

Minutes of the Meeting of the Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places Working Group held at the Town Hall, Swanage on MONDAY, 7th JULY 2003 at 9.30 a.m. .

PRESENT:-

Councillor A. H. Miller (Town Mayor) – Chairman.

Councillor Mrs. C. A. Bartlett

Councillor C. R. Bright

Councillor Mrs. J. A. Farrow

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough

Councillor Mrs. H. O'Donovan

Councillor M. W. Pratt

Councillor M. A. Tyrer

Councillor Mrs. J. D. Wheeldon (Left at 10 a.m.)

Also in attendance:- Insp. P. Holland

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Agelink, Suttle and Trite.

2. **ALCOHOL CONTROL IN PUBLIC PLACES**

The Mayor welcomed Insp. Holland to the Meeting, and invited him to put forward the views of the police regarding the control of alcohol in public places.

Insp. Holland explained the existing powers already afforded to the police for the control of anti-social drinking in public places, and expressed the opinion that the designation of specific areas under the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 was intended as a preventative measure for "hotspots".

Specific areas that gave cause for concern were identified, including the Shelter on Shore Road, the Railway Station, and people drinking alcohol in the streets outside of public houses. Inspector Holland confirmed that the police already had power to deal with incidents in these locations, and a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the merits of designating specific areas as "Alcohol Free Zones".

After detailed consideration, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bright, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That, having regard to the existing powers of the police, no specific areas be designated under the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 – The Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations, 2001.