

SUPPORTING PAPERS - 30TH OCTOBER 2017

Agenda Item 5 (a)

SWANAGE TOWN COUNCIL

Statement of Cash Balance as at 30th September 2017

	£ p	£ p
Balance in Hand at 01/04/2017		£2,827,351.39 Cr
Income to 31/08/2017	£1,414,524.22 Cr	
Investment Income	£3,722.13 Cr	
Cancelled cheque	£202.00 Cr	
Income during period	<u>£462,602.98 Cr</u>	<u>£1,881,051.33 Cr</u>
		<u>£4,708,402.72 Cr</u>
Less payments made:		
As per Reconciliation dated 31/08/2017	£2,514,502.57 Dr	
Schedule 6 payments dated 21/09/2017	£149,929.07 Dr	
less schedule 6 payments made to 31/08/2017	<u>£14,538.47 Cr</u>	
	<u>£2,649,893.17 Dr</u>	
Schedule 7 payments made to 30/09/2017	<u>£88.96 Dr</u>	<u>£2,649,982.13 Dr</u>
		<u>£2,058,420.59 Cr</u>
Balance at Bank		
Current Account		£514,285.13 Cr
Deposit Account		£784,061.01 Cr
Investment Account		£781,163.05 Cr
Credit Card Account		<u>£0.00 Cr</u>
		<u>£2,079,509.19 Cr</u>
Unpresented Cheques		
014470	£239.36	
014824	£250.00	
014832	£50.00	
014889	£56.52	
014930	£21.54	
014945	£188.54	
014946	£40.20	
014947	£13,169.00	
014948	£454.48	
014949	£6,593.96	
014950	<u>£25.00 Dr</u>	<u>£21,088.60 Dr</u>
		<u>£2,058,420.59 Cr</u>

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief this is a true and accurate Statement of the Town Council's Cash Balance as at 30th September 2017

Prepared by



Dated: 2nd October 2017

Certified by



Dated: 2nd October 2017

Agenda Item 6-Payment of Accounts

SWANAGE TOWN COUNCIL

Year Ending 31st March, 2018.

Payment schedule to be approved at the Monthly Meeting Monday 30th October 2017

Schedule 7:

You are hereby authorised and ordered to pay to the persons named in the schedule hereto the sums set opposite their respective names, amounting in aggregate to:

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOUR POUNDS AND NINE PENCE..... (£274,464.09).....

Countersigned

.....
Clerk of the Council

Signed

..... Mayor of the Council.

..... Two Members

..... of the Council.

Swanage Town Council
Schedule of Payments - Month 7

Cheques

Date	Name	Inv Ref	Inv Date	Details		Payment Total	Chq number
02/10/2017	DVLA	n/a	30/09/2017	HF63 XZA Road Tax		240.00	014951
02/10/2017	Swanage Town Council	n/a	02/10/2017	TIC-Petty Cash Sundry		98.69	014952
13/10/2017	water2business	9650727	21/09/2017	Water - H1 Mermond	1,947.27		
13/10/2017	water2business	9387017	21/09/2017	Water - H1	12.53		
13/10/2017	water2business	9651876	25/09/2017	Water - H1	12.18		
13/10/2017	water2business	20891587	25/09/2017	Water - H1	14.42	1,986.40	014953
13/10/2017	CRS Ltd	43307	30/09/2017	Q2 Income payment		58,459.49	014954
20/10/2017	Swanage Town Council	n/a	20/10/2017	Town Hall-Petty Cash Sundry		61.03	014955
20/10/2017	DVLA	n/a	20/10/2017	HG60 GYC Road Tax		240.00	014956
24/10/2017	Refund	Spa 18	24/10/2017	Beach Hut Refund-Spa 18		75.20	014957
24/10/2017	Refund	Shore 51	24/10/2017	Beach Hut Refund-Shore 51		30.00	014958
24/10/2017	Roz Walters	Sept inv	30/09/2017	Greeting Cards x 14	29.40		
24/10/2017	Roz Walters	Sept Inv	30/09/2017	Postcards x 30	18.00	47.40	014959
24/10/2017	water2business	30417147	17/10/2017	Water-H1	16.60		
24/10/2017	water2business	9602801	11/10/2017	Water-H1	94.68		
24/10/2017	water2business	9604615	11/10/2017	Water-H1	719.55		
24/10/2017	water2business	9651384	13/10/2017	Water-H1 Heritage	3,156.18		
24/10/2017	water2business	9010220	17/10/2017	Water-H1 PPoint	656.04		
24/10/2017	water2business	9010220	17/10/2017	Water-H1	27.98		
24/10/2017	water2business	29225149	17/10/2017	Water-H1 rebill	(46.47)		
24/10/2017	water2business	9010220	17/10/2017	Water-H1	877.11		
24/10/2017	water2business	9010220	18/10/2017	Water-H1 MBeach	1,696.84	7,198.51	014960
Total of Cheques (signed out of meeting)						68,436.72	

