

NOTES on the **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
TIME held on **MONDAY, 25th MARCH**
2002 in the Town Hall, Swanage at 7 o'clock p.m.

In addition to Members of the Council and officers,
approx. 16 members of the public attended the Meeting.

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

MR. C. BRIGHT referred to the recent Public Exhibition and presentation of the strategy for coastal and flood protection in the area between Durlston Head and South Haven Point. He was aware of the limited publicity given to the Exhibition by Purbeck District Council, and thanked the Town Council for contacting interested groups at short notice.

MRS. M. DIGHT enquired whether the "Swanage Caravan Park" was to be officially re-named "Swanage Bay View Holiday Park". She was informed by Mr. Kevin Martyn-Jones, the General Manager, that it was intended to phase in the new name during the forthcoming year.

MR. I. LLOYD drew attention to the traffic problems in the High Street, particularly as this was designated as the preferred route for heavy commercial vehicles. He made specific mention of the areas in the vicinity of the Baptist Church and Knapp Stores, and was of the opinion that parking restrictions should be introduced in these areas. In reply, the **TOWN MAYOR** explained that, at the last Traffic Regulation Review undertaken by Dorset County Council, the parked vehicles were considered to act as a "natural traffic calming" measure. The next review would be undertaken in approximately 18 months time, and any new proposals should be submitted, in the first instance to the Town Council for consideration.

MR. I. LAWSON enquired whether "sleeping policemen" could be introduced as a traffic calming measure on Shore Road. He was informed that this was unlikely, as this was classified as an "A" road (main thoroughfare), and such measures were considered to be inappropriate on these roads.

MR. A. ALDRIDGE enquired as to the latest position regarding the post of Sports and Recreation Officer, and was informed by **COUNCILLOR TRITE** that Purbeck District Council had guaranteed funding for the post for a two-year period.

Other items mentioned by **MR. BRIGHT** included:-

- Allotments;
- Ownership of Scout Hut in Court Road;
- Renovation of seats, and
- The proposals for King George V Playing Fields scheme.
