

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 3rd MARCH 2008 at 9.00 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor G.M. Suttle (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor C.R. Bright
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough JP
Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor M. Whitwam

156. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillor Audley and Hadley.

157. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

That, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

158. **CARAVAN PARK**

Further to Minute No. 3 of the Finance and Performance Management Meeting held on 22nd February 2008, and advice received from the Council's legal advisers, detailed consideration was given to the strategic options and future management arrangements at the Caravan Park.

It was proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick:-

That the Caravan Park be leased out for a period yet to be determined.

Following a further lengthy discussion, an Amendment was moved by the Town Mayor and seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox:-

That, based on the current situation with the District Auditor, budgetary constraints and the Caravan Owners' Association, the Council should now obtain additional information to supplement the Options Appraisal by nationally advertising the Caravan Park to be let out on a short-term leasehold basis.

Dependant on the results of the above action, the Council will re-assess the position.

Upon being put to the Meeting, Members voted UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT.

The AMENDMENT was then put as a SUBSTANTIVE MOTION and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Further discussion ensued, following which, it was proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That approval be given for the Council's legal advisers to meet with the legal advisers acting on behalf of the Audit Commission in order to clarify matters relating to the Caravan Park.

Reference was also made to other outstanding contractual issues, and the position was noted.

The meeting concluded at 10.20 a.m.