Direct Debits & Standing Orders

Date	Name	Inv Ref	Inv Date	Details		Payment Total	
10/10/2017	Barclaycard Merchant Services	40854628	30/09/2017	September Charges	42.71		
10/10/2017	Barclaycard Merchant Services	40854628	30/09/2017	September Fees	32.88	75.59	
09/10/2017	EE	V01406197214	29/09/2017	Mobile contract MA	27.60		
09/10/2017	EE	V01406197214	29/09/2017	Mobile contract Depot x 5	108.68	136.28	
09/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48416	07/10/2017	ADSL & email	114.00		
09/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48417	09/10/2017	Broadband TIC	42.00		
10/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48429	10/10/2017	ADSL-MA	34.80		
19/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48499	19/10/2017	ADSL-GB	34.80	225.60	
25/09/2017	Lloyds Bank PLC	234656198	05/09/2017	August charges	45.30		
16/10/2017	Lloyds Bank PLC	236310800	12/09/2017	Banking Charges	862.63		
23/10/2017	Lloyds Bank PLC	237055974	05/10/2017	Sept bank charges	57.30	965.23	
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300022814	01/10/2017	Rates-September	664.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300022652	01/10/2017	Rates-September	524.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300690505	01/10/2017	Rates-September	932.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300023460	01/10/2017	Rates-September	544.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300040809	01/10/2017	Rates-September	115.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300024430	01/10/2017	Rates-September	154.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300024278	01/10/2017	Rates-September	238.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300040045	01/10/2017	Rates-September	666.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300023897	01/10/2017	Rates-September	1,760.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300023622	01/10/2017	Rates-September	149.25		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300023622	01/10/2017	Rates-September	149.25		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300023622	01/10/2017	Rates-September	530.50		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300237291	01/10/2017	Rates-September	171.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300024605	01/10/2017	Rates-September	2,492.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300024867	01/10/2017	Rates-September	96.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300703502	01/10/2017	Rates-September	1,513.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300641716	01/10/2017	Rates-September	570.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300026218	01/10/2017	Rates-September	765.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300026807	01/10/2017	Rates-September	121.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300027026	01/10/2017	Rates-September	573.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300026483	01/10/2017	Rates-September	156.00		
02/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	300502198	01/10/2017	Rates-September	284.00	13,169.00	
Total of Direct Debit & Standing Orders						14,571.70	

