

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council, held at the Town Hall, Swanage, on  
**MONDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2002** at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor Mrs. H.O' Donovan

Councillor J. Roscoe

Councillor G.M. Suttle

Councillor C.R. Sutton

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon

Councillor M.R. Woolley

16. **APOLOGIES**

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

17. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon,  
and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council  
held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2002 be approved as a correct  
record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon,  
and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Council held to discuss planning and other matters  
on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2002 be approved as a correct record  
and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Council held to discuss policy and resources matters  
on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2002 be approved as a correct record and  
signed.

18. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon,  
and RESOLVED:-

That the notes on the Public Participation Time held  
on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2002 be accepted.

19. **PUBLIC BUILDINGS BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**  
Proposed by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Buildings Best Value Working Group held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

20. **PUBLIC BUILDINGS BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**  
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Buildings Best Value Working Group held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

21. **BOAT PARK BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**  
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Miller, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Boat Park Best Value Working Group held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

22. **CARPARKS BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**  
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Car Parks Best Value Working Group held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

23. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
The Mayor reported on the following matters:-

- (a) 1,100 commemorative mugshad beendistributedtoschoolchildreninSwanage in recognition of H.M. The Queen's Golden Jubilee. The Mayor expressed his appreciation of the organisation and help given by Councillors Suttle and Mrs. Wheeler in this regard.
- (b) The Civic Service, held on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2002 had been well attended, and the Mayor wished to record his appreciation of the Swanage Town Band, who had played on the church lawn after the service.
- (c) The new CCTV system had been officially launched on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2002. In addition to Councillors, police and representatives from local businesses, 45 members of the public had attended. The Police's Hot Spot CCTV system had directly led to the arrest of 3 persons for offences of public order, mis-use of controlled drugs and drink driving. The Neighbourhood Wardens had commenced duties and had already had

some early successes, including assisting the police in the arrest of professional shoplifters.

The above matters all formed part of the co-ordinated approach in dealing with crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour, which, hopefully, would reassure local residents and visitors alike.

(d) Finally, the Mayor announced that his charities for the forthcoming year would be for the benefit of nominated youth organisations in the town.

Before consideration of the next item, Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon declared a personal interest in the matter, being a member of the Management Committees of both organisations, and, as this was a prejudicial interest, left the Meeting during the discussion.

#### 24. **PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES**

A letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2002 was submitted from the Administrative Services Manager of Purbeck District Council seeking the Council's observations on proposed temporary road closures in connection with the events staged by the following organisations:-

(a) Swanage Regatta and Carnival.

(b) Swanage Folk Festival.

It was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That no objections be raised to the proposed road closures, as scheduled.

#### 25. **TRANSPORT SUPPORT**

A letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2002 was submitted from the Purbeck Action Group, which is supported by Help and Care, Dorset Social Services and Healthworks. The letter, together with a brief report, outlined the aims of the Group in providing transport support for older people in Purbeck with getting to health appointments, and invited representation from the Town Council.

During a brief discussion, Councillors Mrs. O'Donovan and Roscoe both expressed an interest in the matter.

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

That Councillors Mrs. O'Donovan and Roscoe be nominated to represent the Council on the Purbeck Action Group.

#### 26. **PARISH ANCIENT MONUMENTS LIAISON OFFICERS**

A letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2002, was submitted from the Senior Archaeologist of Dorset County Council enquiring whether the Town Council would consider appointing an Ancient Monuments Liaison Officer for the parish of Swanage.

It was noted that the person appointed did not have to be a parish councillor, although the appointment must be made by the Town Council.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs.

Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Sutton, and RESOLVED:-  
That, having regard to his in-depth knowledge and interest in ancient local monuments, Mr. Bill Bradford be invited to become the nominated representative as the Ancient Monuments Liaison Officer on behalf of the Town Council.

27. **ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE TOWN MAY OR DECIDES ARE URGENT**

The following matters were in need of urgent attention, and would be considered later in the Meeting:-

- (a) Request from Chernobyl Children Life Line.
- (b) Request from Swanage Sea Rowing Club.
- (c) Godlingston Cemetery.

28. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of May 2002 were submitted.

29. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

It was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Woolley, and RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Order on Treasurer Nos. 3 and 3a, amounting to £91,101.55 and £113,319.15 respectively, be paid and that cheques be drawn therefor .

30. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2002 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.

31. **BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN**

The Clerk submitted the draft Best Value Performance Plan for 2002. Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Best Value Performance Plan for 2002 be approved.

It was FURTHER AGREED:-

To re-affirm the Council's policy not to produce a Summary of the Plan.

Consideration was then given to the re-election of core members of the Best Value Working Group for the 2002 Review. Having regard to the intensity of the Review and the amount of time needed to meet the requirements of Best Value, Councillor Suttle felt unable to continue on the Group.

Following further discussion, it was RESOLVED:-

That the following core members be elected to the Best Value Working Group for the 2002 Review:-

Councillor A.H. Miller (Town Mayor)  
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough  
Councillor Mrs. H. O'Donovan  
Councillor J. Roscoe

In accepting the Best Value Performance Plan for 2002, Members acknowledged the additional workload placed on the Town Clerk and his staff in meeting the requirements of Best Value and expressed their appreciation of the efforts afforded in this regard.

32. **CHERNOBYL CHILDREN LIFELINE**

Further to Minute No. 27(a), a letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2002 was submitted on behalf of the Chernobyl Children Life Line notifying Members of the children's forthcoming visit between 28<sup>th</sup> August and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2002, and requesting the use of the facilities at the Vista Complex during this time.

It was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the facilities at the Vista Complex be made available for the Chernobyl Children Life Line free of charge during the above period.

33. **SWANAGE SEA ROWING CLUB**

Further to Minute No. 27(b), a letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2002 was submitted from the Chairman of the Swanage Sea Rowing Club informing the Council that the new pilot gig was nearing completion and delivery was anticipated on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2002.

Permission to launch the gig either from Monkey Beach or the Swanage Boat Park was requested.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED:-

That permission to launch the gig from either location be granted, free of charge.

34. **GODLINGSTON CEMETERY**

Further to Minute No. 27(c), the Clerk reported on a request received for permission to erect a headstone, with a particular design, at Godlingston Cemetery.

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

That permission be granted, subject to approval of the overall thickness of the stone.