

Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall on **Wednesday 5th May 2010 at 2.15 p.m.**

Chairman: -

Councillor S. Poultney Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor B. Audley Swanage Town Council

Councillor Mrs A. Patrick Swanage Town Council
(until 3.20 p.m.)

Councillor M. Whitwam Swanage Town Council

Councillor W. Trite Swanage Town Council

Councillor A. Wiggins Swanage Town Council

Also Present: -

Dr M. Ayres Acting Town Clerk

Mr G. Brookes Operations Manager
(until 3.25 p.m.)

Mrs C. Anstey Administration Assistant

Mr M. Dean Swanage Railway

Ms K. Black Durlston Country Park

Mr I. McKenzie Purbeck Cycling Club

Public Participation Time

There was one member of the public in attendance.

MR JAMES raised concerns with the traffic survey carried out by Dorset County Council and encouraged the Town Council to promote greater usage of North Beach Car Park. He further proposed that Shore Road should be restricted to a 20mph speed limit and no parking of any vehicles be allowed in the peak season due to serious concerns with safety.

1) **Apologies**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Bright and Hadley.

2) **Matters arising from Minutes of the Transport Committee Meeting held on 14th October 2009**

With reference to concerns raised by Mr Dymond during public participation time it was reported that a meeting with Dorset County Council's Highways Technical Officer had taken place. It was noted that Dorset County Council were unable to implement any major changes in traffic flow due to budgetary restraints.

3) **Introduction of Durlston Shuttle Bus**

Further to minute 6)e) of the Transport Committee held on 17th February 2010 it was reported that funding for the Durlston Shuttle Bus had now been agreed. A service had been scheduled from the 19th June to the 26th September 2010, costing £1 per trip and if successful would become a regular service. Advertising leaflets with a timetable would be distributed. It was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Whitwam and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That agreement be granted for the use of Main Beach car park as a drop off / pick up point for the Durlston Shuttle Bus, subject to consultation with the Town Council's Operations Manager.

4) **Dorset County Council – Possible introduction of on-street parking meters**

It was reported that Dorset County Council were in the early stages of considering the introduction of parking meters in Swanage. Initial proposals would see their installation along Station Road, Shore Road and De Moulham Road (to operate seasonally in this location). It was noted that the revenue from this scheme would accrue to Dorset County Council. The view was expressed that parking meters would be out of keeping with Swanage's marketing strategy as a Victorian seaside resort. Concern was also expressed about the negative impact of this proposal on those who worked in the town centre and out of necessity relied on on-street parking. The potential extension of this to other streets in the town was also grounds for concern. It was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Mrs Patrick and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

TO RECOMMEND:

That the Town Council write to Dorset County Council objecting to the introduction of parking meters in Swanage.

5) **Dorset County Council – Traffic flow survey – Update**

It was reported that despite Dorset County Council having undertaken a traffic flow survey in Swanage during 2009 no action had been taken to analyse the data, and that it was unlikely that any changes would be implemented due to lack of funding. It was noted that at the time the survey was commissioned, concerns were expressed regarding safety issues at certain locations, including the Lower High Street. It was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Whitwam and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the Town Council write to Dorset County Council and make clear its strong desire for action to be taken in analysing the data collected from the traffic flow survey.

6) **Parking permits for accommodation providers – Consideration of applicability to all long stay car parks**

Further to minute 3) of the Transport Committee Meeting held 17th February 2010, an e-mail had been received requesting that seasonal parking permits be applicable for all long stay car parks. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Mrs Patrick and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That North Beach and Broad Road car parks be included in the scheme: a maximum of twelve permits for cars only to be issued for Broad Road car park, with the financial impact being reviewed after one year.

7) **Peveiril Point Parking Scheme – Possible provision of a disabled parking bay**

It was reported by the Operations Manager that this matter had been investigated and various difficulties had become apparent in providing a suitable disabled parking bay. It was AGREED:

That the Council's officers progress the matter and hold informal talks with the fishermen and R.N.L.I. to attempt to secure a parking bay for people with restricted mobility.

8) **Provision of Grit Bins**

Further to a letter received from Dorset County Council regarding Community Self-Help during extreme weather, it was reported that local farmers would be unable to help in spreading grit. It was noted that grit bins had been allocated in previous years and had been open to abuse. Concern was also expressed over potential Health and Safety issues if Swanage Town Council were to spread the grit without authorisation. However, after a brief discussion it was noted that although Dorset County Council are ultimately the Highway Authority responsible for gritting roads, the Town Council should seek to find a way to assist where possible. It was RESOLVED:

That the Town Council contact Dorset County Council to convene a meeting to discuss the future gritting arrangements for Swanage prior to winter 2010/11.

It was further AGREED:

That officers make enquiries of other local authorities to seek guidance on their policy regarding grit bins.

9) **Bus Shelter on Ulwell Road - Update**

Further to minute 2) of the Transport Committee Meeting held 17th February 2010 it was reported that the Council were unable to source a new bus shelter from Wilts and Dorset. It was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Trite and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

TO RECOMMEND:

That the Town Council apply to the De Moulham Trust to fund a new bus shelter and approach Dorset County Council to remove and dispose of the existing structure.

10) **Cycle Racks outside Library**

Attention was drawn to the fact that the cycle racks outside the Library had yet to be installed. It was AGREED:

That the Chairman put this matter before the next meeting of the Purbeck Transport Action Group due to take place on 9th June 2010.

11) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

It was reported that Swanage Railway had been granted an extension of three months to the 31st July 2010, to secure funding for the re-signalling work required to re-establish the rail link between Wareham and Swanage.

Mr McKenzie drew attention to the need to consider walking as a mode of transport in setting future agendas.

Further to minute 2) of the Transport Committee Meeting held 17th February 2010, two parking bays in the Co-Op car park had been secured to convert to motorcycle parking bays and consideration would now be given to the implementation of this decision by the Council's officers.

12) Date of next meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday 13th October 2010.

The meeting closed at 3.35 p.m.
