

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 28th JULY, 2003 at 7.10 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor A. H. Miller (Town Mayor) – Chairman.

Councillor H. J. F. Agelink
Councillor Mrs. C. A. Bartlett
Councillor C. R. Bright
Councillor Mrs. J. A. Farrow
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough
Councillor Mrs. H. O' Donovan
Councillor M. W. Pratt
Councillor G. M. Suttle
Councillor M. A. Tyrer
Councillor Mrs. J. D. Wheeldon

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

27. **APOLOGIES**

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

28. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 30th June 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 11th July 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed

Councillor Bright wished to record his appreciation of the helpful advice given by Mr Chris Makin on planning matters, and his comments were endorsed by other members of the Council.

(c)

Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matter on 21st July 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to the word "Only" being inserted after the word "Path" in the Substantive Motion of Minute No. 2.

29. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED:-
That the notes on the Public Participation Time held on 30th June 2003 be accepted.

30. **TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism and Environmental Committee held on 30th June 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

31. **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES WORKING GROUP**

Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places Working Group held on 7th July 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

32. **SWANAGE BAY VIEW HOLIDAY PARK COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park Committee held on 21st July 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

33. **IT WORKING GROUP**

Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Tyrer, and

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the IT Working Group held on 21st July 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

34. **APPOINTMENTS TO BEST VALUE WORKING GROUPS**

In addition to the core Members of the Best Value Working Groups (the Town Mayor and Councillors Bright and Mrs. Farrow), the following additional appointments were AGREED:-

- (a) Caravan Park Best Value Working Group
Councillors Agelink and Trite.
- (b) Car Parks Best Value Working Group
Councillors Mrs. O'Donovan and Tyrer.
- (c) Allotments Best Value Working Group
Councillors Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Gainsborough.
- (d) Beaches and Foreshore Best Value Working Group
Councillors Pratt and Mrs. Wheeldon.

35. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Mayor reported that Mr. George Willey had recently undergone a heart by-pass operation at a Southampton Hospital and was now making a satisfactory recovery. He then read a letter of appreciation from Mr. Willey, thanking the Council for their good wishes.

The Mayor then reported on the following events that he had attended during the past month:-

- (a) 2nd July Health & Safety Workshop with the Operations Manager, staged by Zurich Municipal, the Council's insurers.
- (b) 6th July Weymouth Vehicle Preservation Society – Vintage Car Rally on Swanage Seafront.
- (c) 10th July Judging of the Southern England in Bloom Competition.
- (d) 14th July RNLI – Judging of the Raft Race and Painting Competition.

- (e) 26th July Prizegiving–Swanage Rowing Regatta.
- (f) 27th July Crowning of the Carnival Queen and Princesses, and judging of the Carnival floats.

36. **TOURISM REPORT**

The Tourist Information Manager reported on the following matters:-

- (a) The Carnival and Regatta Week had commenced on the previous Saturday, and the staff at the Tourist Information Centre had entered into the carnival spirit by dressing up in Hawaiian style during the weekend.
- (b) Visitors to the Information Centre to date, were approximately 3000 upon the corresponding period in 2002. This increase had been reflected in the stock sales at the TIC.
- (c) The Jazz Festival, held earlier in the month, had once again proved very successful, with tickets for most venues being sold out.
- (d) Visitors to the town, including the Southern England in Bloom judges, had enjoyed the Sea plane that was in the Bay, but unfortunately, there had been very little publicity prior to the event.
- (e) Finally, it was reported that Nina Elston had been appointed as the full-time Tourism Officer for Swanage and Purbeck, and would be taking up her post in August.

37. **HOLIDAY PARK REPORT**

The Holiday Park General Manager reported that the Holiday Park had been extremely busy during the previous weekend, with record takings being recorded for the bar and catering functions. Caravan sales were also doing well, and they were looking forward to a very busy season at the Holiday Park.

Before consideration of the next item, the Town Mayor and Councillors Mrs. Bartlett, Bright, Mrs. Farrow and Mrs. O’Donovan declared their interest in the matter, under the Model Code of Conduct, by reason of being members of the Swanage Lights Committee. As their interest was non-prejudicial, they remained in the Meeting during the discussion.

The interests of both the Town Clerk and Tourist Information Manager, as Treasurer and Secretary and Committee members, were also noted.

38. **PRINCEALBERTGARDENS**

The Clerk reported on a request received from the Swanage Lights Committee for the use of Prince Albert Gardens for a fundraising event during the evening of Saturday, 23rd August 2003.

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

That permission be granted.

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

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

40. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of June 2003 were submitted.

41. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Tyrer, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Order on Treasurer Nos. 4, 4a, and 4b, amounting to £421,039.06, £37,033.14 and £37,341.94 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

42. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 30th June 2003 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.
