

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council, held at the Town Hall, Swanage, on
MONDAY, 29th APRIL 2002 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor G.M. Suttle (Town Mayor) - Chairman

Councillor G.A. Baume

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor A.H. Miller

Councillor Mrs. H.O' Donovan

Councillor J. Roscoe

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M.R. Woolley

Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon

The Mayor welcomed Pastor Steve Cerone, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

178. **APOLOGIES**

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

179. **MINUTES**

(a) The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 25th March 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 5th April 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 15th April 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.

180. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

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

That the notes on the Public Participation Time held on 25th March 2002 be accepted.

181. **TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. O' Donovan, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism and Environmental Committee held on 22nd March 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

182. **CARPARKINGBESTVALUEWORKINGGROUP**

It was proposed by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Car Parking Best Value Working Group held on 27th March 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

183. **BOATPARKBESTVALUEWORKINGGROUP**

It was proposed by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Boat Park Best Value Working Group held on 2nd April 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

184. **CARPARKINGBESTVALUEWORKINGGROUP**

It was proposed by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Car Parking Best Value Working Group held on 12th April 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

185. **PUBLICBUILDINGSBESTVALUEWORKINGGROUP**

It was proposed by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Buildings Best Value Working Group held on 15th April 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

186. **BOATPARKBESTVALUEWORKINGGROUP**

It was proposed by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Roscoe and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Boat Park Best Value Working Group held on 19th April 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

187. **CARPARKINGBESTVALUEWORKINGGROUP**

It was proposed by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Car Parking Best Value Working Group held on 22nd April 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

188. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported:-

That a concerted effort by various organisations, including the Hoteliers

(a)

Association, Lions Club, Carnival and Regatta Committee, Chamber of Trade, the Town Council, and other interested parties, had resulted in a new Lights Committee being formed. Contributions had already been received towards the "Switch on Swanage" campaign, and it was intended to seek further donations from traders in the town, with a view to providing festive lighting throughout the town centre.

- (b) The Town Council's new website would be operational from 1st May 2002. The new website would give access to a far greater range of information, including up to date hotel vacancies and prices, Town Council facilities and services, and Minutes of Meetings etc.
- (c) The Exhibitions showing the proposals for the improvements to the sports facilities in King George V Playing Field had now been removed from the Town Hall, but was still on display for public consultation at the Tourist Information Centre.
- (d) The Mayor reminded those present that the Annual Parish Assembly would be held on Wednesday, 15th May 2002 in the Town Hall at 7 p.m.

189. **JUSTICES' LICENCE**

A Notice of Application for the Transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of the "Select & Save" store, 208 High Street, Swanage was submitted for consideration.

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

That no objection be raised to the transfer of the Licence.

190. **USE OF FORMER SHELTER AREA, SHOREROAD**

A letter dated 23rd April 2002 was submitted from Mrs. J. Ribeiro, on behalf of the Swanage Regatta and Carnival Committee, requesting permission to hold Art and Craft Exhibitions on these seafront over three weekends during the 2002 summer season.

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

That permission be granted, subject to the availability of suitable dates.

191. **NORTH BEACH CARPARK**

A letter dated 22nd April 2002 was submitted from the Dorset Wildlife Trust giving details of "The Hardy Hike" on 15th September 2002, and requesting that concessionary car parking be made available in North Beach Car Park for registered walkers and organisers of the event.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED:-

That North Beach Car Park be made available for use by Dorset Wildlife Trust on Sunday, 15th September 2002, subject to payment of the

agreed sum of £100, and that the services of the Council's Enforcement Officer be suspended at North Beach Car Park on that day.

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

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

193. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of March 2002 were submitted.

194. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

It was proposed by Councillor Roscoe, seconded by Councillor Trite, and RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Order on Treasurer Nos. 13, 14, 14a, 1 and 1a, amounting to £24,833.72, £38,344.93, £84,163.91, £57,702.30 and £39,438.98 respectively, be paid and that cheques be drawn therefor.

195. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 31st March 2002 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.

196. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

That as publicity would be prejudicial to the public 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.

197. **SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE – HERITAGE CENTRE TOILETS**

The Clerk reported on the defective coin mechanism, and the subsequent difficulties experienced by the security company when collecting cash from the Heritage Centre toilets.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED:-

That provision be made for a supplementary estimate of £3,900 approx. for replacement coin mechanism at the Heritage Centre toilets.

198. **LEASE – FISHERMAN'S CATCH RESTAURANT**

The Clerk reported that terms had now been agreed for the lease of the Fisherman's Catch Restaurant for a period of seven years. The lease was of a full repairing nature, with rent reviews after 3 and 6 years.

199. **GAMING MACHINE LICENCE**

The Clerk reported on a letter received from Purbeck District Council

seeking the Council's views on the granting of a Gaming Machine Licence in respect of the Fisherman's Catch Restaurant.

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

That no objection be raised to the granting of the Licence.

200. **STAFFING MATTERS**
Swanage Caravan Park

The Clerk referred to a staffing matter at the Caravan Park, and following a brief discussion, it was RESOLVED:-

To adhere to the legal advice given, and that the Town Clerk, the Town Mayor and Councillor Miller be given delegated power to act on the Council's behalf in the matter.

Town Hall

The Clerk reported on the increased workload generated by the requirements of Best Value and other legislation, and the burden that had been placed on himself and the staff at the Town Hall.

It was RESOLVED:-

That a temporary appointment be made for a trial period of three months.
