

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2009** at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor B. Audley

Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox

Councillor M. Hadley (until 8.45 p.m.)

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick

Councillor S. Poultney

Councillor G.M. Suttle (until 8.45 p.m.)

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 15 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Captain Barrie Cox, from the Salvation Army, offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

**Public Participation Time**

**MR. JAMES** mentioned that the Agenda for the meeting had not been displayed on the Council's website.

**MRS. C. BARTLETT** was disappointed that the toilet facilities in Main Beach car park were not open at the commencement of the half-term school holiday, bearing in mind the popularity of the play area in King George's Field. She was appreciative that these facilities had since been re-opened, together with other toilets in the town, during this busy period.

**MR. P. BROWN** reported that, since the removal of the large rubbish bins from The Square, there had been a problem with litter during busy periods.

The subject of camper vans parking along Shore Road was again raised, and it was agreed that issues relating to this matter be referred to the Council's Transport Committee.

Before the commencement of the Council meeting, it was with deep regret that the Town Mayor reported the sad death of Councillor Mrs. Constance Gainsborough. Councillor Trite paid tribute to the sterling work undertaken by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough during her lengthy service as a member of the Swanage Town Council, and emphasised her loyalty to the Council, fellow Members and staff. His comments were wholeheartedly endorsed, and all those present stood in silent tribute to her memory.

81. **APOLOGIES**

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

82. **MINUTES**

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to apologies for her inability to attend the Meeting being recorded from Councillor Mrs. Patrick.

83. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the recommendations contained in the Minutes, as follows:-

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

That the following proposed scale of charges be considered further at the Town Council's Annual Estimates Meeting.

	Date of Last Increase	Actual Fees 2009/10 (Including VAT @ 15%) £/p	Proposed Fees 2010/2011 (Including VAT @ 17.5%) £/p	Actual Fees 2009/10 (Excluding VAT) £/p	Proposed Fees 2010/2011 (Excluding VAT) £/p
<b><u>SEASON CHARGES - 2010 SEASON</u></b>					
Stroke Club (Annual rental)	1/4/09	725.00	760.00	630.43	646.81
Private Sites	1/4/09	293.00	307.00	254.78	261.15
<b><u>TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE</u></b>					
Advertising Board 3ft x 4ft (Annual)*	1/4/08	380.00	380.00	330.43	323.40
Advertising 'A' Boards*	1/4/08	200.00	200.00	173.91	170.21
Accommodation Service – Serviced	1/4/96	10%	10%	10%	10%
Accommodation Service - Self-catering	1/4/96	5%	5%	5%	5%
* Half-priced 6-monthly fee introduced 2009/10					
<b><u>BEACH CONCESSIONS</u></b>					
Monkey Beach Boat Rings	1/4/09	65.00	68.00	56.52	57.87

84. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be approved

as a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the recommendations contained in the Minutes, as follows:-

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

That the car parking charges for 2010/11 remain unchanged from those of 2009/10, subject to further consideration at the Town Council's Annual Estimates Meeting, to include a report on the potential impact of the re-introduction of a 4-hour charge in the Council's long-stay car parks.

85. **PLANS**

Councillor Mrs. Marsh did not vote on, or propose, or second any of the motions on the following planning applications, by reason of being a Member of the Purbeck District Council's Planning Board.

**Plan No**

**Delegated  
Applications**

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| 6/2009/0581 | <b>Mr N Hayes</b><br>Demolish existing lean-to extension and conservatory and erect two storey rear extension. Erect decked patio area with associated landscaping.<br>3 Purbeck Terrace Road, Swanage.<br><b>OBSERVATION:</b> No objection.     |
| 6/2009/0582 | <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Seedall</b><br>Alterations, front and side extensions, including front and rear balconies. Form rooms in existing and new roof space; modify vehicular access.<br>3 Atlantic Road, Swanage.<br><b>OBSERVATION:</b> No objection. |

The following application was not discussed by virtue of the Town Council being the owner of the site.

