

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor B. Audley

Councillor C.R. Bright

Councillor M. Hadley

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick

Councillor S. Poultney

Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 14 members of the public attended the Meeting.

### **Public Participation Time**

**MRS. V. FAWKE** referred to funds relating to the De Moulham Trust and the Council's professional indemnity claim against its former legal advisers.

**MR. A. SCUDAMORE** raised matters relating to the disposal of the Holiday Park. These included the Council's method of advertising, the inclusion or otherwise of amendments to individual licence agreements and reference to OFT 734, and the timetable for the return of responses. He was informed that the process was being undertaken in accordance with legal advice received.

**MR. P. CLARK** enquired whether the Holiday Park complex would remain in the Council's ownership once the disposal process had been completed. It was confirmed that public access to the facilities would remain..

**MR. M. STOLLERY** thanked the Town Council for replacing the Town Twinning commemoration tree, the original tree having recently been vandalised. He also questioned the Town Council's policy of not commenting on planning applications within the De Moulham estate and requested a meeting on behalf of the Purbeck Society to discuss this.

[Upon approval of the minutes at the Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 it was agreed that they be amended to record that during public participation time Mr C. Card referred to "Social Housing" that had been mentioned in a Member's election leaflet, and enquired whether the site of approximately one acre to the left of the complex at the Holiday Park had been identified for this purpose. He was informed that this parcel of land was outside of the "settlement Boundary" and could therefore not be used for this purpose.]

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.20 p.m.

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

124. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Gloyn-Cox, Mrs. Marsh, Suttle and Trite.

125. **MINUTES**

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-  
That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to apologies for his inability to attend the Meeting being recorded from Councillor Bright.
- (b) Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-  
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy matters on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.
- (c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-  
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.
- (d) Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Whitwam, and RESOLVED:-  
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Arising from Minute No. 8, it was noted that during the discussion reference had been made to the previous decision to hold additional evening meetings for a trial period of six months (Minute No.5 of the Special Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007 refers). It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That the following be incorporated within the Minutes:-  
“The question of holding additional evening meetings was raised, and Members were reminded of the earlier decision reached on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007.”

126. **GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Operations Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Arising therefrom, it was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the following recommendations be adopted:-

**That the allotment charges for 2009/10 be as follows:**

<b>Prospect (per rod)</b>	<b>5.35</b>
<b>Refundable deposit to deter neglect</b>	<b>50.00</b>

**That the amended Cemetery Regulations be approved.**

**That the cemetery charges for 2009/10 be as follows:**

	<b>Fees 2009/2010 (Including VAT) £/p</b>	<b>Fees 2009/2010 (Excluding VAT) £/p</b>
<b><u>GODLINGSTON CEMETERY</u></b>		
<b>Garden of Rest</b>		
Cremation Plot for burial of cremated remains in casket or urn.		
(i) Interment Fees - for burial of casket or urn in plot 2' x 2':		
(a) first interment	120.00	120.00
(b) for each additional interment (to 4 interments)	120.00	120.00
(c) for interments on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays additional to above	130.00	130.00
(ii) Exclusive Rights - for grant of right of burial for a period of one hundred years (each space in this section)	255.00	255.00
(iii) Memorials	135.00	135.00
<b>(iv) Double fees for persons not resident in the parish</b>		
<b>Earthen Graves</b>		
(i) Interment Fees - for body of		
(a) child whose age at time of death did not exceed THREE years in a grave not exceeding in depth: 7 feet (2 interment)	70.00	70.00
(b) person whose age at time of death exceeded THREE years in a grave not exceeding in depth: 7 feet (2 interments)	285.00	285.00
Casket-type coffin	410.00	410.00
(c) for interments on Saturdays Sundays and Public Holidays - additional to the above	310.00	310.00
<b>(ii) Double fees for persons not resident in the parish</b>		
<b>Note: Where the bodies of a still-born and/or other person are buried in the same grave at the same time the fees shall be related to the first interment.</b>		
(iii) Exclusive Rights - for the grant of right of burial for a period of one hundred years each space in:		
Section A	410.00	410.00
Section B	335.00	335.00
Children's Section	70.00	70.00
<b>(iv) Double fees for persons not resident in the parish</b>		
<b>Brick Graves or Vaults</b>		
(i) Right to construct (including grant of right of burial therein for a period of one hundred years) on each space:		
Section A	2,200.00	2,200.00
Section B	1,950.00	1,950.00
(ii) First Interment	1,350.00	1,350.00

(iii) Re-opening	1,350.00	1,350.00
(iv) For interment Saturdays Sundays and Public Holidays - additional to the above	675.00	675.00
<b>(v) Double fees for persons not resident in the parish</b>		
<b>Monuments, Gravestones &amp; Inscriptions</b>		
(i) Headstone, Cross or other Memorial when erected not exceeding 3ft, in height	135.00	135.00
(ii) Monument not exceeding 6' in height covering the whole grave space 7' x 3' when erected	435.00	435.00
(iii) Footstone not exceeding 2'6" x 2'6" x 6"	135.00	135.00
(iv) Flatstone not exceeding 7' x 3' x 6"	235.00	235.00
(v) Vase not exceeding 12" in height	35.00	35.00
(vi) Any other memorial not referred to above		
(vii) Each additional inscription after the first in respect of each person	25.00	21.74
<b>(viii) Double fees for persons not resident in the parish</b>		
<b>Hire of Cemetery Chapel</b>	No Charge	

