

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor M.W. Pratt (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor B. Audley
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough JP
Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor W.S. Trite
Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 18 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

MS. S. KENT, a member of the “Save our Schools” action group, expressed her grave concern at the proposals contained within the Dorset County Council’s consultation document “Future School Provision in the Purbeck Area”. She did not consider that a “two tier” system was necessarily conducive to better education, and was also concerned at the effect that the additional travelling to Wareham (20 mile round trip) would have on both the carbon footprint and the children themselves.

MR. D. PRATTON, Head Teacher of the Swanage Middle School, stressed the importance of thorough consultation with all sectors of the community before any decision is taken by Dorset County Council on the “Future School Provision in the Purbeck Area”. He felt that it was an opportunity to plan for facilities to maintain Swanage as a vibrant community, but it was vital to make the right decision as it would affect future generations. He suggested that Dorset County Council stop the current exercise and undertake a proper consultation involving all sectors of the community.

The above comments were endorsed by **MR. P. CLARK** and **MR. P. ANGEL**.

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.20 p.m.

In view of the public interest in Agenda Item 8 – Future School Provision in the Purbeck Area, the Town Mayor decided that this matter should be considered at the commencement of the Meeting.

109. **APOLOGIES**

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

110. **FUTURE SCHOOL PROVISION IN THE PURBECK AREA**

Councillor Trite updated those present on a recent meeting held at the Purbeck School at which consideration had been given to the “Future School Provision in the Purbeck Area” by Purbeck District Council.

After due consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, with respect to Dorset County Council’s consultation document “Future School Provision in the Purbeck Area”, Swanage Town Council:

1. Endorses neither the 2-tier nor the 3-tier schools system in Purbeck, recognising that such a determination is not within its field of competence and that even within the District of Purbeck 2-tier may be better suited to some parts and 3-tier to others;
2. Calls upon Dorset County Council to postpone any organisational changes until more dependable financial and economic conditions prevail, recognising that such conditions have changed drastically for the worse since the County Council’s proposals were conceived and that the necessary large-scale funding which these proposals require cannot now be relied upon;
3. Strongly urges the County Council to reconstruct and re-start the consultation process in order that all interested parties and the public can:
 - a) have greater confidence in the integrity of the consultation exercise and in particular the accuracy of statements and data within it;
 - b) understand what alternatives to the current proposals exist;
 - c) be reassured that all schools, all governors, all teachers, all parents, and all other interested parties have the opportunity to be fully involved in the consultation from the outset; and
 - d) be certain that all environmental and community effects of any resultant proposals have been fully evaluated.

111. **MINUTES**

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 26th January 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss Estimates and Seasonal Charges on 23rd January 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters

on 6th February 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (d) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by the Town Mayor, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 16th February 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

112. **FINANCE & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Performance Management Committee held on 2nd February 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

113. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

- Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee held on 4th February 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- Arising therefrom, it was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and **RESOLVED:-**

That the recommendation to adopt the following car parking charges for the 2009/10 financial year be approved.

	Actual Fees 2008/09 (Including VAT) £/p	Actual Fees 2008/09 (Excluding VAT) £/p	Proposed Fees 2009/2010 (Excluding VAT) £/p	Proposed Fees 2009/2010 (Including VAT @ 15% as appropriate) £/p
Broad Road				
Cars up to 24 hours - Summer	8.00	8.00	6.00	6.00
Cars up to 4 hours - Summer	6.00	6.00	delete	delete
Cars for 2 hours – Summer	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20
Cars for 1 hour – Summer	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Evening - 7 pm to 8 am				
Cars up to 3 + hours - Summer	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Cars for 2 hours – Summer	2.70	2.70	3.00	3.00
Cars for 1 hour – Summer	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Charges will apply 1st July to 31st August (inclusive).				
Cars up to 24 hours - Summer	7.00	7.00	5.00	5.00
Cars up to 4 hours - Summer	5.00	5.00	delete	delete
Cars for 2 hours – Summer	2.70	2.70	3.00	3.00
Cars for 1 hour – Summer	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Evening - 7 pm to 8 am				
Cars up to 3 + hours - Summer	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Cars for 2 hours – Summer	2.70	2.70	3.00	3.00
Cars for 1 hour – Summer	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Cars up to 24 hours - Winter	4.50	4.50	3.00	3.00
Cars for 2 hours – Winter	1.50	1.50	1.60	1.60

