

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

In addition to Members of the Council and officers,  
approx. 80 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Councillor Miller (Town Mayor) welcomed Rev. Brian Hesketh, who  
offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Before inviting questions from the audience, Councillor Miller reported  
on the resignation of the General Manager at the Caravan Park.

**MRS. V. FAWKE** enquired whether the Council had been approached regarding the  
sale of any Council-owned land to the north of Victoria Avenue, and was informed by  
the Town Mayor that no such approach had been made.

**MR. C. BRIGHT** referred to the street traders that were operating in the town and  
enquired whether any form of licence/permit was necessary. The Town Clerk replied  
that a "pedlar's" licence should be obtained from Purbeck District Council before  
trading commenced.

Members of the audience expressed concern at rumours that were circulating regarding  
the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park. The Town Mayor replied that the Council had  
issued a statement, clarifying the facts and, hopefully, addressing the concerns of  
residents and caravan owners alike. The Town Clerk explained the aims of the Council  
to up-grade the Park to "4-5 star" status, and the changes that would be necessary to  
achieve this prestigious award. He also explained the financial implications and the  
overall benefit to the town from the increased revenue.

Other concerns raised included:-

- Facilities available for use by local residents throughout the year.
- Private leisure club.
- Reduction/disposal of caravan letting fleet.
- New site agreement.
- Disabled parking.
- Accommodation for Caravan Park Manager.

Many caravan owners were present at the meeting, and it was requested that regular  
meetings be held with the Council to discuss ideas and proposals.

The Town Mayor informed those present that plans for alterations and refurbishment of  
the Vista Complex were currently awaited from the Council's architect and when these  
were available a public meeting would be held to discuss these and other matters raised.

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