**That the charges for Peveril Point, the Town Hall, playing fields and the Arts Club for 2009/10 be as follows:**

	<b>Proposed Fees 2009/2010 (Including VAT) £/p</b>	<b>Proposed Fees 2009/2010 (Excluding VAT at 15%) £/p</b>
<b><u>PEVERIL POINT</u></b>		
	Lease expires 30/4/2023	
Angling Club		
Angling Club Hut and Land	450.00	450.00
Foreshore - Dinghy Storage (Angling Club)	190.00	190.00
Dug-Out Storage Area, Rear of Waterside (per week)	7.50	7.50
Garage (rear of 1, Old Coastguard Cottages)	vacant	vacant
Fishermen's storage (former Gents Public Conveniences: rear of 1, Old Coastguard Cottages)	vacant	vacant
	vacant wef 11/02/05	
Garage Site (rear of Peveril Cottage) Lease expired 27/06/2004 - Notice to quit - effective date 11/02/05		
Rent of Hut Site (East of Lifeboat House)	180.00	180.00
Fishermen's Huts	340.00	295.65
Boathouse Sites x 2 (West of Lifeboat House)	210.00	210.00
<b><u>TOWN HALL LETTINGS</u></b>		
<b>Council Chamber</b>		
Public Meetings and Lectures (per session)	35.00	35.00
Property Auctions	120.00	120.00
Annexe	20.00	20.00
<b>Committee Room</b>		
	20.00	20.00
Regatta Committee, Swanage Museum, Town Band, Red Cross, Royal British Legion, Swanage In Bloom	Free of Charge	

Town Partnership, Pier Trust, South Purbeck Task Group and Radio Link Shop Watch

**KING GEORGE V FIELD**

Caravan Club Rallies (Daily per unit)	17.00	17.00
Football Pitch & Changing Facilities	25.00	21.74
(Youth Teams)	12.00	10.43

**FORRES SPORTS FIELD**

Football Pitch & Changing Facilities	25.00	21.74
(Youth Teams)	12.00	10.43

**DAY'S PARK**

Football Club	5.00	5.00
---------------	------	------

Lease expires  
31/3/2008

**LOWER GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS FIELD**

Football Pitch (N.B. No Changing Facilities) Allnatt Centre	12.50	10.87
--	-------	-------

**JOURNEY'S END**

Football Pitches	12.00	10.43
Youth Teams	6.00	5.22

Isle of Purbeck Arts Club	Lease expires 31/3/2002	150.00 (New agreement Pending)
---------------------------	-------------------------------	--------------------------------------

127. **FINANCE & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance &  
Performance Management Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup>  
March 2009 be approved as a correct record and  
signed.

Arising from Minute No. 4 (a) Boat Park, it was noted that the Town Council no longer appointed "Working Groups", but either gave delegated authority to Members, as appropriate, or appointed formal working parties.

128. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism  
Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 be approved  
as a correct record and signed.

Concern was expressed whether arrangements were in place for publicising the market, and it was agreed that enquiries be made of Ensors.

129. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor reported on the following matters:-

- (a) A Veteran's Weekend is being held on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009, and during the celebrations on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May the 11<sup>th</sup> Signal Regiment will exercise the "Liberty of Swanage".
- (b) Mrs. Pauline Dorland and Mr Terry Dorland had been nominated as "Volunteers of the Year for 2008 for Swanage in recognition of their services to the Swanage Stroke Club. A Special Recognition Ceremony was being held at Purbeck District Council on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009, at which the certificates would be presented.

130. **APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE OF DROPPED KERBS**

Further to Minute No. 3 of the Special Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009, and subsequent discussions with Steve Darrington and the Area Highways Officer at Dorset County Council, it was suggested that three additional locations for dropped kerbs be forwarded to Dorset County Council for their consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Hadley, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the following three additional locations for dropped kerbs be forwarded to Dorset County Council, together with the comments submitted by Mr. Darrington:-

- i) by the fire station where Court Road meets Kings Road opposite Church Hill;
- ii) De Moulham Road at Battlegate;
- iii) Court Road, outside 4 Bishops Row.

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

(a) **Dorset Age Partnership**

A brief summary of the Dorset Age Partnership Purbeck Locality Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009 was submitted on behalf of Councillor Gloyn-Cox.

Arising therefrom, concern was expressed regarding the future provision of the "out of hours" service at Swanage Hospital due to the cost of providing this facility.

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

That a letter be sent to the Primary Care Trust seeking further information regarding the future provision of the "out of hours" service at Swanage Hospital and requesting that the Town Council be consulted prior to any changes in the provision of this service.

132. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

133. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of February 2009 were submitted for information.

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

- (a) Public Inquiry into proposed increase in ferry charges – Studland Village Hall on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009.
- (b) Public Meeting/Newsletter to explain increase in Precept 2009/10.
- (c) Annual Parish Assembly – Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

- (d) Tourist Information Centre – Winter Opening Hours.
- (e) Allsorts Special Needs – Launch of a support group for parents.
- (f) Parking – Stone Quay.
- (g) Peveril Point – Residents’ Parking Scheme.
- (h) School Buses – Adherence to timetable.
- (i) Monthly Meetings – Moved to first Monday of the month from June 2009.

The meeting concluded at 8.05 p.m.

---