

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Swanage Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND RESOURCES** matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 19th APRIL 2004** at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor Mrs. C.A. Bartlett

Councillor C.R. Bright

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough

Councillor M.W. Pratt

Councillor M.A. Tyrer

Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon (unit noon).

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Agelink, Mrs. O'Donovan, Suttle, and Trite.

2. **JUSTICES' LICENCES**

a) **Antonio's Italian Restaurant**

A Notice of Application for the grant of a new Justices' Licence in respect of Antonio's Italian Restaurant was submitted for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That no objection be raised to the granting of the Licence.

b) **The Mowlem, Shore Road**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence and the granting of a Gaming Permit in respect of The Mowlem, Shore Road was submitted for consideration.

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

That no objection be raised to the transfer and granting of the Licences.

3. **MERMOND PLACE CAR PARK**

A letter dated 24th March 2004 was submitted from the Adoption and Fostering Unit of Dorset County Council requesting permission to site a promotional bus in Mermond Place Car Park between 9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. on Saturday, 22nd May 2004.

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

That permission be granted.

4. **USE OF SHORE ROAD**

(a) **Wessex Rod and Custom Cars**

A letter dated 18th April 2004 was submitted from the Organiser of the "Wessex Weekender" requesting permission to display their vehicles on Shore Road on Saturday, 19th June 2004.

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

That the request be granted, subject to the

provision of adequate marshalling.

(b)

Weymouth Vehicle Preservation Society

A letter dated 2nd April 2004 was submitted from the Weymouth Vehicle Preservation Society requesting permission to display their vehicles on Shore Road on Sunday, 4th July 2004. The use of the Main Beach Car Park for overflow parking was also requested. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and
RESOLVED:-

That the requests be granted, subject to the provision of adequate marshalling.

Before consideration of the next item, Councillor Bright declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct, by reason of being a member of the Salvation Army, but as his interest was non-pecuniary, remained in the Meeting during the debate.

(c)

Salvation Army

A letter was submitted on behalf of the Swanage Branch of the Salvation Army requesting permission to hold their "Community Hymn Singing" in the vicinity of the former shelter on Shore Road at 7.00 p.m. each Sunday from 30th May to 29th August 2004. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That permission be granted.

5. **SHORE ROAD AND SPA BUNGALOWS – CHARGES 2005**

Consideration was given to the charges to be levied for the hire of Shore Road and Spa bungalows in 2005.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Bright, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the following charges be adopted for 2005:-

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| Easter – 29 th April | £37.00 per week |
| 30 th April – 8 th July | £63.00 per week |
| 9 th July – 2 nd September | £118.00 per week |
| 3 rd September – 30 th September | £63.00 per week |
| 1 st October – 28 th October | £37.00 per week |

The above charges represented an increase of 5%.

6. **ANY OTHER MATTER THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

Swanage Jazz Festival

Further to Minute No. 4 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 15th March 2004, the Mayor reported on a letter received from Mr. F. Lindop of the Swanage Jazz Festival, outlining the requirement for additional car parking facilities on Sandpit Field and requesting that the Council reconsiders its previous decision.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon:-

That a maximum of six vehicles be permitted to park in a designated area on Sandpit Field, with 'access only' being granted for two utility vehicles. Free car parking could be made available for musicians at North Beach Car Park.

Further discussion ensued, following which Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon withdrew her proposal.

It was then proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a maximum of six vehicles be permitted
to park in a designated area on Sandpit Field,
with "access only" being granted for two
utility vehicles. 20 permits for free parking
facilities in North Beach Car Park would be issued,
and 15 reserved spaces in Main Beach Car Park
would be allocated, then normal daily parking
charges to apply.

In agreeing the above concessions, Members stressed that the arrangements had been granted
for the 2005 Festival only, and that a meeting should be held with members of the Jazz Festival
Committee to discuss requirements for future events.

7. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

That, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public
interest by reason of the confidential nature of the
business to be transacted, the public be excluded from
the Meeting during consideration of the following
matters.

8. **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

(a) In response to matters raised by Dorset Police, consideration was given to
recommendations relating to the following:-

Herston Toilets – possible future relocation.

ii) CCTV – Request from the South Purbeck Task Group that consideration
be given to hosting the CCTV monitor at Swanage Police Station.

Concern was expressed at this request, having regard to the hours during which the Police
Station is manned.

It was RESOLVED:-

That access to the CCTV systems should be made available
to the police, but the CCTV monitor should remain in its
present location.

During the discussion, it was noted that additional CCTV cameras were soon to be
installed at the Boat Park, in the vicinity of the Mowlem on Shore Road and the junction of
Shore Road and Victoria Avenue.

Future locations were reconsidered for the siting of CCTV equipment, and it was
proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Tyrer, and RESOLVED
UNANIMOUSLY:-

That priority be given to the sites identified
in the vicinity of Station Road (opposite the
Mowlem), The Town Square, and the junction
of Seymer Road and the High Street.

(b) A letter dated 2nd April 2004 was submitted from a resident in the High Street, outlining
the problems experienced at night on a regular basis in the vicinity of the Town Hall, and
requesting that consideration be given to the removal of the memorial seat which may help to
alleviate the problems.

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

That the memorial seat be removed immediately,
pending consultation regarding a suitable

alternativesite.

9. **BUDGETREVIEW**

(a) **SeasonalIncome-General**

The Clerk submitted a statement of seasonal income for the year ended 31st March 2004, and consideration was given to the information provided. The overall position was noted with satisfaction.

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

Details of seasonal income received to date at the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park were also submitted for information, and the position was noted.

(c) **CashFlow**

The Clerk submitted a Cashflow Forecast, together with details of caravans sales and purchases as at 31st March 2004, for information.

(d) **King George's Field Trust**

The Town Mayor reported on the need to purchase a "broadwalk" and to employ a quantity surveyor in order to progress matters relating to King George's Field.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the sum of up to £5,000 be made available to the King George's Field Trust.

10. **CAPITALPROGRAMME**

The Town Mayor updated Members on the latest position regarding the refurbishment of the toilets and the construction of beach huts at Burlington Chine.

Favourable negotiations had taken place with the neighbouring landowners, as a result of which seven beach huts were now under construction.

It was anticipated that these would be available by mid-June 2004, and discussion ensued regarding the Council's policy to be adopted for the huts.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Clerk be instructed to appoint a nominated local estate agent as sole agent to market the huts at the suggested selling price and to seek advice regarding the leasehold term and maintenance agreements.

During the discussion, it was noted that a metered water supply had previously been available outside of the toilet block, and it was agreed that during the refurbishment works, this should be relocated inside the building.

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Bright declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct, by reason of being a private site user, but as his interest was non-prejudicial, remained in the Meeting during the discussion.

11. **PRIVATE BEACH HUTS SITES**

Further to Minute No. 3 of the Meeting of the Beaches and Foreshore Best Value Working Group held on 27th February 2004, and a subsequent meeting with private beach huts site hirers, the Clerk updated those present on the latest position regarding the sites available.

The waiting list for huts/sites had now been considerably reduced, and, following discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That letters be sent to all those on the waiting list

offering a hut and private huts site for the sum of £600 (which included a premium for the first year). Priority should be given strictly in chronological order.
