NOTES on the <u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> <u>TIME</u> held on <u>MONDAY</u>, 24th <u>FEBRUARY</u>, <u>2003</u> in the Town Hall, Swanage at 7 o'clock p.m.

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 22 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Councillor Miller (Town Mayor) welcomed those present, and invited questions from the audience.

MRS. B. BRADFORD referred to the stream in Court Road and enquired what steps had been taken to address the frequent flooding problems that occurred in the area. She was informed by the <u>TOWN MAYOR</u> that some work had been undertaken by Dorset County Council, but the main blockage was beneath property in private ownership. It was understood that an Order to carry out clearance work had been served on the owner, and failure to respond would result in Purbeck District Council carrying out the work and recovering the costs involved.

<u>MR. J. HOLLYWOOD</u>, on behalf of the local Football Clubs, thanked the Mayor for the undertaking to carry out certain works to the temporary changing facilities in King George's Field.

MR. C. BRIGHT enquired as to what had happened to the equipment at the Skate Park in King George's Field. The TOWN MAYOR explained that, following a recent inspection by ROSPA, the subsequent report had condemned all of the equipment as being unsafe. Under Health and Safety Regulations, the Council was obliged to remove all items immediately. He was extremely sympathetic with the youngsters and was actively seeking funds to purchase new equipment for the Skate Park as soon as possible.
