

**NOTES** on the **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
**TIME** held on **MONDAY, 26th JANUARY**  
**2004** in the Town Hall, Swanage at 7 o'clock p.m.

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

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

**MR. GEORGE WILLEY** referred to the proposed closure of Leeson House, and commended the actions of Councillor Donald Hiatt (DCC) which had resulted in a deferment of the closure for one year to enable alternative sources of funding to be investigated. Town Councillors wholeheartedly endorsed Mr. Willey's comments.

**MR. M. HADLEY** enquired whether the speed restrictions in Swanage Bay would be extended to Peveril Point, and referred to a letter he had sent to the Town Council in this regard. His main concerns related to jet skis and the safety of other waterborne craft in the area. He reported on regulations that had been introduced by Poole Borough Council, and also that a representative from a national body of personal watercraft users would be willing to address the Town Council on the matter if they so wished. In reply, the **TOWN CLERK** confirmed that detailed consideration had been given to the matter by the Boat Park Best Value Working Group. The Working Group had been given delegated authority by the Town Council to progress the matter with Purbeck District Council (the authority responsible for the byelaws affecting Swanage Bay), but matters relating to administration, policing and enforcement had yet to be resolved.

**MRS. B. BRADFORD** drew attention to a water tank at the top of South Road that was unsightly and full of rubbish. She was given an assurance by the **TOWN MAYOR** that the matter would be investigated and appropriate action taken.

**MR. R. TAYLOR** mentioned the proposed change of use of the Alexander Restaurant in Institute Road to a betting shop.

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