

NOTES on the **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
TIME held on **MONDAY, 24th JUNE, 2002**
in the Town Hall, Swanage at 7 o'clock p.m.

In addition to Members of the Council and officers,
approx. 25 members of the public attended the Meeting.

In the absence of a clergyman, Councillor Mrs. Marsh offered a short prayer
before the commencement of the Meeting.

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

MR. C. BRIGHT referred to the proposal to erect beach huts on the grassed area in the
vicinity of the Tourist Information Centre, and was informed that it was not intended to
progress the matter. He then referred to the CCTV system that had recently been
installed and enquired how many cameras were linked to the control centre. He was
informed by the Town Clerk that two fixed cameras and one operator controlled camera
were linked directly to the system. In addition, the police had a "hotspot" camera
which could be used in various locations.

MRS. M. DIGHT expressed the opinion that the seating around the Bandstand was not
adequate to meet public demand, and enquired if it was intended to re-instate some of
these seats that had been removed. The Operations Manager explained that the area had
suffered as a result of vandalism, and that there was no additional seating available for
replacement at the present time. It was hoped that more seating would be provided in
the future, if budget constraints would allow.

MRS. DIGHT referred to the traffic regulations affecting Shore Road and enquired
who was responsible for enforcement action. She was informed that from the 1st July
2002 such matters came under the decriminalisation laws and, as such, became the
responsibility of Dorset County Council and its traffic wardens. The nuisance caused
by cyclists in the "closed" section of Shore Road would be brought to the attention of
the Town Council's Beach Inspectors. The County Councillor, who was present at the
meeting, agreed to make representation to the appropriate department.

DR. THOMAS updated those present on the Internet facilities provided for Swanage,
with a total of approximately 213 websites now available to surfers. The Town
Council's website had been very successfully enhanced, and the Purbeck District
Council's website was proving popular. Access to Council Minutes and other general
information was also now available through this source.

Other items mentioned were:-

- Litter bins.
- Private beach hut sites.
- Community Wardens.