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| 6/2009/0589                  | <b>SITA UK Ltd</b><br>Application to vary condition to allow retention of civic amenity facility for a further 2 years.<br>Swanage Civic Amenity Facility, Panorama Road, Swanage.  |
| 6/2009/0590<br><b>LISTED</b> | <b>Mrs G Hennebry</b><br>Replace existing guttering on front elevation.<br>81 High Street, Swanage.<br><b>OBSERVATION:</b> No objection.  |
| 6/2009/0595                  | <b>Ms L Clark</b><br>Erect roof extension and insert dormer window – proposed non-material amendment to PA 6/2009/0214 – amend size and orientation of rooflights and tile hanging to gable end instead of rendered block work. |

5 Osmay Road, Swanage.  
**NO OBSERVATION**

The following application was deferred for further consideration at the Policy and Planning Meeting to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

6/2009/0602

**Mr Corben**

Insert two dormer windows and one rooflight in south elevation to facilitate loft conversion.  
29 Osborne Road, Swanage.

86. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

87. **PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL – CORE STRATEGY**

Further to Minute No. 6 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009, consideration was again given to the Council's formal response to the proposals outlined in the Purbeck District Council Draft Core Strategy.

Concerns were raised that the 'Vision for Purbeck' contained in the document was unrealistic, specifically in respect of discussion of a proposed increase in economic self-containment of the local area in relation to Bournemouth and Poole. It was stated that greater attention needed to be given to the preservation of existing services and community facilities in the town. It was proposed by Councillor Gloyne-Cox, seconded by Councillor Hadley and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That the Town Council register its concerns regarding the unrealistic nature of the 'Vision for Purbeck' contained in the Draft Core Strategy.

Further comments were made in respect of questions 22, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 32 and 33 in the Draft Core Strategy Consultation. It was **RESOLVED:**

That the comments be typed up and circulated to all Members prior to further consideration at the Policy and Planning Meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

88. **FORMAL PROPOSAL TO CLOSE WAREHAM'S MAGISTRATES COURT**

Following information received from Mr David Radcliffe, freelance reporter, Members were informed of a formal proposal to finally close Wareham's Magistrates Court.

Discussion ensued, during which Members felt that this was a retrograde step, and that the facility had been deliberately wound down with a view to withdrawing this service.

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

That a strong letter of objection to the proposed closure of the Wareham Magistrates Court be sent to the Ministry of Justice.

89. **BANK MANDATE**

Following the recent death of Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That Councillor Mrs. Marsh be appointed as an authorised signatory in respect of the Town Council's

bank accounts and that Lloyds TSB be notified accordingly.

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

There were no matters to report from representatives on outside organisations at the present time.

91. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

(a) **Housing Developments**

It was reported that a new system for giving trees a financial value was now available for local authorities across the UK. The “Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees” system would provide a tool to give trees a monetary value so they could be managed as tangible public assets.

(b) **Purbeck Schools Review – Education in Swanage**

It was reported that the Options Forum had met on five occasions and their review had now been completed. This had been submitted to Dorset County Council for consideration. It was expected that a full Report would be issued by Dorset County Council early in 2010.

(c) **Christmas Market**

It was reported that the Christmas Street Market and entertainment would be held throughout the day on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009, followed by the switching on of the Christmas lights at 5.30 p.m. The event was supported by the Town Council.

(d) **South Western Ambulance Service**

A full consultation document on the plans for the South Western Ambulance Service to become an NHS Foundation Trust was now available in the Town Hall.

93. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

That, under Standing Orders Nos. 67 and 68, by reason 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.

94. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Holiday Park Disposal**

The Town Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the disposal of the Holiday Park, and reported on issues concerning caravan sales and other matters that were currently being considered.

Councillors Hadley and Suttle left the Meeting at 8.45 p.m.

(b) **Cow Lane – Settlement Proposals**

The Clerk updated those present on matters relating to Cow Lane, and it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the matter be deferred for consideration at the meeting of the Council to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

(c) **Lease – Vodafone - Swanage Town and Herston Football Club**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Audley declared his interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of his association with the Football Club. He remained in the Meeting during the debate, but did not vote on the matter.

The Clerk reported that the lease with Vodafone for the communications mast in the grounds of the Swanage Town and Herston Football Club had now been successfully concluded. The Town Council had taken the Head Lease and, by arrangement, would make periodic donations to the Football Club equivalent at least to the annual rental received under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

That, under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, periodic donations be made to Swanage Town and Herston Football Club, the first of such sums to be £700.00.

The meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

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