

Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 24th MAY, 2004 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor H.J.F. Agelink
Councillor Mrs. C.A. Bartlett
Councillor C.R. Bright
Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough
Councillor A.H. Miller
Councillor Mrs. H.O'Donovan
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor W.S. Trite
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.

Before inviting nominations for the appointment of Town Mayor, Councillor Miller expressed his appreciation of the support given to him by his fellow Members during his term of Office. He made particular mention of the invaluable support from his wife, Pam, and the services provided by the Town Clerk and his staff at the Town Hall.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Trite and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon:-

That Councillor Antony Henry Miller be appointed
Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Before voting on the Proposition, Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan referred to the appointment of Members to the various Council Committees, and requested that the matter be revisited at a future meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters. Her comments were endorsed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett and Councillor Bright.

Upon being put to the Meeting, EIGHT Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and TWO AGAINST, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

Councillor Miller completed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was pleased to accept the appointment.

COUNCILLOR MILLER IN THE CHAIR .

2. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Farrow and seconded by Councillor Agelink:-

That Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Upon being put to the Meeting EIGHT Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and TWO AGAINST, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough completed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was pleased to accept the position.

3. **APOLOGIES**

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

4. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 26th April 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 7th May 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 17th May 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

That the notes on the Public Participation Time held on 26th April 2004 be accepted.

6. **BOATPARKCOMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Boat Park Committee held on 23rd April 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to the word "hut" being amended to read "boat" in line 2 of the second paragraph of Minute No. 4).

7. **SWANAGETOURISMMARKETINGANDBRANDINGWORKING GROUP**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Swanage Tourism Marketing and Branding Working Group held on 27th April 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Arising from the above, Councillor Bright reported that a detailed document giving further information on matters considered by the Working Group was available at the Town Hall.

8. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Town Mayor reported that:-

- (a) Refurbishment of the toilets at Burlington Chine, and the construction of the beach huts, was progressing well.
- (b) The Spa Bungalows site was nearing completion and would soon be ready for occupation.
- (c) The new mower was now in the Council's possession, and would prove invaluable in the maintenance and upkeep of the parks and open spaces.
- (d) On Friday, 21st May 2004, a group of travellers had arrived in campervans and settled in Mermond Place car park. As a result of immediate action taken, the travellers had vacated the site by noon on Saturday. The Mayor expressed his appreciation of the help given by the Town Clerk and members of the Council's workforce, and of the high profile presence of the Dorset Police. He also thanked the concessionaire of the Santa Fe Amusement Park, and her family, for their support in the matter.
- (e) The Mayor reported that he had attended the following functions during the past

month:-
 29th April ACivicNightatBridport
 4th May ACivicDayatBournemouth
 9th May ACivicThanksgivingServiceatWimborne
 Minster
 21st April Unfortunately,asaconsequenceof(d)above,
 hehadbeenunabletojointheSwanageFrench
 CircleandtheirFrenchguestsforanevening
 dinneratCorfeCastle.

(f) Finally,theMayorannouncedthathewouldbesupportingthe“PavilionProject”
 inKingGeorge’sFieldashischosencharityfortheforthcomingyear.

9. **TOURISMREPORT**

TheTouristInformationCentreManagerreportedonthefollowingmatters:-

- (a) FootballfiguresattheTouristInformationCentrewerereadycomparablewiththecorrespondingperiod
 in2003,andwiththeforthcomingBankHolidayweekend,itwasanticipatedthatthesewouldbeexceeded.
- (b) BookingsforShoreRoadbungalowshadbeenpoorduringthepreviousweeks,andinanattemptto
 addressthis,the“3for2days”offerhadbeenverysuccessfullyre-introduced.

(c) “BeachAwarenessWeek”wouldbecommencingonSaturday,29thMay,and,asusual,pens,
 pencils,badgesandotherpublicitymaterialwouldbesuppliedfordistributionduringthe
 campaign.TheCoastguardwouldbeprovidingastaticdisplayonShoreRoadduringthis
 period,andonFriday,4thJune,theRNLIwouldbestaginga“WaterSafetyRoadshow”.
 TheDurlstonMarineProjectwouldbeprovidinginformationtomakepeopleawarehow
 longrubbishremainsintheseaifdiscardedonthebeach,andthepupils oftheSwanage
 MiddleSchoolhadprovidedadisplayfeaturingtheconservationofrockpoolsin
 Swanage.

10. **HOLIDAYPARKREPORT**

IntheabsenceoftheGeneralManager,whowasonholiday,therewerenomatters
 toreportontheHolidayParkthismonth.

11. **ANYOTHERMATTERSWHICHTHETOWNMAYORDECIDESARE URGENT**

FurthertoMinuteNo.7(f)above,theMayorreferredtohisdecisiontosupportlocal
 projectsduringhisterms ofofficeasTownMayor.

Duringtheyear2002/03,hehadsupporttheY-AxisSkateboardParkproject,andduring
 2003/04,hehadsupportedthe“PlayinSwanage”groupforthe provision ofplayequipmentfor
 youngchildreninKingGeorge’sField.

£1,980.36hadbeenraisedthroughhisAppealforthisworthwhilecause,andhesought
 thesupportoftheCouncilindonatingtheproceedsfromrecyclingandTrustinvestmentincome
 tothisproject.

ItwasproposedbytheTownMayor,secondedbyCouncillorPratt,andRESOLVED
 UNANIMOUSLY:-

Thatincomefromthefollowingbedonated

to "Play in Swanage":-

Recycling	£657.82
W.J.Grace Trust Fund	£2500.00

The Town Mayor was delighted to announce that, having regard to the above decision, a total of £5,138.18 would now be donated to the "Play in Swanage" group.

12. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of April 2004 were submitted.

13. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 30th April 2004 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.
