

Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 11th MAY 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor B. Audley
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough
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, 12 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Before the commencement of the Meeting, the Town Mayor reported on the recent retirement of Mr. Chris Phillips, who had been employed in the Operations Department of the Council for 33 years. He then made a presentation to him in appreciation of his long and loyal service, and wished him well in his retirement.

Public Participation Time

MR. M. TYRER wished to record his appreciation of the sterling work undertaken by the Town Clerk and his staff, and made specific mention of negotiations with Vodafone. He also thanked the Council for the temporary changing facilities provided for the footballers at King George's Field. He was pleased to report that the under 16 football team had recently been promoted, but drew attention to the urgent need for improved facilities.

COUNCILLOR MRS. MARSH reported that County Councillor Donald Hiatt was not seeking re-election after serving eight years as a member of Dorset County Council. She wished him a long and happy retirement, and her comments were wholeheartedly endorsed by her fellow Councillors.

In the absence of a clergyman, Councillor Mrs. Marsh offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

The Meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh and seconded by Councillor Whitwam:-
That Councillor Michael William Pratt be re-appointed
Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Upon being put to the Meeting, TEN Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and there was ONE ABSTENTION, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

Councillor Pratt completed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and was pleased to accept the appointment.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

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

That Councillor William Stanley Trite be re-appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Upon being put to the Meeting, TEN Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and there was ONE ABSTENTION, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

Councillor Trite completed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and was pleased to accept the appointment.

Councillor Pratt then welcomed the Deputy Mayoress, Ms. Cheryl Knight, to the Meeting. For some time he had considered that the position of Deputy Mayoress should be officially recognised, and had personally commissioned a Badge of Office for the Deputy Mayoress to wear when attending civic functions. On the invitation of the Mayor, the Mayoress, Mrs. Margaret Pratt, was delighted to present the Badge of Office to Ms. Knight for the forthcoming year.

3. **APOLOGIES**

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

4. **REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and RESOLVED:-

The following appointments of representatives to outside bodies be approved:-

Dorset Association of Larger Local Councils	Councillor M Pratt (Town Mayor)
Swanage Youth Centre	Councillors S Poultney & Mrs A Patrick
Dorset Coast Forum	Councillors L Gloyn-Cox & M Hadley
Swanage Pier	Councillors Mrs A Patrick & Mrs G Marsh
Arthur Marsh Memorial Hall	Councillor G Suttle
Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor M Pratt (Town Mayor)
Drug Reference Action Group	Councillors Mrs A Patrick & M Whitwam
Partners & Communities Together	Councillors B Audley, Mrs C Gainsborough & M Hadley
Herston Reading Room	Councillor C Bright
Swanage Town & Community Partnership	Councillor Mrs A Patrick or Councillor L Gloyn-Cox
Swanage Bay Users Association	Councillor M Hadley
Durlston Advisory Panel	Councillor M Hadley

Swanage Pub Watch
Dorset Age Partnership
Purbeck Transport Action Group

Councillors B Audley &
Mrs A Patrick
Councillor L Gloyn-Cox
Councillor S Poultney

5. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

Appointments to the Committees were agreed, as follows:-

Caravan Park Committee

Councillor M Pratt (Town Mayor) and Councillors Mrs C Gainsborough, Mrs A Patrick, G M Suttle, W S Trite and M Whitwam.

Tourism Committee

Councillor M W Pratt (Town Mayor), and Councillors B Audley, Mrs C Gainsborough, L Gloyn-Cox, M Hadley, Mrs G A Marsh, Mrs A Patrick, and W Trite.

Transport Committee

Councillors B Audley, Mrs C Gainsborough, M Hadley, Mrs A Patrick, S Poultney and M Whitwam.

General Operations Committee

Councillor B Audley, Mrs C Gainsborough, L Gloyn-Cox, Mrs G A Marsh, S Poultney and G M Suttle.

Personnel Committee

Councillor M W Pratt (Town Mayor), and Councillors Mrs C Gainsborough, L Gloyn-Cox, Mrs A Patrick, G M Suttle and W S Trite.

Beach Management Sub-Committee

It was RESOLVED:-

That members of the Beach Management Sub-Committee be nominated by the Tourism Committee.

6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 44**

Proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That Standing Order No. 44 be suspended to enable the election of the Chairmen of the Committees listed in Minute No. 5 above, in order to appoint the Finance and Performance Management Committee.

The following appointments were AGREED by each of the respective Committees:-

Caravan Park Committee

Chairman – Councillor G M Suttle.

Tourism Committee

Chairman – Councillor Mrs A Patrick.

Transport Committee

Chairman – Councillor S Poultney.

General Operations Committee

Chairman – Councillor L Gloyn-Cox.

Personnel Committee

Chairman – Councillor M W Pratt (Town Mayor).

Finance and Performance Management Committee

Councillor M W Pratt (Town Mayor), Councillor W S Trite (Deputy Town Mayor) and Councillors L Gloyn-Cox, Mrs A Patrick, S Poultney and G M Suttle.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That the Town Mayor be appointed Chairman of the Finance and Performance Management Committee.

7. **MINUTES**

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 27th April 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

8. **PLANS**

Plan No

Non-Delegated Applications

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

6/2009/0188

Swan Country Homes

Erect nine dwellings (amendment to planning application – 6/2006/0840 – to demolish existing building and erect 24 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping; form vehicular access).

Newton Grange, 283 High Street, Swanage.

Delegated Applications

6/2009/0187

Musgrave Retail Partners GB

Erect externally illuminated fascia and projecting signs and window graphics.

26-38 Station Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0190

LISTED

Mr G Jenson

Insert dormer window extension to roof of garage and convert roof space to office.

60 Bell Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection subject to a condition stipulating that the converted roofspace cannot be used as living accommodation.

6/2009/0198

Mr D Kerley

Demolish garage at rear and erect two self contained flats; modify existing access.

35 High Street, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0199 **Mr D Kerley**
CONSERVATION Conservation area application to demolish garage at rear.
AREA 35 High Street, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0205 **Mr P Mackney**
Convert garage to form annexe.
1A York Terrace, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0209 **Mr J Tubb**
Erect a single storey extension at rear.
34 Benlease Way, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0214 **Ms L Clark**
Erect roof extension and insert dormer window.
5 Osmay Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to there being no
overlooking of neighbouring properties.

6/2009/0222 **Wide Horizons Outdoor Education Trust**
Erect a timber log dormitory with sedum roof and a single storey
extension to side of bungalow.
Townsend Study Centre, Cobblers Lane, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0226 **Mrs R Wells**
Rebuild existing boundary wall.
80 High Street, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

9. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (a) The Mayor announced that on Saturday, 30th May 2009, the 11th Signal Regiment would be exercising the "Liberty of Swanage", when approximately 500 soldiers would parade along Shore Road at 2.30 p.m. and take the salute. On Sunday, 31st May 2009, a "Veterans' Parade" would be taking place, organised by the Royal British Legion.
- (b) The Mayor announced that he would be supporting two local charities during his current Term of Office – namely, the Swanage Stroke Club and the Swanage Guides. Both organisations worked extremely hard for the benefit of local residents, and he considered them to be very worthwhile causes.

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

Councillor Gloyn-Cox reported that a meeting of the Dorset Coast Forum was scheduled to be held on 9th June 2009, when the off-shore wind farm proposals would be considered.

11. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

12. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The preliminary meteorological records for the month of April 2009 were submitted for information.

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

- (a) Councillor Mrs. Marsh reported that after many years free use, the Swanage Stroke Club was now being charged by Dorset County Council for the use of the facilities at Swanage Day Centre.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.
