

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor C. Bright

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough JP

Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox

Councillor M. Hadley

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick

Councillor S. Poultney

Councillor G.M. Suttle

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M. Whitwam

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

The Mayor welcomed Revd. Simon Franklin, from the United Reformed Church, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

**Public Participation Time**

**MR. P. CLARK** thanked the Council for the public statement issued in respect of the disposal of the Holiday Park. He requested that, when appropriate, a further statement be issued regarding the availability of the facilities for use by the general public.

**MRS. C. BARTLETT** referred to the musical events held on Shore Road on Friday and Saturday evenings during the summer in support of the Swanage Lights Committee. In accordance with advice received, no bar facilities had been provided by the organisers of the events, but there was evidence of young people drinking alcohol in public in the vicinity. She expressed concern at the lack of enforcement of the newly-introduced byelaw, and requested that this be drawn to the attention of the police.

**MRS. J. LOWSON** complimented the Town Council on the cleanliness of the town, particularly during the extremely busy period of the Regatta and Carnival. She then referred to her previous requests for the installation of a shower on Shore Road in the vicinity of the Mowlem, and enquired whether this could be progressed if sufficient funding could be provided from private sources. She was informed that the cost of drainage had previously proved prohibitive, but sophisticated drainage did not appear to be in place for showers provided in Bournemouth. It was agreed that the matter be referred for further consideration at a future meeting of the General Operations Committee.

**MRS. P. BIZLEY** enquired when the household refuse disposal site in Panorama Road was due to close and when the re-located facilities would be open. She was informed that the Town Council were unaware of any dates at the present time, but it was intended that the present facilities would not be closed until the new site was open.

**MR. I. SAUNDERS** enquired what would be acceptable to the De Moulham Trust in respect of the future development of the Shore House site. He was informed that there would be a period of public consultation before any decision was made.

**MR. W. SARGENT** stated that he was eager to sell his unit at the Holiday Park and enquired when the suspension of caravan sales would be lifted. He was informed that it was anticipated that the suspension of caravan sales was a temporary measure introduced for approximately 24/48 hours.

**MR. C. CARD** expressed concern that the proposed new owners of the Park, Darwin Leisure, appeared to be new to the industry and asked that the Council note his concern regarding the long-term arrangements covered by the terms of agreement.

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.20 p.m.

60. **APOLOGIES**

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

61. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(d) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(e) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

62. **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

63. **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**

6/2009/0476 **Birley Hall Management Co. Ltd.**  
Erect bicycle stand.  
Birley Hall, 15 Burlington Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

64. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had no specific announcements to make at the present time, but invited Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough to report on the "Awards Ceremony" she had attended in Brighton with the Council's Arboriculturist.

She was pleased to report that Swanage had achieved a "Silver High" award in the South and South East in Bloom Competition – Small Coastal Resorts category. Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough then expressed her appreciation of the sterling work undertaken by the Council's Operations Manager and his workforce in achieving such high standards, and also of the driving skills shown by the Council's Arboriculturist in such appalling weather conditions on the return journey from the "Awards Ceremony".

Further to Minute No. 6 of the Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and Minute No. 57 (b) of the Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009, Councillor Trite reported that further consultation in respect of the Purbeck Schools Review was scheduled to commence on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Meetings of the Options Forum would be held at schools within the area during the consultation period, and he urged everyone to make representations on the matter.

65. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the months of July and August 2009 were submitted for information.

66. **REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs. Marsh declared her interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a Member of the Purbeck District Council's Planning Board. She remained in the Meeting during the debate, but did not vote on the proposition.

Further to Minute No. 54 of the Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009, the Deputy Town Clerk submitted a draft response to the proposals to delegate planning decisions to officers at Purbeck District Council.

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

That the draft response be approved.

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

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

68. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

The Town Clerk reported that, under delegated authority, the following expenditure had been approved:-

Bench Seats	£5,000
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69. **ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND MATTERS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDAS**

(a) **“Big Care Debate”**

Attention was drawn to the “Big Care Debate”, a national initiative which is intended to help shape the future of care and support for all adults in England. Further information was available on the internet.

70. **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.

71. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Holiday Park Disposal**

The Town Clerk reported that contracts had now been exchanged for the disposal of the Holiday Park, and that the completion date had been amended from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

The Town Clerk also highlighted issues concerning staffing matters that had given rise to further contractual conditions being agreed.

(b) **Burlington Chine – Proposals for Open Fronted Area adjoining Public Conveniences**

Further to Minute No. 59 (c) of the Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009, and a subsequent letter from the Council’s surveyor dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 2009, it was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and  
RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with advice received from the Council’s surveyor, a detailed planning application be submitted to convert the area into two beach huts, this to include elevations to the front.

The meeting concluded at 7.52 p.m.

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