

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008** 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 M. Hadley

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick

Councillor S. Poultney

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 11 members of the public attended the Meeting.

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

**Public Participation Time**

**MR. P. CLARK** referred to the possible future withdrawal of the household recycling centre in Swanage, and enquired whether there had been any further negotiations regarding the retention of these facilities.

**MR. I. SAUNDERS** drew attention to the congestion that arose in the vicinity of Peveril Point due to the number of vehicles parking within this confined space, and enquired whether any progress had been made regarding the introduction of a residents permit scheme in the area.

**MISS WILLIAMS** enquired when the impending tree works in North Beach Car Park were scheduled to commence.

**MR. P. BROWN** referred to the amount of unsightly litter that is deposited in the area of The Square during the main holiday season, and enquired what additional steps were being taken to address the problem.

**MR. I. SAUNDERS** expressed his concern for the safety of bathers in Swanage Bay, particularly from boats nearing the shoreline, and enquired whether it was the intention of Purbeck District Council to extend the “safe bathing area”.

**COUNCILLOR MRS. GAINSBOROUGH** reported that the judging for South and South East England in Bloom had taken place on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008. The results would be announced at the Annual Presentation at Hove on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2008.

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

20. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Bright and Suttle.

21. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 21<sup>st</sup> July be approved as a correct record and signed.

22. **CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

23. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

24. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

25. **OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT**

Further to the Meeting of the General Operations Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008, there were no additional matters to report from the Operations Department.

26. **RUBBISH COLLECTION**

Further to the Meeting of the General Operations Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008, Councillor Gloyn-Cox, Chairman of the Committee, updated those present on discussions relating to rubbish collection in the town.

It was proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox and seconded by the Town Mayor:-

That the Town Council re-opens negotiations with Purbeck District Council regarding additional rubbish collections and the introduction of larger litter receptacles.

Following further discussion, an AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Hadley and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick:-

That the Town Council negotiates with Purbeck District Council regarding the provision of additional litter bins, and that the existing bins be replaced with larger bins in a more appropriate style. The number of collections should also be increased during the main holiday season.

Upon being put to the Meeting, the AMENDMENT was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Amendment was then put as a SUBSTANTIVE MOTION and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.

27. **SWANAGE REGATTA AND CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**

(a) The Clerk reported on recent discussions held with representatives of the Swanage Regatta and Carnival Committee to appoint a Council representative(s) to serve on the Committee.

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

That Councillors Mrs. Patrick and Poultney be nominated to represent the Town Council on the Swanage Regatta and Carnival Committee.

(b) Consideration was given to a “Sky Lotto” event that had been arranged by the Swanage Regatta and Carnival Committee. The event involved the dropping of 6,000 miniature tennis balls from a helicopter onto a target in the sea, and some Members had expressed concern at the staging of this event.

It was reported that regulatory bodies having effective jurisdiction had been fully consulted and were satisfied that their concerns had been addressed.

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

Councillor Mrs. Patrick, the Town Council’s representative on the Swanage Youth Centre Committee, reported that Mr. Jeff Andrews was shortly leaving his post as leader of the Swanage Youth Centre. Interviews of applicants for the vacant post would be undertaken in the near future.

29. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

30. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of June 2008 were submitted for information.

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

There were no additional matters of information to report at the present time.

32. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and RESOLVED:-

That, under Standing Order No.67, 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.

33. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Newton Grange/Cow Lane**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs. Marsh declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a member of the Purbeck Housing Trust. She remained in the meeting during the debate, but did not vote on the matter.

Further to Minute No. 16 (f) of the Council Meeting held to discuss policy and planning matters on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008, the Clerk updated those present on matters relating to the Newton Grange/Cow Lane development.

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

That, in accordance with advice received from the Council's legal advisers, the offer made to Swan Country Homes (see Minute No.16 (f) of the Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008) be withdrawn.

(b) **Pitch Fees**

Consideration was given to matters relating to the payment of pitch fees and issues raised by the Bay View Caravan Owners Association.

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

That, in accordance with legal advice received, the Town Council adheres to its existing policy in respect of the 2008/09 site fees.

(c) **Supplementary Options Appraisal**

Further to Minute No. 16 (b) of the Council Meeting held to discuss policy and planning matters on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008, and the subsequent meeting of the Options Appraisal Working Party held earlier that day, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED:-

That an urgent meeting with David Gale-Hasleham of Charles F Jones & Son be convened immediately upon his return on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008 in order that the Council's Terms of Reference be fully met.

The meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.

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