

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 2nd AUGUST 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor B. Audley
Councillor C.R. Bright
Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox
Councillor M. Hadley (until 9.30 pm)

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor G.M. Suttle (until 9 pm)
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 28 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

MRS. K. GALLAGHER, on behalf of the Herston Fields Group, reported on matters highlighted at the Public Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st July 2010. The key issues raised at the Meeting were:-

- Village Green
- Flooding
- Congestion/Traffic
- Jobs/Affordable Housing/Second Homes
- Site of Health Services
- Landscape
- Conservation Area

MR. B. GALLAGHER reported that 65 requests had been received for evidence forms for the registration of the eastern field as a “Village Green”. He drew attention to the time-consuming process that was necessary, and requested the support of the Town Council to progress the matter.

MR. P. CLARK was also supportive of the “Save Herston Fields” campaign, but felt that it was important that the Town Council continued to support the need for affordable housing in Swanage.

MR. S. FOOTE, of the Herston Fields Group, reported that during the period 19th June to 13th July 2010, 1,439 signatures had been obtained in support of retaining Herston Fields

as a “Village Green” amenity.

MR. M. STOLLERY, on behalf of the Purbeck Society, and **MS. C. DRAYSON** endorsed the previous comments regarding the Herston Fields site.

MS. H. O’CONNOR, Education Swanage, updated those present on matters relating to the future provision of secondary education in Swanage and the aims of Education Swanage. Following a meeting with Professor James Betts of the Human Scale Education Trust, it was hoped to establish three potential schemes for the provision of a “free school” in Swanage. The key requirement was to obtain suitable premises – the former Grammar School site being the preferred option.

MR. P. ANGEL, Education Swanage, reported that at a recent Department of Education conference, the possibility of funding for new build or refurbishment of existing premises for “free school” projects was mooted.

The Mayor welcomed Revd. Tony Delsink, from the Catholic Church, who offered a prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.25 p.m.

43. **APOLOGIES**

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

44. **CORE STRATEGY**

(a) **Settlement Extensions**

Further to Minute No. 2 (a) of the Policy and Planning Meeting held on 19th July 2010, and the subsequent public meeting held on 21st July 2010 regarding building on Herston Fields, consideration was given to the Town Council’s response to the Core Strategy consultation.

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the rising sea levels which may affect the centre of the town in years to come, and also to the future provision of health care in Swanage.

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

That the Town Council does not support the preferred option as set out in the consultation leaflet “Where Shall We Build: Swanage & Corfe Castle 2012-2026” and that the above concerns be incorporated in the Town Council’s response to the Core Strategy consultation (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

(b) **Retail Impact Assessment**

Further to Minute No. 2 (d) of the Policy and Planning Meeting held on 19th July 2010, consideration was again given to the retail impact assessment in respect of the provision of an additional supermarket in either Wareham or Swanage.

Concern was again expressed at the impact of a new supermarket in either town on the business of local shopkeepers, and it was proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That these concerns be incorporated in the Town Council's response to the Core Strategy consultation (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

45. **MINUTES**

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 5th July 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

A query was raised as to whether the Minutes accurately reflected the debate arising from an issue raised by Mr. D. Holman during the Public Participation Time. As Mr. Holman was in the audience, the Chairman invoked Standing Order No. 69 to canvas his views. He confirmed the accuracy of the Minutes, and the Meeting re-convened.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Audley, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 19th July 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

46. **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 12th July 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to an apology from Councillor Suttle for his inability to attend the Meeting being recorded.

47. **GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Audley, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Operations Committee be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

Revised Draft Regulations for Godlingston Cemetery

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox and seconded by Councillor Poultney:-

That the new set of regulations be approved, and implemented from the date of adoption. A copy of the regulations to be given out at the time of purchase

of the grave. (A copy attached at end of these Minutes).

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.

Fishermen's Huts and Jetty

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox and seconded by Councillor Audley:-

That a budget of up to £3,600 be agreed for urgent repairs to the Fishermen's Jetty.

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.

