

Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor M.W. Pratt – Chairman

Councillor B. Audley

Councillor C.R. Bright

Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox

Councillor M. Hadley

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick

Councillor S. Poultney

Councillor G.M. Suttle

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M. Whitwam

Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 38 members of the public attended the Meeting.

**Public Participation Time**

**MR. VAN DE ZANDE** enquired whether the Town Council had any proposals for investment of the proceeds from the sale of the Holiday Park, and suggested that consideration be given to the provision of sporting facilities at Day's Park.

**MR. P. BROWN** again referred to the litter problems in The Square, and expressed the view that the bins provided were inadequate for that location. He was informed that meetings were scheduled to be held with representatives from Purbeck District Council, SITA and the Town Council before the commencement of the summer season in order to address this and other waste management issues.

Revd. John Wood offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

The Meeting commenced at 7.10 p.m.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Pratt and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh:-  
That Councillor William Stanley Trite be appointed  
Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Upon being put to the Meeting, TEN Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and there were TWO ABSTENTIONS, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

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

In accepting the appointment, he paid tribute to the sterling work undertaken by Councillor Pratt, his predecessor, during his Term of Office, and thanked his fellow Councillors for their support. He then announced that Ms. Cheryl Knight Would be Mayoress for the ensuing year. Mrs. Margaret Pratt, outgoing Mayoress, presented Ms. Knight with the Badge of Office.

Councillor Trite gave a brief summary of on-going projects/issues and his aspirations for the coming year; in particular he hoped for the full engagement of Swanage people in consultations about many aspects of the future of the town, and wanted better communication between the Town Council and residents in respect of decisions taken and the reasons for them.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Poultney and seconded by Councillor Wiggins:-  
That Councillor Mrs. Alison Patrick be appointed  
Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Upon being put to the Meeting, ELEVEN Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and there was ONE ABSTENTION, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

Councillor Mrs. Patrick completed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and was pleased to accept the appointment.

Her Escort during her Term of Office would be Mr. Roger Patrick.

3. **APOLOGIES**

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

4. **REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the following appointments of representatives to outside bodies be approved:-

Dorset Association of Larger Local Councils	Councillor M Pratt & the Town Clerk
Swanage Youth Centre	Councillors A Wiggins & Mrs A Patrick
Dorset Coast Forum	Councillors L Gloyn-Cox & M Hadley
Swanage Pier	Councillors Mrs G Marsh & M Pratt
Arthur Marsh Memorial Hall	Councillor G Suttle
Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor M Pratt
Drug Reference Action Group	Councillors Mrs A Patrick & M Whitwam
Partners & Communities Together	Councillors B Audley, Mrs A Patrick and G Suttle
Herston Reading Room	Councillor C Bright
Swanage Town & Community Partnership	Councillor Mrs A Patrick or Councillor L Gloyn-Cox
Swanage Bay Users Association	Councillor M Hadley
Durlston Advisory Panel	Councillor M Hadley
Swanage Pub Watch	Councillors B Audley &

Dorset Age Partnership  
Purbeck Transport Action Group  
Swanage Regatta & Carnival  
Committee

Mrs A Patrick  
Councillor L Gloyn-Cox  
Councillor S Poultney  
Councillor W Trite (Town Mayor),  
Councillor Mrs A Patrick (Deputy  
Mayor) and Councillor A Wiggins

A suggestion was put forward that the Council seeks representation on the Museum/Heritage Centre Committee, and it was AGREED:-

That this matter be referred for consideration at  
a future meeting of the Council.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

Appointments to the Committees were agreed, as follows:-

**Tourism Committee**

Councillor W S Trite (Town Mayor), Councillor Mrs A Patrick (Deputy Mayor), and Councillors B Audley, L Gloyn-Cox, M Hadley, Mrs G A Marsh, M W Pratt, and A Wiggins.

**Transport Committee**

Councillors B Audley, C R Bright, M Hadley, S Poultney, M W Pratt, and M Whitwam.