Cars for 1 hour – Winter Charges will apply 1st October to 31st March (inclusive)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
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**Recreation Ground
(Mermond Place) and Co op
Pioneer (Central)**

(Maximum of 2 hours between
8 a.m. & 7 p.m, maximum of 3
hours between 7 p.m. & 10
p.m.)

Cars 1 hour - Summer (1st April to 30th September)	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
Cars 2 hours - Summer (1st April to 30th September)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Cars 3 + hours - Summer (1st April to 30th September)	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Cars Hourly - Winter (1st October to 31st March)	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Overnight parking 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. (8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Free) (No camping - No sleeping)	free	free	free	free

**Recreation Ground
(Residents)**

(Maximum of 2 hours between
8 a.m. & 7 p.m, maximum of 3
hours between 7 p.m. & 10
p.m.)

Cars 1 hour - Summer (1st April to 30th September)	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
Cars 2 hours - Summer (1st April to 30th September)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Cars 3 + hours - Summer (1st April to 30th September)	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Cars Hourly - Winter (1st October to 31st March)	free	free	free	free
Overnight parking 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. (8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Free) (No camping - No sleeping)	free	free	free	free

**North Beach (De Moulham
Road)**

Cars up to 24 hours	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Cars for up to 2 hours	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70
Cars for up to 1 hour	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Cars Weekly	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Coaches Daily (upto 24 hours)	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Coaches 4 hours or less	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Campervan Overnight Stay (6 p.m. to 9 a.m.) (No camping - No sleeping)	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50

**Main Beach (Victoria
Avenue)**

Cars upto 24 hours	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00
Cars for 2 hours	2.70	2.70	3.20	3.20
Cars for 1 hour	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Cars Weekly	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Coaches Daily	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Coaches 4 hours or less	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00

Campervan Overnight Stay (6 p.m. to 9 a.m.)	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
Charges will apply 1st July to 31st August (inclusive).				
Cars up to 24 hours	7.00	7.00	5.00	5.00
Cars for up to 4 hours	5.00	5.00	delete	delete
Cars for 2 hours	2.70	2.70	3.00	3.00
Cars for 1 hour	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Cars Weekly	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Coaches Daily	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Coaches 4 hours or less	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Campervan Overnight Stay (6 p.m. to 9 a.m.)	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
Cars for up to 12 hours	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Cars for up to 24 hours	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Coaches for up to 12 hours	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Coaches for up to 24 hours	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Charges will apply 1st October to 31st March (inclusive)				
Annual Private & Business Summer Season Ticket (1st May-30th September)	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00
cost to be 2/3 of annual ticket (agreed Car Parks Best Value Working Group 13/10/06 minute 3)d)	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00
Annual Taxic (per permit) Charges will apply throughout the year.	545.00	463.83	473.91	545.00
Excess Charge Penalty * Reduced to £30 for payment within 10 days.	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Peveril Point Residents Tickets max of 4 per household	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00

114. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 13th February 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Arising therefrom, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and RESOLVED:-

That the recommendation to adopt the following charges for the 2009/10 financial year be approved.