Public Conveniences – Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox and seconded by Councillor Poultney:-

That the Town Council's surveyor value the land and that negotiations be opened with the Emmanuel Baptist Church regarding the disposal of the site, with demolition costs of the existing conveniences to be met by the Church.

Upon being put to the Meeting, NINE Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and THREE AGAINST, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

48. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 30th July 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to the word "some" being replaced with the word "strong" in line 13 of Minute No. 3 (a).

49. **PLANS**

Under the Model Code of Conduct, Members declared a formal interest in the capacity of Corporate Trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust in applications relating to the Trust.

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

6/2010/0439 **Mr A Rouse**

Divide ground floor flat into 2 flats. Erect single storey rear extension and insert new dormer to the south east elevation of the first floor flat and

enclosure of external staircase.
32 Burlington Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0446 **Mrs E Goodman**

Replace two existing velux windows with larger ones and install new bathroom window to east elevation. (Retrospective).
Brinton Lodge, 3 Walrond Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to there being no overlooking of neighbouring properties.

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Audley declared his interest under the Model Code of Conduct, and as his interest was prejudicial, left the Meeting during the debate.

6/2010/0447 **Shorefield Holidays Limited**

Erect new reception building, refurbish and convert existing toilet block to staff building and relocation of warden's caravan approved under 6/2009/0007.
Swanage Coastal Park, Priests Way, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0458 **Mrs S Bromley**

Erect two single storey rear extensions.
68 Ulwell Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0462 **Mr O Miles**

Erect non-illuminated shop fascia sign and apply new overlay decal to existing projecting sign.
7 Institute Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0463 **Dr N Yates**

Alterations and additions to west elevation to extend existing lounge/bedroom and form new bedroom with bathroom over. Insert new dormer to south elevation.
Windward, Southcliffe Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0466 **Mr T Hardy**

Erect two storey side extension.
1 Wills Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0469 **Mr B Keeping**

Demolish existing and erect 2 replacement garages.
5 De Moulham Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No comment pending possible future discussion by

the De Moulham Trust.

Non-Delegated

6/2010/0474 **Mr D Harrison**

Convert and extend existing 6 flats to form 14 self contained flats with associated parking. (Extend time limit of planning permission 6/2005/0453).

6 Burlington Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal. Consider overdevelopment of the site.

50. **JAMES DAY HOME**

Consideration was given to a letter dated 8th June 2010 from Mr. D. Norman seeking an update on the future provision of care for the elderly in Swanage, and requesting specific information regarding the possible re-opening of James Day Home and other matters relating to the premises.

Following discussion, during which it was noted that a meeting of the Care Provision for Older People in Swanage Planning Group was shortly to be held, it was proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That an assurance be given that the Town Council fully supports the re-opening of James Day Home, but does not wish to comment further at the current time for fear of pre-empting any decisions of the Care Provision for Older People in Swanage Planning Group.

51. **PRINCE ALBERT GARDENS**

Further to Minute No. 21 of the Council Meeting held on 7th June 2010, consideration was given to a request received from the organisers of the “Proms Concert” seeking permission to stage a fireworks display on Prince Albert Gardens as a grand finale to the Concert.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That, in the absence of a formal application, the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Operations Manager and Town Clerk be given delegated authority to act in the matter.

52. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on the following events he had attended during the past month on behalf of the Town of Swanage:-

- (a) “Beating to Quarters” at Lulworth Camp.
- (b) Ceremony in Wareham to grant the Freedom of Purbeck to the Armour Centre, Bovington.
- (c) Swanage Jazz Festival Parade and Marquee Event.
- (d) Weymouth & Portland Borough Council – Mayor’s Civic Service.
- (e) The Mayor of Blandford’s Charity “Night at the Opera” with the Band of the Royal Corps of Signals.

- (f) Presentation of Trophies at the Swanage Rowing Regatta.
- (g) The Crowning of the Swanage Carnival Queen and the Carnival Procession.

