

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Swanage Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND PLANNING** matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **FRIDAY, 6th MARCH 2009** at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor M. Pratt – Chairman

Councillor Mrs C. Gainsborough
Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox
Councillor Mrs. G. Marsh
Councillor Mrs A. Patrick
Councillor M. Whitwam

Public Participation Time

In addition to Members and Officers there was one member of the public present at the Meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Audley, Bright, Hadley, Poultney, Suttle and Trite.

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.

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.

The following submitted applications for permission to develop were considered.

Plan No

Delegated

Applications

Applicant, Proposal and Site

6/2009/0048

Miss H Elm & Mr M Tillyard

Erect single storey rear extension.

6 Ash Close, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2009/0049

Mr B Lightbown & Mr J Wood

Erect rooftop extension to flats 1, 2 & 3 to form additional living accommodation with roof terrace and make alterations to windows on east elevation at first floor level.

Ocean Bay, 2 Ulwell Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: It was reported that this application had been withdrawn. Concern was expressed that the proposal represents overdevelopment of the site and is out of keeping with the street scene. It was also hoped that any future

application would better maintain the character of the existing building.

- 6/2009/0054 **Mrs S Briggs**
Demolish existing garage and erect single storey rear extension.
146 Kings Road West, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

Councillor Mrs Patrick declared a personal interest in the following application by reason of a business association, and as this was a prejudicial interest left the meeting during its consideration.

- 6/2009/0068 **Swan Country Homes**
Revised scheme to PA 6/2008/0501. Replace existing smoke vent with revised design smoke vent.
Sea Court, Taunton Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

- 6/2009/0069 **Mr S White**
Erect a single storey flat roof extension at rear.
26 Victoria Avenue, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

- 6/2009/0070 **Mr D Herson**
Replace doors and windows and erect a canopy over rear entrance door.
Flat 1, 13 The Parade, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

- 6/2009/0071 **Mr G Ford**
Insert dormer window at rear. Replace existing roof light at side and insert new roof light at front.
2 Newton Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

- 6/2009/0078 **Mr D Forster**
Erect entrance porch at front.
24 Ash Close, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Defer for further consideration at the Policy and Planning Meeting to be held on Monday 23rd March.

3. **APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE OF DROPPED KERBS**

Further to minute 5)d) of the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 4th February 2009, consideration was given to a schedule of potential locations for dropped kerbs that had been drawn up in conjunction with Mr Steve Darrington. Once approved this would be forwarded to Dorset County Council with a request for urgent action.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Patrick, seconded by Councillor Mrs Gainsborough and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That the following be approved as locations for the installation of dropped kerbs by Dorset County Council:

- 1) opposite the Select and Save, High Street, Herston;
- 2) Kings Road at the junction with Church Hill;
- 3) top of Gordon Road/junction with Priests Road;
- 4) between the Corner Restaurant and the Mowlem;
- 5) pedestrian crossing outside K's, Station Road (existing dropped kerb requires lowering).

4. **POLICY FOR LETTING BEACH HUTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Further to minute 1) d) of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 23rd January 2009 a scheme was presented for the letting of beach huts to local organisations. It was reported that 29 weeks of free lettings were potentially available for Beach Huts 1, 3 and 26 on Shore Road and 21 to 26 at the Spa between 6th June and 4th July 2009. A priority list of organisations had been drawn up and every endeavour would be made to ensure that groups with members with restricted mobility could book beach huts 1 and 3 on Shore Road. It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Patrick and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That the scheme for the letting of beach huts to local organisations be approved.

It was also reported that the Lions Club had requested to hire a beach hut on Shore Road at a reduced fee from 30th May to 11th July 2009, to be offered to other charitable organisations in the town. It was noted that the Club had been informed of the Town Council's new provisions but nevertheless wished to proceed with their own scheme. The Tourist Information Centre supervisor would liaise with the Lions Club to ensure a co-ordinated response. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Patrick:

That the Lions Club be charged £185 for a beach hut on Shore Road between 30th May and 11th July 2009.

The proposal failed to gain a seconder.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor and seconded by Councillor Mrs Gainsborough:

That the Lions Club be charged £195 for a beach hut on Shore Road between 30th May and 11th July 2009.

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

5. **POLICY AND FEES FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUES AT GODLINGSTON CEMETERY**

Consideration was given to the introduction of a charge for the placing of memorial plaques by trees at Godlingston Cemetery. It was noted at the present time that no charge was made for this and that the Town Council had no record of responsibility for these memorials. It was noted that the existing charge for the right to place a standard headstone, footstone or cremation tablet in the cemetery is £135. It was proposed by Concillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Mrs Patrick and

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That a charge of £135 be introduced for the right to place a memorial plaque by a tree at Godlingston Cemetery.

Further consideration was given to the dimensions and format of the plaques to be permitted. It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Marsh and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the Cemetery Regulations be amended to stipulate that all new plaques should be laid flat and should not exceed 12 inches square.

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

a) **Car Park Charges**

It was reported that the parking charges for Main Beach Car Park for 2009/10, agreed at the Monthly Meeting held on 23rd February 2009, had had to be amended due to the ticket machines being unable to allocate the same price to two different tariff bands. The Town Clerk had agreed with the Chairman of the Transport Committee, under delegated powers, to reduce the charge for coaches for four hours or less from £6.00 to £5.00, during the period 1st July to 31st August. Similarly, the charge had been reduced from £6.00 to £4.50 during the period 1st April to 30th June and 1st to 30th September. It was noted that this reduction in price would be advertised as a means of promoting coach visits to Swanage.

b) **Wind Farm Application, East Stoke**

It was noted that the planning application for a wind farm at Masters Pit, East Stoke had been withdrawn.

c) **Youth Centre Planning Application**

It was noted that application 6/2008/0768 for the erection of a small timber framed building to provide a Sure Start Centre had been approved by Dorset County Council.

d) **Tree Works, 36 Durlston Road**

It was reported that the outcome of an application to undertake works to protected trees at Woody Hollow, 36 Durlston Road was available for consultation at the Town Hall.

e) **Sea Court Planning Enforcement Appeal**

Details of an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate against Purbeck District Council's issuing of an enforcement notice in respect of the installation of a smoke vent without planning permission at Sea Court, 6 Taunton Road were reported to the meeting.

Councillor Mrs Patrick left the meeting at 10.15 a.m.

f) **Proposed Off-Shore Wind Farm**

It was requested that proposals for an off shore wind farm, which had recently been reported in the press, be placed on a forthcoming agenda.

The Meeting concluded at 10.25 a.m.