	Actual Fees 2008/09 (Including VAT) £/p	Proposed Fees 2009/2010 (Including VAT @ 15% as appropriate) £/p	Actual Fees 2008/09 (Excluding VAT) £/p	Proposed Fees 2009/2010 (Excluding VAT) £/p
<u>CAR & BOAT PARKS</u>				
Peveril Boat Park Per Grid (Trailer Included)				
Boats and trailers				
Up to 13 ft				
Summer - 1 May - 31 October				
Season	230.00	232.00	195.74	201.81
Weekly	92.98	96.00	80.85	83.48
Winter - 1 November – 30 April				
	92.98	96.00	80.85	83.48
Up to 22 ft				
Summer - 1 May - 31 October				
Season	450.00	453.00	382.98	394.00
Weekly	141.91	146.50	123.40	127.40
Winter - 1 November – 30 April				
	181.07	186.50	157.45	162.18
Up to 29 ft				
Summer - 1 May - 31 October				
Season	630.00	634.00	536.17	551.30
Weekly	156.59	161.50	136.17	140.44
Winter - 1 November – 30 April				
	264.26	272.50	229.79	236.96
Daily Launch Fees - Throughout the year				
Boats	19.57	21.00	17.02	18.26
Jet Skis	19.57	21.00	17.02	18.26
25% Discount Residents Permit Holders				
Daily Launch Fees (Boat only - removal of Trailer)				
Boats	14.68	15.50	12.77	13.48
Jet Skis	14.68	15.50	12.77	13.48
25% Discount Residents Permit Holders				
<u>BEACH GARDENS</u>				
Tennis				
Singles/Doubles Hourly (hourly per court)	7.00	7.50	5.96	6.53
With Club Member	4.00	4.50	3.40	3.91
Club - Adult (Year)	115.00	120.00	97.87	103.45
Club - Junior & Students (Year)	35.00	36.50	29.79	31.74
Club - Adult (Summer)	78.00	81.50	66.38	70.87
Club - Junior & Students (Summer)	25.00	26.00	21.28	22.61
Club - Adult (Winter)	42.00	44.00	35.74	38.27
Club - Junior & Students (Winter)	13.00	13.50	11.06	11.74
Schools (per court)	4.00	5.00	3.40	4.35
Children (under 16 years 12-2 pm.)	2.50	2.65	2.13	2.30

Family Membership (Husband & wife plus up to 2 children * in Junior/Senior Club)				
- Year	180.00	185.00	153.19	160.87
- Summer	165.00	169.00	140.43	146.96
- Winter	77.00	79.00	65.53	68.70
* Charge for each additional child	23.00	23.50	19.57	20.44
Racket Hire	0.75	0.80	0.64	0.70
Tennis Ball Hire	0.50	0.60	0.43	0.53
Short Tennis Coaching Course				
– Juniors				
(Use of pavilion)	Discontinued		Discontinued	
*£9.00 to be retained by the Tennis Club for the Junior Development Programme as agreed in Minute No.2 of the Policy & Resources Meeting held 22/01/01				
**decreased from £200 as agreed in Minute 3. of the Planning Meeting held 08/04/04				

Bowls

Club Season – Adults	125.00	128.00	106.38	111.31
Club Season - Juniors (under 16)	30.00	31.00	25.53	26.96
New Member - (Introductory Season only)	62.50	64.00	53.19	55.66
Hourly (per person)	3.25	3.50	2.77	3.04
Hourly (under 16 accompanied by an adult)	1.25	1.50	1.06	1.30
Hire of Slips (per pair per game)	2.10	2.50	1.79	2.17
Hire of Woods (per set of 4 per game)	2.10	2.50	1.79	2.17
# Junior membership decreased from £32.00 to £30.00				

Putting

Per Round – Adults	2.50	2.50	2.13	2.17
Per Round - Children (under 16)	1.00	1.00	0.85	0.87
Family (2 Adults + 2 Children)	6.00	6.00	5.11	5.22

Pavilion

(Charges include heating, lighting and use of kitchen and equipment)				
Per Session (1 section)	18.00	18.00	15.65	15.65
Morning, Afternoon or Evening (2 sections)	25.00	25.00	21.74	21.74

SEASON CHARGES - 2008

SEASON (For existing holders only)

1st April-30th September				
Stroke Club (Annual rental)	645.00	725.00	548.94	630.43
Private Sites	285.00	293.00	242.55	254.78