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

- (a) Councillor Gloyn-Cox reported on a meeting of the Steering Group of the Coastal Change Pathfinder for the Jurassic Coast that he had attended in Sidmouth on 20th July 2010. Having regard to the implications of coastal change over the next 100 years, and particular reference to North Swanage, it was suggested that Mr. Richard Edmonds, Earth Sciences Manager with the World Heritage Site Team, be invited to address the Town Council.
- (b) Councillor Hadley reported on the recent AGM of the Swanage Town and Community Partnership, at which it had been agreed to hold quarterly meetings on an alternating basis between mornings and evenings. Reference was also made to developing a Town Partnership website.
- (c) Councillor Pratt reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Dorset Sports Council at which possible access to grant funding for local sports clubs had been discussed.

54. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

- (a) **Swanage Mainline Railway Connection**
The Chairman reported that the County Council's Cabinet had considered Network Rail's request for a guarantee of £3M funding for the signalling upgrade for Worgret Junction. The proposal to provide this from development contributions from the Purbeck Transportation Strategy infrastructure fund had been agreed subject to the formal agreement of Purbeck District Council. The Town Council's support for the project had been noted.
- (b) Councillor Mrs. Patrick reported that she had been appointed as a judge for the "Swanage Has Talent" competition held at the Mowlem Theatre on 24th July 2010.
- (c) Switch on Swanage – The Christmas Street Market and switching on of the Christmas lights would take place on 4th December 2010, and the continued support of the Town Council was requested.
- (d) The Mayor announced that his itinerary would be available at the Town Hall.
- (e) The Mayor reported that the Annual Civic Service would be held on Sunday, 29th August 2010 at St. Mary's Parish Church at 4 pm.
- (f) The Acting Town Clerk reported that a meeting was scheduled to be held with the District Auditor at 2.15 pm on Friday, 20th August 2010 to receive the amended Statements of Accounts and Annual Governance Reports 2007/08 and 2008/09.

56. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, under Standing Orders Nos. 67 and 68, by

reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

Councillor Suttle left the Meeting at 9 pm.

57. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**

Further to Minute No. 42 (a) of the Council Meeting held on 5th July 2010, the Acting Town Clerk updated Members on matters arising since the disposal of the Holiday Park, and the position was noted.

Members were also updated on matters relating to an ongoing dispute over commission payments.

(b) **Land South of Holiday Park**

Further to Minute No. 42 (d) of the Council Meeting held on 5th July 2010, the Acting Town Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the occupation of land south of the Holiday Park.

Detailed consideration was given to the legal advice received, following which it was proposed by Councillor Hadley and seconded by the Town Mayor:-

That the Town Council acts in accordance with Option 2 of the advice received from Jacobs and Reeves, the Council's legal advisers, dated 22nd July 2010.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Pratt and seconded by Councillor Audley:-

That, having regard to the current position, the Town Council acts in accordance with Option 1 of the advice received from Jacobs and Reeves, the Council's legal advisers, dated 22nd July 2010.

Upon being put to the Meeting, EIGHT Members voted IN FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT and THREE AGAINST, whereupon the Amendment was declared CARRIED.

The AMENDMENT was then put as a SUBSTANTIVE MOTION, and CARRIED with EIGHT Members voting IN FAVOUR and THREE AGAINST.

Councillor Hadley left the Meeting at 9.30 pm.

(c) **Santa Fe Amusement Park**

Further to Minute No. 19 (a) of the Policy and Planning Meeting held on 19th July 2010, the Acting Town Clerk reported that the assignment of the lease of the Santa Fe Amusement Park was being progressed by the Council's legal advisers.

It was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That delegated authority be given to the Town Mayor,
Deputy Mayor and Acting Town Clerk act in the matter.

(d) **Ice Cream Concession**

Further to Minute No. 19 (b) of the Policy and Planning Meeting held on 19th July 2010, the Acting Town Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the variation of the lease agreement for the Ice Cream Kiosks.

It was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That delegated authority be given to the Town Mayor,
Deputy Mayor and Acting Town Clerk act in the matter.

The meeting concluded at 9.35 pm.
