

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Swanage Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND PLANNING** matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 24th JANUARY 2011** at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. A. Patick (Deputy Mayor) – Chairman.

Councillor B. Audley
Councillor C.R. Bright
Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox
Councillor M. Hadley
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

There was one member of the public present, but he did not wish to speak on any matters at the present time.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from the Town Mayor and Councillor Suttle.

2. **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.

Non Delegated Applications

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

6/2011/0002 **Swanage Town Council**

Change of use of land from agricultural to cemetery extension.
Land adj. Godlingston Cemetery, Washpond Lane, Swanage.

6/2011/0005 **Mr M Storer**

Demolish sections of the existing canopy and erect new external walls with roof terrace over and landscape site.
1 Old Stone Quay, High Street, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

Delegated Applications

CONSERVATION
AREA

6/2010/0813 **Mr M Storer**

Partial demolition of existing canopy.
1 Old Stone Quay, High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

3. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 31st December 2010 was submitted for information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

4. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and
RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer
Nos. 10 and 10a, amounting to £3,618,713.65 and
£42,488.40 respectively be paid, and that cheques be
drawn therefor.

5. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

At the Council meeting held on 14th December 2009 (Minute No. 4) approval
in principle was given to capital expenditure for the year 2010/11.

The agreed capital programme included re-surfacing works to the pathways at
Northbrook Cemetery and the Northbrook Road service road (De Moulham Estate)
and approval was now sought for these works to be carried out at a cost of £8,269.00
and £9,085 respectively.

It was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh,
and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That approval be given for the following works:

Northbrook Cemetery – Pathway Resurfacing	£8,269
Northbrook Road service road (De Moulham Estate) – Resurfacing	£9,085

6. **PROPOSALS FOR REDUCED SPENDING**

Further to Minute No. 142 of the Council meeting held on 10th January 2011,
the Town Clerk reported that no further information had been received from Dorset
County Council regarding the proposals for addressing the budget deficit.

During the ensuing discussion, the possible transfer to the Town Council of
the costs of laying the 5-knot marker buoys in the bay by Purbeck District Council
was reported. However, to date, no official notification regarding the withdrawal of
this service had been received, and it was therefore not possible to assess if this would
impact on the Town Council's budgets.

7. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the months of November and December 2010
were submitted for information.

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

(a) **Library Service**

Attention was drawn to the mobile library service provided on Shore Road during the refurbishment of the library building, and a question raised regarding the original proposal to provide this temporary service from vacant shop premises in the High Street.

It was agreed that this matter be pursued with Dorset County Council.

(b) **Shelter – Peveril Point**

The Town Clerk referred to the deteriorating condition of the concrete shelter at Peveril Point and reported that a Dangerous Structure Notice had been issued in respect of this shelter. He was pleased to report that funding towards the cost of demolition had been pledged from Natural England (£15,000) and the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Team (£5,000), and work would commence on the demolition as soon as the weather conditions were favourable.

9. **SWANAGE RAILWAY DISPOSAL OPTIONS**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Whitwam declared a prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a director of the Swanage Railway Company, and left the Meeting during the debate.

Further to Minute No. 116 of the Council meeting held on 6th December 2010, and a subsequent meeting of the Railway working party, the Town Clerk updated those present on matters relating to the lease with Swanage Railway.

Following discussion, it was AGREED:-

That the working party meets with representatives of Swanage Railway to consider the terms of the lease prior to any future disposal option being progressed.

10. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Bright, 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.

11. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Land South of Holiday Park**

Occupation of Grazing Land

Further to Minute No. 14 (a) ii) of the Policy and Planning Meeting held on 20th December 2010, the Town Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the occupation of the grazing land south of the Holiday Park.

(b) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**

Business Sale Agreement

The Town Clerk updated Members on a matter relating to the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, which was currently being dealt with by the Council's legal advisers.

The Meeting concluded at 10.15 a.m.