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Advertising Board 3ft x 4ft (Annual)*	380.00	380.00	323.40	330.43
Advertising 'A' Boards*	200.00	200.00	170.21	173.91
Accommodation Service - Serviced	0.10	10%	10%	10%
Accommodation Service - Self-catering	0.05	5%	5%	5%
Caravan And Camping Leaflet Advertising	110.00	discontinued	93.62	Discontinued

*** New half-priced 6-monthly fee to be introduced.**

BEACH CONCESSIONS

Monkey Beach Boat Rings (Private)	60.00	65.00	51.06	56.52
Pleasure Boats (exceeding 30 passengers)	635.00	635.00	540.43	552.17
(not exceeding 30 passengers)	565.00	565.00	480.85	491.30
(not exceeding 12 passengers)	190.00	190.00	161.70	165.22
Motor Boats (not exceeding 15 feet)	125.00	125.00	106.38	108.70
Hut on Quay	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00

114. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor had no specific announcements to make at the present time.

115. **PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL – NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS**

Councillor Mrs. Marsh reported on a scheme being introduced by Purbeck District Council whereby local Parish and Town Councils are invited to pass details of their "Volunteer of the Year" special recognition of their services at a ceremony to be held in spring 2009.

116. **CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIPS**

A letter dated 12th February 2009 was submitted from the Environmental Services Officer of Purbeck District Council giving details of a grant received from the Home Office Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership's initiative, the grant being specifically for projects to remove graffiti from private property.

It was intended that these resources be made available to local parish and town councils for specific graffiti clearance work, and the Town Council was invited to make an application for funding.

During the ensuing discussion, some incidents of graffiti on private property were identified.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and RESOLVED:-

That an application for funding in the sum of £1,000 be submitted to Purbeck District Council for graffiti clearance work.

117. **JURASSIC COAST – WORLD HERITAGE SITE**

A letter dated 27th January 2009 was submitted from the Jurassic Coast Education Co-ordinator outlining a project that would encourage children and young people who live in Swanage to learn about the significance of their World Heritage Site by engaging them to design and paint appropriate banners that could be displayed in the town.

During the ensuing discussion, Members were fully supportive of the project, with particular emphasis on the involvement of the schools.

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

That a letter in support of the project be sent to the Jurassic Coast Education Co-ordinator.

It was FURTHER AGREED:-

To recommend that a similar letter in support of the project be requested from Dorset County Council.

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

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

119. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

120. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of January 2009 were submitted for information.

Members were appreciative of the new format of the weather records, which had now been updated to include the number of days on which rainfall was recorded during the month and comparisons with the previous year, as requested.

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

The Clerk reported that work additional to that already approved had been necessary to repair the roof at the Beach Gardens Pavilion. The cost of these additional works (£7,650) would be met in full from earmarked reserves via use of Capital Receipts..

Works to the public conveniences on Shore Road would shortly be completed, within the budgeted expenditure of £14,500.

It was also noted that repairs to the door at the Cemetery Chapel had been necessary as a result of normal wear and tear, and was not required due to any act of vandalism.

122. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

That, under Standing Order Nos. 67 and 68, it is envisaged that in view 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, by reason of legal issues to be discussed.

123. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Holiday Park Disposal**

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the disposal of the Holiday Park.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor and seconded by Councillor Whitwam:-

That the matter be deferred to enable further legal

advice to be obtained.

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

(b) **Former Cliff Rescue Building and Store Room**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs. Marsh declared her interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of her connection with the RNLI, and as her interest was prejudicial, left the Meeting during the debate.

Following a recent inspection of the former cliff rescue building and store room at Peveril Point by the Council's appointed surveyor and valuer, consideration was given to the recommendations/observations contained in their letter dated 12th February 2009.

Discussion ensued regarding the possible future use and market rental, following which, it was proposed by Councillor Suttle, seconded by the Town Mayor, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That offers be invited for the rental of the former cliff rescue building and adjoining area (currently marked "Keep Clear") on a short term lease basis.

It was then proposed by Councillor Suttle, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the former Munitions Store be offered initially to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at a rental of £1,200 per annum.

The meeting concluded at 9.10 p.m.
