

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2010** at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor B. Audley

Councillor C.R. Bright

Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox

Councillor M. Hadley

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick

Councillor S. Poultney

Councillor M.W. Pratt

Councillor G.M. Suttle

(from 6.45 p.m.)

Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 10 members of the public attended the Meeting.

**Presentation – Management of Coastal Erosion in Swanage**

The Town Mayor welcomed Mr. Mike Goater (District Engineer – Purbeck District Council), Mr. David Harlow (Coast Protection Manager, Bournemouth Borough Council) and Messrs. Henry Aron and Rupert Lloyd (Coastal Pathfinder Initiative) to the Meeting and invited them to make a presentation on the management of coastal erosion in Swanage.

The Town Mayor thanked the gentlemen for their informative Presentation, and then welcomed Revd. Alan Nelson, from the Emmanuel Baptist Church, who offered a short prayer before the meeting was opened for a period of Public Participation Time.

**Public Participation Time**

There were no questions or comments from members of the public, so the Town Mayor commenced the Council Meeting at 8.10 p.m.

93. **APOLOGIES**

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

94. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

95. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations from the Committee for adoption by the Council.

96. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Before consideration of this item, the Acting Town Clerk left the Meeting.

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

**Appointment of New Town Clerk**

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

That Dr. Martin Ayres be appointed Town Clerk.

In announcing the appointment of Dr. Martin Ayres to the position of Town Clerk, the Mayor highlighted the exemplary performance of Dr. Ayres during his role as Acting Town Clerk, and considered that the Council was very fortunate that he had agreed to take on the mantle.

Dr. Ayres returned to the Meeting.

97. **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.

## **Delegated Applications**

- 6/2010/0628 **Mr & Mrs Mitchard**  
Demolish existing dwelling and erect detached dwelling with integral garage in lower ground floor.  
42 Queens Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2010/0633 **Mr & Mrs A Griffiths**  
Demolish existing breakfast room and erect kitchen extension. Loft conversion including front roof lights and rear dormer windows.  
79A Ulwell Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2010/0634 **Ms G Thomas**  
Demolish existing garage and erect two bedroom dwelling; form vehicular and pedestrian access onto Purbeck Terrace Road.  
Netton Lodge, 4 Durlston Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** Recommend refusal. Concern expressed at the mass of the building and resulting overdevelopment.
- 6/2010/0635 **Shorefield Holidays Ltd**  
Variation of condition 5 of 6/2010/0447 to allow siting of wardens caravan for an additional two years until 08/01/2014.  
Swanage Coastal Park, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2010/0644 **Mrs M Tyrer**  
Demolish existing garage and covered way. Erect attached garage, store and utility room.  
37 Bay Crescent, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2010/0645 **Mrs M Carle**  
Erect single storey front extension and insert side windows.  
Highfields, 6 Hill View Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

## 98. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on the following events he had attended during the past month on behalf of the Town of Swanage:-

- (a) The Mayor of Weymouth & Portland's Civic Day.
- (b) The Mayor of Blandford Forum's Civic Walkabout.
- (c) Gillingham Town Council's Civic Service & Freedom of the Town Parade.
- (d) The Trefoil Guiding Dorset Annual Gathering & International Fellowship Day at Furzebrook.

He had also attended the following local events held in Swanage:-

- (a) Sailing Club Commodore's Reception
- (b) Salvation Army Harvest Festival & Festival of the Sea.
- (c) Swanage Railway's Annual Grand Draw.

99. **AUTHORISATION OF SIGNATORIES**

Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To re-affirm the appointment of the Town Mayor,  
Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mrs. Marsh as  
authorised signatories in respect of the Town  
Council's bank accounts and associated financial  
transactions.

