

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Swanage Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND PLANNING** matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 19th OCTOBER 2009** at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor M. Pratt (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor C.R. Bright

Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox

Councillor S. Poultney (from 9.40 a.m.)

Councillor G.M. Suttle

Councillor M. Whitwam

Public Participation Time

There were no members of the public present at the Meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Audley, Mrs. Gainsborough, Mrs. Marsh and Trite.

[N.B. On the adoption of these minutes at the Monthly Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2009, it was noted that Councillor Mrs Patrick's apologies had been inadvertently omitted].

2. **PLANS**

Under the Model Code of Conduct, Members declared a formal interest in the capacity of Corporate Trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust in applications relating to the Trust.

Plan No

Delegated Applications

6/2009/0555

Mr H Spriggs

Change of use from bakery to residential.

The Old Bakery, Hardy Close, Mount Pleasant Lane, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0557

Mr B Glendening

Erect single storey rear extension and insert roof light in north elevation.

2 Morrison Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to there being no overlooking of neighbouring properties.

6/2009/0558

Cambian Heritage II Ltd

Erect external infill staircase.

Purbeck View School, Northbrook Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

Councillor Poultney entered the meeting at 9.40 a.m.

6/2009/0573

Mr P Allen

Form two new car parking spaces.
6 & 8 Quarry Close, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0577

Mrs B Bennett

Erect first floor rear extension and replace flat roofs on dormer windows with pitched roofs.

2 Rabling Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0580

LISTED

Miss H Downton

Install cowl to existing chimney pot.
369 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

3. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 30th September 2009 was submitted for information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

Arising from the above, the Clerk reported that £219,984 was currently held in a liability account for VAT on car parking and that the precept of £285,000 had been received from Purbeck District Council.

4. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 7, 7a and 7b, amounting to £258,510.73, £89,790.97, and £33,827.25 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

5. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS**

Having regard to the recent disposal of the Holiday Park, the Clerk highlighted the urgent need for detailed consideration to be given to treasury management proposals. He reminded Members that budgets had been set on an assumed rental income, as opposed to a large capital receipt, and would therefore impact on the Council's revenue performance.

During the ensuing discussion, Members were mindful of the importance of safeguarding the capital sum, but also of maximising the income from a low-risk investment.

Consideration was also given to the impact of the disposal on the Council's current status, together with proposals to lease out some Council-owned facilities and requirements highlighted in the draft Asset Management Plan.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That a Working Party be set up, comprising of the Town Mayor and Councillors Gloyn-Cox, Poultney and Suttle, to consider investment proposals and review the future strategy to be adopted by the Town Council.

It was AGREED:-

That the Working Party meet on a regular weekly basis, the first meeting to be held on Friday, 23rd October, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

6. **PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL – CORE STRATEGY**

Further to Minute No. 6 (a) of the Council Meeting held on 21st September 2009, a draft response to the proposals outlined in the Purbeck District Council Draft Core Strategy had been prepared and circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting.

Before consideration of the document, the Town Mayor wished to record his appreciation of the work undertaken by the Deputy Town Clerk in preparing the detailed response. Comments were made in respect of the following policies: houses in large gardens, flood risk, supporting local communities, integrated transport system, and retail floor space supply. Agreement of the Council's formal response was deferred until the Town Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 2nd November 2009.

7. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

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

8. **WEATHER STATION**

The Deputy Town Clerk updated Members on discussions held with the Meteorological Office regarding the automisation of the Weather Station, and it was noted that a further report would be made to a forthcoming meeting.

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

(a) Proposal for formal dissolution of Caravan Park Committee.

10. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

That, under Standing Order 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 legal issues.

11. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Holiday Park Disposal - Update**

The Clerk reported that the disposal of the Holiday Park had been successfully completed on 15th October 2009, and updated Members on other related issues. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, in accordance with the Town Council's policy of recognising community groups and service users, as the Council no longer has a role in managing/running the Holiday Park, the Town Council no longer recognises the Bay View Caravan Owners' Association.

(b) **Peveril Point – Land North of Old Coastguard Cottages**

Following legal advice received, it was reported that the Town Council had withdrawn its objection to the registration of a strip of land to the north of No. 3 Old Coastguard Cottages by the owners of that property. It was noted that each of these properties would need to be dealt with on a site specific basis and that this did not affect the Council's existing policy in respect of No. 1 Old Coastguard Cottages.

(c) **Cow Lane – Settlement Proposals**

The Town Clerk updated those present on matters relating to Cow Lane.

The Meeting concluded at 11.50 a.m.
