

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor M.W. Pratt (Town Mayor) – 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, 7 members of the public attended the Meeting.

In the absence of a clergyman, Councillor Bright offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

MR. I. SAUNDERS enquired whether the registration of the footpath at Peveril Point had been progressed.

113. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for inability to attend the Meeting.

114. **POOLE AND CHRISTCHURCH BAY SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Further to Minute No. 8 (b) of the Council Meeting held on 18th January 2010, Mr. Mike Goater, District Engineer from Purbeck District Council, addressed the Meeting and gave a presentation of the proposals outlined in the Poole and Christchurch Bay Shoreline Management Plan.

He explained that four generic policy options could be considered by the Shoreline Management Plan:-

- 1) Hold the Line.
- 2) Advance the Line
- 3) Managed Realignment
- 4) No Active Intervention

For the purposes of the SMP, the coastline had been divided into four Policy Development Zones, and the proposed policies to be adopted within the PDZs were outlined on a summary map.

In concluding the Presentation, Mr. Goater reminded those present that comments on the Shoreline Management Plan should be submitted by 17th February 2010.

115. **DEFRA COASTAL CHANGE PATHFINDER**

Further to Minute No. 9 (f) of the Council Meeting held on 21st December 2009, Mr. Goater reported that Dorset County Council had been successful in their bid for resources to improve community engagement in the process of planning to adapt to coastal change. As a result of this successful bid, the sum of £376,000 had been awarded by DEFRA for the Pathfinder initiative.

116. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 11th January 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Wiggins, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 18th January 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to it being recorded on Page 3 that Mrs. Marsh left the meeting at 10.55 a.m.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss Estimates and seasonal charges on 25th January 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Arising from Minute No. 2 iv), it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and RESOLVED:-

That the following be included in the Resolution of Minute No. 2 iv):-

v) That the Swanage Tennis Club retains the fees.

117. **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.

6/2010/0015

Mrs P Whale

Replace patio doors with french doors, block up ground floor window in west elevation and insert two roof lights in roof slope.

10 Springfield Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0016

Dorset County Council

Provision of household recycling centre.

Recycling Centre, Prospect Business Park, Victoria Avenue, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Recommend approval. The Town Council fully supports this application as it has important social and economic benefits for Swanage and its residents.

6/2010/0022

Pettley Estates Ltd

Change of use of ground floor from commercial to residential and remove existing stairs and block up opening between 2 Church Hill and 114 High Street.

2 Church Hill Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0023

LISTED

Pettley Estates Ltd

Remove existing stairs and block up opening between 2 Church Hill and 114 High Street.

2 Church Hill, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0028

LISTED

Mr D Reilly

Install damp proof tray to chimney and make internal alterations.

90 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0037

Mr N Ayles

Erect single storey side extension and replace existing detached garage, insert dormer window in north west elevation and replace existing porch.

Mayfield, Darkie Lane, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

Councillor Gloyn-Cox declared a personal interest in the following application by reason of being an acquaintance of the applicant, and as this was a prejudicial interest left the meeting during its consideration.

6/2010/0039

Mr K Horder

Erect a conservatory, hobbies/workshop; install windows in west elevation and decking to provide pedestrian access, erect porch at front and alterations to doors and windows. (Revised scheme to 6/2008/0725). Redesign of hobbies workshop.

Journey's End, 15 Cluny Crescent, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to no separate commercial use of the hobbies/workshop.

118. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

119. **NOMINATIONS FOR "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR" AWARD**

The Clerk reported that Purbeck District Council were inviting nominations for "Volunteer of the Year" awards from local parish and town councils.

Members were invited to submit nominations on behalf of the public by Friday, 5th February 2010.

120. **STRATA ARTS TRAIL**

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

A letter dated 6th December 2009 was submitted from Dr and Mrs. Jenkins, residents at Peveril Point, objecting to the display of "Figures on a Shore" by Augustus John as part of the Swanage Seen Art Trail. They expressed concern that anyone wishing to view the scene as depicted in the painting from the artist's viewpoint would need to access their property.

Following a brief discussion, and the approval of the Swanage & District Angling Club, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED:-

That the Charles Conder picture be displayed on the plinth to be sited in the vicinity of the Swanage Angling Club.

121. **SWANAGE MAINLINE RAILWAY CONNECTION**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Whitwam declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a director of the Swanage Railway Company.

Councillor Trite declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a director of the Swanage Railway Trust.

Further to Minute No. 3 of the Council Meeting held on 25th January 2010, the Clerk reported that the advice received from the National Association of Local Councils was concurrent with that received from the DAPTC in that the Town Council does not have the appropriate legal powers to loan monies for the purposes of the Swanage Mainline Railway Connection.

It was noted that a presentation on the business case for the project to reconnect Swanage and Corfe Castle to the national rail network was being held at Westport House, Wareham on 9th February 2010 at 6.00 p.m.

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

Councillor Gloyn-Cox reported on the Purbeck Locality Meeting of the Dorset Age Partnership held on 20th January 2010. The key items on the Agenda had been i) a report by Jacky Walters on her work of Developing Community Services for Dorset County Council, and ii) an update on Self Directed Pilots in Dorset by Maurice Oliver.

123. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

(a) **Swanage Tennis Club**

Further to Minute No. 2 iv) ii) of the Council Meeting held on 25th January 2010, the Clerk reported that enquiries were being made from the Lawn Tennis Association regarding approved contractors to progress works on the tennis courts and floodlighting at Beach Gardens.

(b) **Monitoring of Efficiency Savings**

Having regard to the close proximity of the Estimates Meeting held on 25th January 2010, there were no matters to report regarding the monitoring of efficiency savings at the present time.

(c) **Swanage Sea Rowing Club**

The Clerk updated Members on matters discussed at the meeting held with representatives of the Swanage Sea Rowing Club on 20th January 2010 regarding siting of the proposed new boat house.

Councillor Mrs. Marsh declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of family connections to the Sea Rowing Club, and as her interest was prejudicial, left the Meeting during the debate.

Discussion ensued, following which it was proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox and seconded by Councillor Wiggins:-

That the Swanage Sea Rowing Club be advised not to pursue the option to site the new boat house in the vicinity of the Boat Park. The Town Council would support a proposal for planning approval at Prince Albert Gardens.

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

(d) **Purbeck Schools Review – Education in Swanage**

Councillor Trite reported on the recent DCC's Cabinet decision regarding the Purbeck Schools Review and the future provision of secondary education in Swanage.

During the ensuing discussion, Members expressed grave concern that no further consultation would be undertaken with the residents of Swanage on this matter and also of any economic and social effect that this may have on the town.

It was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a letter be sent to Dorset County Council stating that the Town Council deplores the recent decision of Dorset County Council's Cabinet:

- i) to conduct no consultation with the residents of Swanage on the County Council's intentions towards the future of secondary school education in the town;
- ii) to carry out no Economic Impact Study of the likely economic and social effects of the planned withdrawal of secondary education from Swanage.

125. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Trite, 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.

126. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Cow Lane**

The Clerk updated those present on matters relating to Cow Lane, and it was AGREED:-

That the Working Party, consisting of the Town Mayor and Councillors Poultney and Trite, be given delegated authority to progress the matter and report to a future meeting of the Council.

(b) **Holiday Park Disposal – Update**

The Clerk updated Members on communications received from the Information Commissioner's Office together with a Decision Notice dated 26th January 2010.

Following discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To adhere to the ICO's Decision Notice dated 26th January 2010.

The meeting concluded at 8.52 p.m.
