

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

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 8 members of the public attended the Meeting.

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

**MR. C. BRIGHT** was pleased to note that the Heritage Centre toilets were now open daily (with the exception of the previous weekend – due to the bad weather and high seas) and enquired how long it was intended to provide this service. He was given an assurance by the **TOWN MAYOR** that this practice would continue indefinitely, provided no serious problems i.e. vandalism were experienced.

**MR. BRIGHT** then referred to the closure of Shore Road, and was informed by the **OPERATIONS MANAGER** that this was due to damage to the drains caused by the storm on the previous Friday evening. The matter was being dealt with by Dorset County Council.

**MRS. M. DIGHT** drew attention to the yellow floats that were still in the sea, and enquired if they were 5 knot marker buoys or related to the “safe bathing zone”. It was agreed that this matter be referred to Purbeck District Council, being the authority responsible for waterborne activities.

**MR. BRIGHT** referred to the privately-owned beach huts on the promenade at the northern end of the beach, and enquired whether planning permission was necessary for their construction. He made particular mention of a specific hut, and expressed concern at the potential hazard that may be caused to pedestrians using the public right of way in front of the hut. He was informed that planning consent must be obtained, and that all beach hut owners had a “Duty of Care” towards the general public.

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