

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 5th OCTOBER 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor B. Audley
Councillor C. Bright
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor W.S. Trite
Councillor M. Whitwam

A Presentation on “Planning Purbeck’s Future” had been given by the Planning Development Officer of Purbeck District Council at 7.00 p.m. prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting.

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

Councillor Mrs. Marsh offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

MR. P. ANGEL informed those present that he represented “Education Swanage” on the Purbeck Schools Review Options Forum. He felt that good progress was being made in the campaign for the retention of secondary education in Swanage. If the proposals for a two-tier education system are progressed, consideration should be given to an extension of the Purbeck School with a campus in Swanage. Curriculum management was also being discussed.

MS. C. DRAYSON outlined the aims and actions of P.E.A.T., Purbeck Environment Action Team, and their endeavours to engage communities as “Transition Towns”. She presented the Town Council with a copy of “The Transition Handbook – From oil dependency to local resilience”, for information.

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.45 p.m.

72. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Gainsborough, Gloyn-Cox and Hadley.

73. **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 7th September 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Audley, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 21st September 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

74. **PLANS**

Under the Model Code of Conduct, Members declared a formal interest in the capacity of Corporate Trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust in applications relating to the Trust.

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

6/2008/0491

Mr J Walker

Sever land and erect one bedroomed split level dwelling using existing accesses.

1 Hill Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal. The subdivision of this plot constitutes overdevelopment and will have a detrimental impact on the character of the neighbourhood.

The following application was not discussed by virtue of the Town Council being the owner of part of the land included within the development.

6/2009/0530

Swan Country Homes

Revision to plots 1, 2A and 2B of PP 6/2006/0840. Addition of ground and first floor windows to Plot 1 and changes to floor space to plots 2A and 2B.

Newton Grange, 283 High Street, Swanage.

The following application was not discussed by the Town Council as it was considered that a conflict of interest existed, given that the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park is in the Council's ownership.

6/2009/0535

Mrs C Cronin

Erect timber decking.

Plot 245, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

Councillors Suttle and Mrs. Patrick declared a personal interest in the following application under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of a business association with the architect, and as this was a prejudicial interest, left the Meeting during its consideration.

6/2009/0504

Mr J Lally

Insert two dormer windows to facilitate loft conversion.
103 Bay Crescent, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal. The installation of dormer windows would be out of keeping with neighbouring properties and has the potential to create a problem of overlooking adjoining residences in Ballard Estate. The Town Council supports the view of the Ballard Estate Company that Velux-style windows would be more appropriate in this location.

Councillors Suttle and Mrs. Patrick declared a personal interest in the following two applications under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of a business association with the applicants, and as this was a prejudicial interest, left the Meeting during their consideration.

6/2009/0531
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Dr M Luty

Install heated flooring in kitchen and bathroom.
Tall Trees, Ulwell Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0548

Mr M Levy

Demolish existing buildings and erect 2 four bedroom dwellings with first floor balconies and associated parking; form new vehicular access.

53 Queens Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection to the principle of constructing two dwellings on this site with accommodation in the roof space. However, concern was expressed at the potential overlooking of neighbouring properties from the proposed balconies.

6/2009/0545
LISTED

Mr B Lukes

Reinstate roof using existing stone tiles, replace wooden batons and add roof felt. Rebuild chimney and replace guttering.
Jasmine Cottage, 405 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0546

Mr M Bauer

Insert dormer window and roof lights to facilitate loft conversion.

Flat 19, Royal Victoria Apartments, 1 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0547
LISTED

Mr M Bauer

Insert dormer window and roof lights to facilitate loft conversion.

Flat 19, Royal Victoria Apartments, 1 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

75. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

Further to Minute No. 6 (b) of the Council meeting held on 21st September 2009, Councillor Trite updated those present on meetings of the "Options Forum" and public consultation undertaken by Dorset County Council in respect of the Purbeck

Schools Review. He reported that, although the Town Council's remit does not extend to Langton Matravers, the Dorset County Council Options Forum for Swanage includes Langton and the villages of Worth Matravers, Kingston and Harmans Cross which act as feeder villages for St George's School in Langton.

The task of the Options Forum is to put forward a proposed arrangement of local schools which can form the subject of further public consultation in early 2010. This will be within a new 2 tier system of education, as determined by the County Council's Cabinet in July.

Individuals and organisations were encouraged to offer views and suggestions to the Options Forum before the end of October 2009.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Swanage Town Council urges the Swanage & Langton Options Forum to put forward to Dorset County Council for public consultation a preferred option for future education in Swanage which:

1. Provides local children with the opportunity at both Primary and Secondary levels to be educated within their own community, recognising that this requires particularly close attention to the establishment of a suitable Secondary curriculum;
2. Encourages younger adults with children to remain resident in Swanage and presents Swanage to such people beyond its boundaries as a suitable place to which to move with their children, consistent with local authorities' current efforts to supply additional affordable housing and new employment opportunities in the Town;
3. Retains parental choice between denominational and non-denominational Primary schools and, within the former category, between Church of England and Roman Catholic alternatives;
4. Safeguards and enhances the educational standards, character and traditions of schools in Swanage; and
5. Improves sustainable travel to school.

77. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

(a) **Swanage Household Recycling Centre**

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the proposed new household recycling centre.

He reported that the Scoping Report had now been received. Dorset County Council would be staging an exhibition at the Town Hall on Friday/Saturday, 6th and 7th November 2009 so that members of the public are fully informed of the proposals.

(b) **Planning Training for Parish and Town Councils and Parish Meetings**

The Clerk reported that Planning Training for Parish and Town Councils was being held at Purbeck District Council on 9th and 12th October 2009. The subject of the sessions was “Making Effective Representations on Planning Applications”, and it was considered that this would be very beneficial in making informed decisions on planning matters.

(c) **Swanage Sea Rowing Club**

The Clerk reported on a recent approach from the Swanage Sea Rowing Club, and it was AGREED:-

That a Working Group, consisting of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Bright and Gloyn-Cox be convened in order to progress the proposals for a new boat house.

(d) **Swanage Railway**

Councillor Whitwam reported that Swanage Railway would be holding a “Victorian Week” during the period 16th to 22nd May 2010 to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the railway coming to Swanage.

Councillor Suttle left the Meeting at 8.50 p.m.

79. **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.

80. **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 staffing and other matters that were currently being considered.

The meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.
