

Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING of the
Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall
on FRIDAY, 9th June 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

Present Councillor G M Suttle – Chairman
 Councillor Mrs C A Bartlett
 Councillor C R Bright
 Councillor Mrs J Farrow
 Councillor Mrs C D Gainsborough
 Councillor M Hadley
 Councillor Mrs G A Marsh
 Councillor M W Pratt
 Councillor M A Tyrer

1. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from
 Councillors B J Audley and W S Trite.

The Chairman reminded members that the function of the Planning Committee is to form a view of each application on behalf of the town. This is then expressed as an observation to the Purbeck District Council.

Councillors C R Bright and Mrs G A Marsh did not vote on, or propose, or second any of the motions on the following planning applications, by reason of being elected members of the Purbeck District Council's Planning Board.

Under the Model Code of Conduct, Members declared a formal interest as Trustees of the De Moulham Trust in applications relating to the Trust.

2. **PLANS** The following submitted applications for permission to develop were
 considered.

Plan No Applicant, Proposal, Site, & Observation.

**Delegated
Application**

The following application was not discussed by the Town Council as it was considered that a conflict of interest existed, given that the Swanage Bay Holiday Park is in the Council's ownership.

6/2006/0402 **Mr & Mrs Boon**
 Erect timber decking.
 Plot 81, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Swanage.

6/2006/0412 **Mrs George**
 Erect two-storey detached dwelling (Revised scheme to PP 6/2004/0905 –
 revised siting and design)
 Church Hill, Swanage.
 OBSERVATION: Approve.

Councillor Mrs C A Bartlett joined the Meeting at this point.

Non-Delegated Application

The Chairman adjourn the Meeting under the recently adopted Standing Order No 69 in order to allow Mr N Storer, the applicant of the following planning application, to give Members further information regarding the application.

6/2006/0393 **Storer (Cov) Ltd**
Demolish existing structures, re-develop site with 12 residential apartments, shops/offices and restaurant, form new vehicular access and construct parking area.
Pier Head, High Street, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Approve.

Delegated Application

6/2006/0424 **Greenwood Estates**
Retention of dormer window at Flat 10 - Retrospective.
White Lodge, Grosvenor Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Approve.

The following application was not discussed by the Town Council as it was considered that a conflict of interest existed, given that the Swanage Bay Holiday Park is in the Council's ownership.

6/2006/0425 **Mr & Mrs Webber**
Erect timber decking – amended scheme to PA 6/2006/0010.
Plot 250, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Swanage.

6/2006/0429 **Mr Selby**
Demolish existing dwelling and erect block of 2 flats with detached garages.
23, Walrond Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Approve. Subject to any damage sustained to Rabling Lane being repaired, and the Purbeck District Council's Building Control Section monitoring the development to ensure that it is built in accordance with the submitted plans.

Councillor Mrs G A Marsh declared a personal interest in the following application under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a near neighbour of the applicant and remained in the Meeting during its consideration.

6/2006/0441 **Mr P Barrowclough**
Erect single storey extension and conservatory.
41, Mariners Drive, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Approve.

The following application was not discussed by the Town Council as it was considered that a conflict of interest existed, given that the Swanage Bay Holiday Park is in the Council's ownership.

6/2006/0445 **Mr Radford**
Erection of timber decking.
Plot 52A, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Swanage.

6/2006/0449 **Mr L Barrett**
Divide existing property into two self-contained dwelling units.
16, Sandbourne Close, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Refuse The Town Council considers that the estate should remain as built, and that the property should not be subdivided.

6/2006/0459 **Golden Bengal Restaurant**
Replacement of windows and frames to restaurant front at ground level.
Golden Bengal Restaurant, 343-345, High Street, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Approve.

6/2006/470 **Mr & Mrs Grove**
Erect single storey rear extension and new single garage.
1, Ballard Lee, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Approve.

The following application was not discussed by the Town Council as it was considered that a conflict of interest existed, given that the Swanage Bay Holiday Park is in the Council's ownership.

6/2006/475 **Miss Cooper**
Erect timber decking
Plot 276B, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park.

Councillor G M Suttle declared a personal interest in the following application as a Member of the Purbeck District Council's Licensing Panel, remained in the Meeting, but did not vote on, propose, or second the motion.

6/2006/0477 **Mr Lightbown**
Variation of Condition 6 of PP 6/2004/0057 to extend the opening hours of the restaurant from 8.00am – 11.00pm to 8.00am – 12 midnight (inside only)
Ocean Bay 1-7 Ulwell Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Approve.

6/2006/0485 **Golden Bengal Restaurant**
LISTED
Replacement of windows and frames to restaurant front at ground level.
Golden Bengal Restaurant, 343-345, High Street, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Approve.

6/2006/0489 **Mr & Mrs W Rudd**
Erect front bedroom extension with en-suite bathroom.
10, Russell Avenue, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Approve.

6/2006/0490 **Ms S Poole**
Roof alterations including dormer window on east elevation to facilitate formation of rooms in roof.
12, Manor Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Approve.

6/2006/0491 **Mr & Mrs A J Horne**
Extend existing covered porch. Erect new steps.
24, Hoburne Park, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Approve.

Mr & Mrs M Hurd

Erect side conservatory extension and porch, convert garage to bedroom and install rear first floor balcony to existing bedroom. Erect detached garden chalet and extend retaining wall.

1, Lighthouse, Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Approve.

3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

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.

4. ANY OTHER MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

i) Operations Department – Staffing Issues

The Operations Manager highlighted the difficulty he was experiencing in completing key documents relating to the Town Council's outdoor operations and management of events, the volume of which had increased dramatically in recent years as a result of increased regulation. Members noted with approval, the recent temporary appointment of two general operatives and also noted a request for an increase in staff with the necessary qualifications to enable outstanding work to be completed.

It was **AGREED:**

That the Operations Manager attempt to obtain three quotations to provide fully qualified administrative support for up to four months.

Problems relating to long-term sickness and the difficulty in recruiting appropriately trained staff were also raised.

After further discussion it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED:**

That the forthcoming review of the Town Council's administrative staffing be extended to include all Council departments.

ii) Outdoor Areas – Various Issues

The Operations Manager reported that RoSPA had completed its report on the Council's play areas and had drawn attention to a number of issues requiring action.

It was **AGREED:**

That the Operations Manager report on the issues raised to a future meeting of the Town Council.

The Operations Manager also reported on the drainage problems at the Heritage Centre Public Conveniences, which had led to their current closure. It was noted that the sewer pipe had collapsed and that this would cost between £2,000 and £5,000 to repair, depending on the scope of work required. It was noted that this work was of an urgent nature given the time of year.

It was **PROPOSED** by the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bright and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That the necessary work be carried out as an urgent priority.