

NOTES on the **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME** held on **MONDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 2002** in the Town Hall, Swanage at 7 o'clock p.m.

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, approx. 28 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Councillor Miller (Town Mayor) welcomed those present, and, in view of recent speculation, issued a Public Statement regarding the seafront proposals.

After reading the Statement, he opened the Meeting for general discussion, and invited questions from the audience.

MISS K. SPURLING referred to the spiralling house prices in Swanage, which was proving prohibitive for first-time buyers, and forcing young local people to move out of the area. She enquired whether the Council could introduce any restrictive covenants regarding the sale of certain properties. **THE TOWN MAYOR** acknowledged the difficulties (which had also been identified by the Town Partnership) and suggested that Miss Spurling raise the matter at a Public Participation Time held at Purbeck District Council.

MR. K. FISHER expressed his appreciation of the Council in keeping the toilet facilities open at Burlington Chine during the summer season, when the private contractor failed to meet his obligations in this regard. He then referred to the structural condition of the building, in particular the roof, and requested that a meeting be held to discuss the matter at some time in the autumn. Photographs to substantiate his comments were produced.

MR. B. KNOWLES questioned the general planning procedure, and made specific reference to a recent planning application that had been approved by Purbeck District Council, in spite of objections from local residents in the area, and against the recommendations of the Town Council. **COUNCILLOR MRS. WHEELDON** explained the Code of Conduct by which Councillors were bound, and gave background information on the planning application referred to. Her comments were endorsed by the **TOWN MAYOR** and **COUNCILLOR TRITE**.

In answer to a question, the **TOWN CLERK** reported that temporary arrangements had been introduced at the Caravan Park, pending the appointment of a new Manager.