**General Operations Committee**

Councillor B Audley, C R Bright, L Gloyn-Cox, Mrs G A Marsh, and S Poultney.

**Personnel Committee**

Councillor W S Trite (Town Mayor) and Councillors C R Bright, L Gloyn-Cox, Mrs A Patrick, M W Pratt and G M Suttle.

**Beach Management Sub-Committee**

Members of the Beach Management Sub-Committee are nominated by the Tourism Committee.

6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 44**

Proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That Standing Order No. 44 be suspended to enable the election of the Chairmen of the Committees listed in Minute No. 5 above, in order to appoint the Finance and Performance Management Committee.

The following appointments were AGREED by each of the respective Committees:-

**Tourism Committee**

Chairman – Councillor Mrs A Patrick.

**Transport Committee**

Chairman – Councillor S Poultney.

**General Operations Committee**

Chairman – Councillor L Gloyn-Cox.

### **Personnel Committee**

Chairman – Councillor M W Pratt

### **Finance and Performance Management Committee**

Councillor W S Trite (Town Mayor), Councillor Mrs A Patrick (Deputy Town Mayor) and Councillors L Gloyn-Cox, and S Poultny.

It was proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED, with ONE ABSTENTION:-

That Councillor G M Suttle be appointed to the Finance and Performance Management Committee.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That the Town Mayor be appointed Chairman of the Finance and Performance Management Committee.

Arising from the above, it was suggested that Standing Orders be amended with regards to the appointment of the Chairmen of the Committees, and it was AGREED:-

That Standing Orders be reviewed during the forthcoming summer period.

## **7. MEMBERSHIP OF WORKING PARTIES**

Proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the following appointments to Council Working Parties be approved.

### **Tennis Club**

Councillor W S Trite (Town Mayor), Councillor Mrs A Patrick (Deputy Mayor), and Councillors S Poultny and M W Pratt.

### **Cow Lane**

Councillor W S Trite (Town Mayor), Councillor Mrs A Patrick (Deputy Mayor), and Councillors S Poultny and M W Pratt.

### **Cemetery Matters**

Councillors B Audley, L Gloyn-Cox, Mrs G A Marsh and S Poultny.

### **Budget and Investment Review**

Councillor W S Trite (Town Mayor), and Councillors Gloyn-Cox, S Poultny, M W Pratt and G M Suttle.

### **Allotments**

Councillors B Audley, L Gloyn-Cox and S Poultny.

### **Boat Park**

Councillor W S Trite (Town Mayor), Councillor Mrs A Patrick (Deputy Mayor), and Councillors Gloyn-Cox and M W Pratt.

### **Waste Management**

Chair of Tourism, Transport and General Operations Committees.

### **Sea Rowing Club**

Councillor W S Trite (Town Mayor), Councillor Mrs A Patrick (Deputy Mayor), and Councillors C R Bright, L Gloyn-Cox and M W Pratt.

**Public Buildings Review**

Councillor W S Trite (Town Mayor), Councillor Mrs A Patrick (Deputy Mayor), and Councillors C R Bright and L Gloyn-Cox.

8. **MINUTES**

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

9. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

- Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Audley, and  
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the recommendations contained in the Minutes, as follows:-

**Dorset County Council – Possible Introduction of On-Street Parking Meters**

- Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Wiggins, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Town Council write to Dorset County Council objecting to the introduction of parking meters in Swanage.

**Bus Shelter on Ulwell Road**

- Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Town Council apply to the De Moulham Trust to fund a new bus shelter and approach Dorset County Council to remove and dispose of the existing structure.

10. **PLANS**

Councillor Mrs. Marsh did not vote on, or propose, or second any of the motions on the following planning applications, by reason of being a Member of the Purbeck District Council's Planning Board.

