

NOTES on the **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
TIME held on **MONDAY, 29th APRIL 2002**
in the Town Hall, Swanage at 7 o'clock p.m.

In addition to Members of the Council and officers,
approx. 26 members of the public attended the Meeting.

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

MR. FOOKS was appreciative of the repairs that had recently been carried out to the footpath north of Burlington Chine (not undertaken by the Town Council), and requested an update regarding the refurbishment of the toilets. He was informed by the **OPERATIONS MANAGER** that work was now progressing – the contractor had removed the pumps for repair, and it was anticipated that these would be reinstated early in May.

MR. A. TURNER referred to a recent article in the local press, and enquired as to the Council's proposals regarding the possible closure of Shore Road. The **TOWN MAYOR** explained that a presentation had been given to the Council in January 2002, but Members had agreed to take no further action in the matter. Should it be decided to progress the matter in the future, any proposals would be widely advertised and subject to public consultation.

MR. C. BRIGHT expressed his appreciation of the repairs that had recently been carried out to the slipway at the Boat Park, and suggested that the facilities available should be more widely advertised.

MR. K. WINTER enquired whether the Council had any plans to develop the Prospect allotment site, and was given an assurance by the **TOWN MAYOR** that this was not so.

MRS. V. FAWKE expressed her concern at the proposal to site beach huts on the grassed area in the vicinity of the Tourist Information Centre. She was of the opinion that the huts would be visually detrimental to the area, and would restrict its use by members of the general public. The **TOWN CLERK** explained that it was not possible to erect huts on the beach for the forthcoming season due to the lack of sand and general coastal erosion. The proposal had been put forward in order to provide facilities for holidaymakers, and to generate some income towards reducing the Council's overall debt.

Other items mentioned included:-

- a) Re-routing of footpaths at the Caravan Park - (Clerk to meet with DCC Rights of Way Officer the following day);
- b) Closure of Beach Gardens and Heritage Centre toilets during Easter holiday - (staffing difficulties);
- c) Gradient of pathway at Buck Shore;
- d) Tap at Ocean Bay;
- e) Advertising boards at Tourist Information Centre;

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