

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor C.R. Bright

Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox

Councillor M. Hadley

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh (from 7.25 pm)

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick

Councillor S. Poultney

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M. Whitwam

Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 9 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Revd. Mike Davis, from the Kings Church, offered prayers before the commencement of the Meeting.

**Public Participation Time**

**MR. T. SAUNDERS**, Chairman of the Swanage Tennis Club, referred to the Council's recent decision not to grant leases for the tennis and bowls facilities at Beach Gardens at the present time. He highlighted the work undertaken by the Swanage Tennis Club to secure funding from the Lawn Tennis Association. Regrettably, it would not now be feasible to commence the junior programme in the spring due to the poor condition of the tennis courts.

**COUNCILLOR BRIGHT** explained that the Town Council was supportive of the lease option in principle, but needed clarification on issues relating to the perimeter fencing, equipment etc.

**MR. P. CLARK** referred to the Purbeck Schools Review and reported that Dorset County Council had failed to secure funding for the future schools programme. It had been agreed that the Swanage Middle School would remain open for a further year until 2012, but it was probable that the plans for a two-tier education system in Purbeck would be progressed.

104. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Audley, Mrs. Marsh (who would be late attending) and Suttle.

105. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Arising from Minute No. 5, it was considered that the Minutes, whilst technically correct, did not accurately reflect the spirit and direction of the Meeting.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bright and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick:-

That a number of Councillors wished it to be recorded that they were voting against the specific proposal put forward at the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

They were not voting against the original proposition to grant a lease to the Tennis Club.

Upon being put to the Meeting, FIVE Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and NONE AGAINST, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

## 106. 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.

### **Plan No**

### **Delegated Applications**

6/2009/0708

#### **Cambian Heritage II Ltd**

Demolish existing classroom and erect new 6 bedroomed residential unit.

Purbeck View School, Northbrook Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.

6/2009/0718

#### **Errinco UK Ltd**

Alterations to cut corner off utility room to improve access and replace back door with garage door.

Flat 1, 5 The Parade, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** Recommend refusal. The proposed alterations will adversely affect the character of the conservation area and will potentially have a detrimental impact on the occupiers of neighbouring properties.

Councillor Wiggins declared a personal interest in the following application under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being an acquaintance of the applicant, and as this was a prejudicial interest, left the Meeting during its consideration.

- 6/2009/0730      **Mr D Turnbull**  
 Raise ground levels at rear, create new vehicular access and lay hardstanding to create off road parking area. Erect timber garage. Replace flat roofs on existing porch and utility room with pitched roofs.  
 63 Bell Street, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection subject to it being agreed that there be no commercial use of the garage.
- 6/2009/0731      **Mr R Turner**  
 Enlarge existing north facing dormer window at first floor. Oldfield, 10 Cauldron Meadows, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2009/0733      **Mr M Levy**  
 Demolish existing buildings and erect 2 four bedroom dwellings with second floor balconies and associated parking; form new vehicular access.  
 53 Queens Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** Recommend refusal on the grounds that this proposal is likely to lead to the overlooking of neighbouring properties.

Councillor Mrs Patrick declared a personal interest in the following application under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of a business association with the applicant, and as this was a prejudicial interest, left the Meeting during its consideration.

- 6/2009/0734      **Mr P Hedges**  
 Demolish existing conservatory and replace with sunroom. Erect pitched roof to sunroom and existing extension.  
 1 Holmes Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2009/0747      **AJS Developments**  
 Create new access to site at 46 Bell Street, Swanage.  
 46 Bell Street, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2009/0748      **AJS Developments**  
 CONSERVATION AREA      Demolish length of wall to facilitate new access to site at 46 Bell Street, Swanage.  
 46 Bell Street, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

107.      **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

Councillor Gloyn-Cox reported that matters relating to the West Wight Off-Shore Wind Farm development had been reported at a recent meeting of the Dorset Coast Forum. This was to be considered by the Infrastructure Planning Committee, but it was hoped that the Town Council would be consulted on the matter.

109. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

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

An update on the Purbeck Schools Review was provided. It was noted that the matter was again to be considered at a meeting of the Dorset County Council Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

(b) **Snow/Ice – Emergency Arrangements**

Concern was expressed at the delay in gritting some roads during the recent spell of bad weather, and questions were posed regarding responsibilities and emergency arrangements that were in place to deal with such conditions. During the ensuing discussion, it was acknowledged that the gritting of main roads and areas where key services are provided i.e. hospital, schools, doctors etc. should be given priority by Dorset County Council, but Members were concerned at the delay in treating some minor roads in hilly regions of the town. During these conditions, the Town Council had undertaken some tasks, but had experienced difficulty in obtaining adequate supplies of grit.

(c) **Swanage Railway**

It was reported that a proposal to reconnect Swanage to the national rail network was currently being mooted. The project would involve Network Rail, South West Trains, Purbeck Rail Partnership, Swanage Railway, Dorset County Council and Purbeck District Council, and a presentation on the business case was scheduled to be made in February 2010.

It was further reported that 12 chartered trains were scheduled to visit Swanage in 2010.

(d) **Staffing Issues**

Reference was made to staffing issues that had arisen at the Holiday Park. An assurance was given that the correct procedures for dealing with such matters were being adhered to.

(e) **Public Toilets**

An enquiry was made regarding the opening times of the public toilets during the winter months, and it was agreed that a copy of the opening times be circulated to all Members.

111. **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.

112. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Cow Lane**

The Clerk updated those present on matters relating to Cow Lane, and the position was noted.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.