**Delegated  
Applications**

6/2010/0244 **Mr & Mrs Seedal**

Alterations, front and side extensions, including front and rear balconies. Form rooms in existing and new roof space; modify vehicular access – revised scheme to PP 6/2009/0582 to include additional rear dormer and alterations to fenestration and chimney.  
3 Atlantic Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** Recommend refusal on the grounds of overlooking neighbouring properties.

Before consideration of the next item, Councillor Poultney declared his interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being an acquaintance of the applicant, and as his interest was prejudicial, left the Meeting during the debate.

6/2010/0246 **AJS Developments**

Variation of condition 9 of PP 6/2007/0359 to change roofing material from natural Purbeck stone tiles to Bradstone Cotswold Weathered Buff tiles.

Land adj. 46 Bell Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2010/0253 **Mr & Mrs N Taylor**

Erect new double garage.

18 Hillsea Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2010/0264 **Mr R Coram**

Erect swimming pool enclosure.

6 Battlemead, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

11. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

- (a) He had not yet decided which charities to support during his Term of Office, but would report his decision at the next meeting of the Council.
- (b) The Mayor welcomed Miss Sabrina Moss, (the Mayor's Cadet) to the meeting, and invited her to continue in this capacity during his period of Office. Councillor Pratt welcomed the continuation of this role, and explained that the appointment had been made in recognition of the sterling work undertaken by the Air Training Corps cadets in connection with Regatta and Carnival events.
- (c) The Mayor referred to the Parliamentary and District Council elections held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010.  
He congratulated Councillor Suttle on his re-election to Purbeck District Council for the Swanage South Ward.  
He congratulated Richard Drax upon his election as Swanage's Member of Parliament, trusting that he would prove a committed, able and effective representative for local people. The Mayor also pointed out that very many in Swanage considered the outgoing Member of Parliament, Jim Knight, to have been a very conscientious and hard-working constituency MP, to whom much appreciation was due. He wished Jim Knight well for his future.
- (d) Finally, the Mayor invited all those in attendance to join him for light refreshments at the conclusion of the Meeting.



12. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

There were no matters to report from Council representatives on outside organisations at the present time.

13. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

There were no delegated matters to report at the present time.

14. **SWANAGE SEAFRONT STABILISATION AND REGENERATION PROPOSALS**

A “Project Control Note”, prepared by Purbeck District Council, relating to the Swanage Seafront Stabilisation and Regeneration Project, had been circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting.

These outline proposals were due to go to Purbeck District Council’s Policy Group on 18<sup>th</sup> May. A meeting for public consultation was to be held in the Mowlem Community Room on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

Having regard to the timescales, it was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and RESOLVED:-

That the Town Council welcomes the opportunity to play a leading role in public consultation on the future of the seafront, and that the matter be included on the Agenda for further consideration at the next meeting of the Council to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

15. **ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND MATTERS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDAS**

The Town Mayor announced that, whenever possible, he intended to report back on matters raised during Public Participation time. He then updated those present on matters raised at the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

(a) **James Day Home**

In answer to a question posed by Mr. M. Norris, Councillor Trite reported that Dorset County Council were not prepared to release the names of any alternative providers who had shown an interest in the running of James Day Home.

(b) **Purbeck Schools Review**

It was reported that, following requests from many interested parties, the Purbeck Schools Review would be further considered at a special meeting of DCC’s Community Overview Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

(c) **Re-signalling Project**

Mr. M. Stollery had referred to the re-signalling project to reconnect Swanage and Corfe Castle to the national rail network. This matter had been considered by the Town Council at its meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010, and the following Resolution had been agreed:-

That a letter be sent to Dorset County Council, as the transport authority with a strong relationship with potential regional funders, requesting that it lead the campaign to secure the necessary funds. The letter should also outline the importance of the mainline rail connection and the re-instatement of regular passenger train services between Swanage and the National Network at Wareham. Not only would this be beneficial for the tourism industry,

but would help relieve traffic congestion on the busy  
A351 road.

The meeting concluded at 8.25 p.m.

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