

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council, held at the Town Hall, Swanage, on
MONDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER 2002 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: -

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

Councillor G.A. Baume
Councillor Mrs. J. A. Farrow
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough
Councillor Mrs. G. A. Marsh
Councillor J Roscoe
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor W. S. Trite
Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon
Councillor M. R. Woolley

48. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for her inability to attend the Meeting was received from
Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan.

49. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
held on 29th July 2002 be approved as a correct
record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Council held to discuss planning and other matters
on 9th August 2002 be approved as a correct record
and signed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Council held to discuss policy and resources matters
on 19th August 2002 be approved as a correct record
and signed.

50. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor
Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED:-

That the notes on the Public Participation Time held
on 29th July 2002 be accepted.

51. **CARAVAN PARK BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor
Roscoe, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Best Value Working Group held on 29th July 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

52. **CAR PARKS BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Car Parks Best Value Working Group held on 29th July 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed.

53. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) The Mayor was delighted to report on the town's recent success in winning the "Southern England in Bloom" Coastal Resorts category. He acknowledged the sterling work undertaken by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough and the "Swanage in Bloom" Committee, and Mr. Geoff Brookes, the Council's Operations Manager, and his workforce. His comments were endorsed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon.

(b) The Mayor reported on the publication of "Swanage Matters", the Council's first newsletter. This document had been circulated to residents through the "Purbeck Gazette", and had been well received. As previously agreed, it was intended that this newsletter would be published on a three monthly basis.

54. **TOWN PARTNERSHIP**

(a) **Coastal and Market Town Initiative**

The Clerk presented the "Expression of Interest" for Swanage in the Coastal and Market Town Initiative. This document had been drafted as a result of many months of hard work undertaken by interested parties representing many organisations and agencies, and had identified strengths and weaknesses in many varied aspects. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Roscoe, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That the Town Council gives its full support to the "Expression of Interest".

(b) **Vital Villages – Parish Plan**

The Clerk referred to a leaflet, published by the Countryside Agency, entitled "Vital Villages – Parish and town plans grant". He explained funding that may be available through the Coastal and Market Town Initiative, and, following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED:-

That the Town Council fully supports the Swanage Town Partnership in its application for grant aid, and allocates a sum of up to £500 in support of the application.

55. **SWANAGE COMMUNITY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

A letter dated 26th August 2002 was submitted from the Chair of the Swanage Community Sports Partnership, updating Members on the project, and inviting Council representation on their steering committee.

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

That the Town Mayor (Councillor Miller) and Councillor Trite be nominated to represent the Council on the Community Sports Partnership Steering Committee.

56. **ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE TOWN MAYOR DECIDES ARE URGENT**

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

57. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of July 2002 were submitted.

58. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

It was proposed by Councillor Woolley, seconded by Councillor Trite, and RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Order on Treasurer Nos. 5, 5a and 5b, amounting to £131,395.58, £33,446.04 and £89,316.36 respectively, be paid and that cheques be drawn therefor.

59. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 31st July 2002 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.

60. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, 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.

61. **CARAVAN PARK – SALES ADMINISTRATION**

Consideration was given to the introduction of temporary arrangements for the sale of caravans at the Caravan Park. Proposals had been submitted from two interested parties, and detailed consideration was given to the terms and conditions contained therein.

It was proposed by Councillor Baume, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the proposals submitted by Southern Counties Leisure be accepted.