

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 31ST OCTOBER 2005 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT: -

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

Councillor C.R. Bright

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow

Councillor Mrs. C Gainsborough

Councillor M.W. Pratt

Councillor G.M. Suttle

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M.A. Tyrer

Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon

The Mayor referred to the sad death of Councillor Mrs. H. O'Donovan, and a minute's silence was observed in tribute.

The Mayor welcomed Revd. Will Watts, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting. In his prayer, Revd. Watts also remembered Councillor Mrs. H. O'Donovan.

88. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor H.J.F. Agelink.

89. **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 26th September 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) 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 planning and other matters on 7th October 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, 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 24th October 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

90. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

That the notes on the Public Participation Time held on 26th September 2005 be accepted.

91. **TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism and Environmental Committee held on 26th September 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

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

That the Minutes of the Beach Gardens Best Value Review Working group held on 12th October 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Beach Gardens Best Value Review Working group held on 24th October 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

93. **BOAT PARK COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Boat Park Committee held on 17th October 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

94. **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 19th October 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

95. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor was very pleased to announce that the Beach Recharge Scheme had commenced.

96. **TOURISM REPORT**

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

- (a) The half term week was busy with many people making accommodation enquires, and taking advantage of the good weather.
- (b) The Tourist Information Centre had again finished as a finalist in the Best Tourist Information Centre in the South West competition.
- (c) Bookings for the beach bungalows for 2006 will commence tomorrow.
- (d) The sale of Christmas cards are up compared with last year
- (e) The Grand Christmas lights switch on will take place on Saturday 26th November 2005. Father Christmas will arrive on the train at 1.30 pm, travel to the square in his sleigh, and return accompanied by a touch light procession reaching the station by 4.30 pm for the switch on.
- (f) There will be a fun night at the Conservative Club on the 25th November 2005.

97. **HOLIDAY PARK REPORT**

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

98. **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.

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

Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, Chairman of the Swanage in Bloom Committee reminded members of the Town's success in this year's competition. She informed them that Swanage had been asked to compete in next year's Britain in Bloom competition and asked for the Town Council's support.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Town Council supports the entry of Swanage in the 2006 Britain in Bloom competition.

100. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

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

101. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer
Nos. 7, 7a and 7b, amounting to £165,278.74,
£60,813.62 and £57,301.01 respectively be paid,
and that cheques be drawn therefor.

102. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

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

103. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Suttle, 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
matters.

104. **FISHERMAN'S CATCH**

The Clerk reported that a business proposal offered to the lessee of the
Fisherman's Catch following the fire at the premises had been declined.

105. **SWANAGE YOUTH CENTRE**

The Town Mayor sought the views of fellow Councillors in respect of his
continued representation on the Swanage Youth Centre Management Committee.

After a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Tyrer,
seconded by Councillor Trite and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Town Mayor should remain as the
Town Council's representative on the Swanage Youth
Centre Management Committee.