100. **BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET AND POOLE MINERALS DEVELOPMENT  
FRAMEWORK – DRAFT MINERALS CORE STRATEGY**

A letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010 was submitted from the Planning Officer,  
Minerals and Waste Planning Policy, giving notice of a forthcoming public  
consultation on the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Draft Minerals Core Strategy  
which would run from 29<sup>th</sup> October until 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

Following a brief discussion, it was RESOLVED:-

That the matter be deferred for consideration at the  
next meeting of the Council held to consider policy  
and planning matters on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010, and  
that Section 8 of the document – The Strategy for  
Purbeck Stone Extraction – be circulated to all Members  
prior to the Meeting.

It was suggested that Section 8 of the document be also distributed to local  
quarry operators so that they are aware of the proposals contained in the Strategy.

101. **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2010**

A notice had been received from Purbeck District Council inviting nominations  
from local Parish and Town Councils for Volunteer of the Year 2010.

The Mayor explained that the Awards are made as special recognition by the  
Chairman of Purbeck District Council of services to the community, and he asked that  
nominations be submitted for consideration by the Town Council before 31<sup>st</sup> December  
2010.

102. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Pratt reported that following the introduction of Swanage Tennis  
Club to the DAPTC, the Tennis Club had received a grant from the Dorset Playing  
Fields Association and Sports Council.

103. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

(a) **Vehicles**

Further to Minute No. 5 (b) of the Policy and Planning Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup>  
October 2010, the Operations Manager reported that orders had been placed for  
a Nissan NV 200 SE van and a Ford Fiesta 1.4 TDCi van. It was hoped to take  
delivery of the vehicles on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

(b) **Town Hall Roof**

Further to Minute No. 5 (a) of the Policy and Planning Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup>  
October 2010, the Operations Manager reported that as the Town Hall was a  
listed building, planning consent must be obtained before repairs could be  
carried out to the roof. The planning process would take approximately eight  
weeks, meanwhile quotations for the repair works were being sought from three  
specialist companies.

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

- (a) The Mayor reminded those present that the Remembrance Service was being held on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. The Parade would form in the vicinity of the Mowlem at 2.30 p.m. and process to St. Mary's Parish Church for the Remembrance Service at 3.00 p.m. Following the Service, the Laying of the Wreaths Ceremony would take place at the War Memorial on the Recreation Ground. A short service would also be held at the War Memorial at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November.
- (b) It was requested that the Council's capital expenditure programme be considered at the next meeting of the General Operations Committee to be held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010.
- (c) It was reported that Eneco would be holding a Public Exhibition "Drop In" event at the Mowlem Theatre between 2.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010 to outline the proposal for the "West of Wight" Offshore Wind Park.

105. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, 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.

106. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Land South of Holiday Park**

Further to Minute No. 92 (a) of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010, the Town Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the occupation of land south of the Holiday Park.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Audley, and RESOLVED:-

That delegated authority be given to the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Bright, Whitwam and Wiggins to progress the matter.

(b) **Swanage Railway – Disposal Options**

Before consideration of this item, the Town Mayor declared a prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a director of Swanage Railway Trust, and left the Meeting during the debate.

Councillor Whitwam declared a prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a director of Swanage Railway Company, and also left the Meeting during the debate.

Further to Minute No. 4 (c) of the Finance & Performance Management Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010, consideration was given to information received from Mr. G.T. Thorne, the Council's valuer, and Messrs. Goadsby, acting for Swanage Railway Company, making an official offer for the railway land/buildings.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Council's surveyor be invited to attend a future special meeting of the Council to clarify details relating to the offer.

(c) **Vodafone Mast, Main Beach Car Park**

Further to Minute No. 14 (c) of the Policy and Planning Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010, and a subsequent letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 received from the Council's valuer, consideration was given to an offer made on behalf of Vodafone Ltd that the terms of the Agreement for the mast remain as existing, subject to Vodafone having the right to share the site with O2 for no additional fee, and that a reduce rental of £2,181.60 per annum be agreed.

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

That, in accordance with the advice received from the Council's valuer, the terms of the Agreement be agreed, subject to a reduced rental of £2,181.60 per annum.

(d) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**

Further to Minute No. 92 (b) of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010, the Town Clerk updated Members on a matter arising from the business sale agreement of the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, which was currently being dealt with by the Council's legal advisers.

The meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.

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