash caused by the large Condor Ferries that operate from Poole Harbour, and the resultant damage that had been caused to various boats in Swanage Bay.

His comments were endorsed by other Members, who also expressed concern at various health and safety implications.

During the discussion, it was noted from the Risk Assessment provided that the vessels should be 2.5 miles from Peveril Point on their outward journey, but only 1.5 miles on the return trip, and it was likely that this was the reason for the problems experienced.

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

That the matter be taken up with the appropriate authorities i.e. Condor Ferries, Harbour Police, Coastguard etc. and copies of correspondence forwarded to Mr. Jim Knight MP, for information.

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

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

120. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

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

121. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer
Nos. 8, 8a and 8b, amounting to £272,223.68,
£73,277.04 and £86,666.53 respectively be paid,
and that cheques be drawn therefor.

Arising from the above, Councillor Bright enquired as to the services
provided by Royal Mail in respect of the Post Box Collection at the Holiday Park,
and it was AGREED:-

That further enquiries be made in this regard.

122. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

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