

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND RESOURCES**
matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 9th**
DECEMBER 2002 at 9.30 a.m._

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett

Councillor G.A. Baume (Left at 11.45 a.m.)

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor Mrs. H. O'Donovan

Councillor J. Roscoe

Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon

1. **APOLOGIES**

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

2. **MARKET PROPOSALS**

Messrs. John George and Brendan George, from Thos. Ensor and Son, gave an informal presentation on their market proposals for Swanage, and explained their professional and successful approach to market management.

Following a brief discussion, the Mayor thanked the gentlemen for their presentation, and explained that the matter would be given further consideration following a further market proposal presentation scheduled for Monday, 16th December 2002.

3. **CAR PARKING**

(a)

Residents' Parking Proposal – Peveril Heights

The Clerk reported on a request received from residents in the area for the introduction of waiting restrictions in Peveril Heights.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED

UNANIMOUSLY:-

To support the introduction of double yellow lines
when the next Waiting Restriction Review is
undertaken by Dorset County Council in 2003.

Councillors Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Wheeldon declared a personal interest in the following matter under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of their past and present family connection with RNLI personnel, but as their interest was non prejudicial remained in the Meeting during the discussion.

(b)

Residents' Parking Proposal – Peveril Point

Further to Minute No. 3 of the Car Parking Best Value Working Group held on 2nd December 2002, and the responses received to the questionnaire that had been sent to the residents at Peveril Point (copy of

Summary attached at end of these Minutes), consideration was given to the following options:-

- i) Remove existing signs and allow free parking for all motorists.
- ii) Issue a maximum of 45 permits to residents at Peveril Point (at a price to be agreed).
- iii) To include parking restrictions within the County Council's Parking Regulations Order, which would delegate responsibility for policing and parking enforcement to the County Council. Any revenue received from such enforcement would be for the benefit of that authority.

A lengthy discussion ensued, during which Members acknowledged the importance of maintaining access for emergency services vehicles.

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

To issue a maximum of 45 permits to residents at Peveril Point (the price to be agreed at the annual Estimates meeting).

In adopting the above policy, concern was expressed at parking difficulties that may be experienced by members of the emergency services when attending a rescue, and it was agreed that consideration be given to providing parking facilities in the Boat Park.

4. **BEACH GARDENS**

(a) **Swanage Tennis Club**

Further to Minute No. 6 (e) of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 18th November 2002, and the subsequent joint meeting with members of the Swanage Bowling Club, consideration was given to the proposals for alterations to the Pavilion.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Baume, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the request be agreed in principle, subject to a detailed survey of the building.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That, having regard to Health and Safety legislation, no equipment should be stored in the kitchen or changing areas.

(b) **Swanage Bowling Club**

Consideration was given to a request received from the Swanage Bowling Club for the installation of door and window locks at the Pavilion in order to comply with their insurance requirements. The Clerk reported that an informal offer had been made by the Club for them to meet the cost of the locks, provided that the work be undertaken by the Town Council.

During the ensuing discussion, the possibility of grant funding for works at the Pavilion was mooted, and it was suggested that the Bowls and Tennis Clubs may wish to explore this avenue, either singularly or jointly via the Sports and Development Officer of Purbeck District Council.

It was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the request be agreed in principle, pending the outcome of the building survey, and an estimate of costs obtained.

5. **BUDGET REVIEW**

The Clerk presented a statement of season income to 30th November 2002, and the position was noted.

A statement of seasonal income at the Caravan Park to 30th November 2002 was also submitted, for information.

6. **TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Further to the meeting of the Tourism and Environmental Committee held on 11th December 2002, and the constitution of the Committee, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Baume, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Swanage Pier Trust and the Swanage Railway be invited to co-opt a representative to the Committee.

7. **COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE**

A letter dated 2nd November 2002 was submitted from Mrs. P. Fincham requesting permission to site a small commemorative plaque at the Tourist Information Centre in recognition of her late husband's years as Town Crier of Swanage.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the request be agreed in principle, subject to details to be agreed.

8. **TITHE BARN MUSEUM AND ART CENTRE**

Beach Display

A letter dated 28th November 2002 was submitted on behalf of the Tithe Barn Museum and Art Centre outlining the intention to set up some new beach displays, and requesting permission to remove some samples of pebbles and sand from the beach to illustrate the project.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the request be granted.

Heritage Lottery Funding

A letter dated 19th November 2002 was submitted from the Chairman of the Tithe Barn Museum and Art Centre outlining their proposals for building works at the Tithe Barn, and seeking the Council's support for their application for Heritage Lottery Funding.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a letter in support of the application be sent.

9. **ANY OTHER MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**
Isle of Purbeck Indoor Bowling Club

A letter dated 4th December 2002 was submitted from the Isle of Purbeck Indoor Bowling Club stating that the new underlay of the bowls carpet had now been replaced, and requesting that the Council settles the account

as an interim measure.

During the ensuing discussion, concern was expressed that the work had been undertaken without prior consultation with the Council, and it was suggested that the Club prepare an “Action Plan” for repairs and renewals, so that provision could be made for future expenditure.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED:-

That the Council agrees to settle the account on this occasion, but a minimum of 8 weeks notice would be required in future to facilitate the Council’s cashflow.

(b)

Replacement of Photocopier

The Clerk reported on the urgent requirement to replace the photocopier at the Town Hall, and consideration was given to the options (and costs) available. During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to previous negotiations with Purbeck District Council regarding the acquisition of a photocopier, and this was taken into consideration during the debate.

It was RESOLVED:-

That a budget provision of up to £4,500 be made for the purchase of a new photocopier that would link into the existing computer network. This new equipment would be for the Council’s own use.

(c)

Caravan Hire Charges – 2003 Season

A schedule of proposed charges for caravan hire during the 2003 season was submitted for consideration. The prices reflected a 3.5% increase on the 2002 charges.

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

That the scale of proposed letting fees be approved.

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