BACS

Date	Name	Inv Ref	Inv Date	Details		Payment Total
17/10/2017	Ace Office Environments Ltd.	854744	29/09/2017	KF Storage Bags	22.79	
17/10/2017	Ace Office Environments Ltd.	854744	29/09/2017	KF15758 Calculator	10.46	
17/10/2017	Ace Office Environments Ltd.	854744	29/09/2017	KF02623 Cash Box	13.38	
17/10/2017	Ace Office Environments Ltd.	854744	29/09/2017	WAC13336 First Aid Medium Refill	23.99	
17/10/2017	Ace Office Environments Ltd.	854744	29/09/2017	SJA75480 Plasters	4.02	
17/10/2017	Ace Office Environments Ltd.	854744	29/09/2017	SJA75070 Hand Sanitiser	3.19	
17/10/2017	Ace Office Environments Ltd.	854744	29/09/2017	EB6847X Rubber Bands no. 38	3.34	81.17
31/10/2017	Ace Office Environments Ltd.	856887	23/10/2017	Stationery		42.79
31/10/2017	Danny Alder	Re:22973	20/10/2017	Hired services Badger control		1,302.60
17/10/2017	Allied Drinks Devon & Cornwall Ltd	DHV 17475	13/09/2017	Cappuccino and Chocolate for Beach Gardens	20.74	
17/10/2017	Allied Drinks Devon & Cornwall Ltd	DHV 17475	13/09/2017	Delivery Charge	7.80	28.54
17/10/2017	AquAid (Southcoast)	287528	31/08/2017	Water for TIC	28.08	
17/10/2017	AquAid (Southcoast)	290135	01/10/2017	Water TH x 2	18.72	
17/10/2017	AquAid (Southcoast)	290136	01/10/2017	drinking water	52.07	98.87
17/10/2017	Aster Living	SINV166475	04/10/2017	Quarterly fee Q3		408.10
31/10/2017	Badgemaster Limited	50814	04/10/2017	Name badge		9.24
17/10/2017	BDO LLP	1654340	21/09/2017	2016/17 External Audit		2,880.00
31/10/2017	Canford Drains	56002	09/10/2017	Gully/drain clearance PP		313.80
17/10/2017	Century 21 Business	113314	25/09/2017	Toshiba Copy Plan 3555	141.81	
17/10/2017	Century 21 Business	113425	27/09/2017	Century 21 Plan - Sep	379.54	
17/10/2017	Century 21 Business	113512	30/09/2017	Olivetti Hire Q3	216.00	
17/10/2017	Century 21 Business	113512	30/09/2017	Toshiba 2555 Hire Q3	360.00	
17/10/2017	Century 21 Business	113512	30/09/2017	Toshiba 3555 Hire Q3	360.00	1,457.35
17/10/2017	City Cruises	Cancel	13/10/2017	Cancelled cheque-Repaid by Bacs		239.36
17/10/2017	C.K. Communications	21384	01/10/2017	Radiolink-Oct		96.00
31/10/2017	Croydecycle	9517	02/10/2017	Swanage/Studland Walking Mpas		100.00
17/10/2017	DAPTC	17/188	21/09/2017	Good Councillors Guide		52.50
31/10/2017	DAPTC	17/248	16/10/2017	Clerks Seminar		120.00
31/10/2017	Dorset County Pension Fund	Month 7	20/10/2017	Month 7 Pension Contributions	11,641.16	
31/10/2017	Dorset County Pension Fund	Month 7	20/10/2017	Month 7 CAYS	220.57	11,861.73
31/10/2017	Dorchester Agricultural Society	36	13/10/2017	Agency Ticket Sales		872.96
31/10/2017	Dorset Plants	22040	17/10/2017	Winter bedding plants		109.32
17/10/2017	Dorset County Council	2800134838	28/09/2017	Welcome to Purbeck signs		2,389.07
31/10/2017	Dorset County Council	2800138233	20/10/2017	Dorset Coast Forum AGM - Poole CM	35.00	
31/10/2017	Dorset County Council	2800138233	20/10/2017	Dorset Coast Forum AGM - Poole MA	35.00	70.00
17/10/2017	Eagle Plant	BOU2105730	30/09/2017	container hire depot	70.56	
17/10/2017	Eagle Plant	WAR2105729	30/09/2017	changing facilities football - Install 15th Sep 17 to	392.40	
17/10/2017	Eagle Plant	BOU9921	30/09/2017	container storage Youth Football	80.64	543.60
25/09/2017	EE	V01386425190	05/09/2017	GB Mobile plan		43.66
17/10/2017	Emmanuel Baptist Church	Re:28/09/17	27/09/2017	Room Hire - St Marks School playing field		42.50
31/10/2017	The Festive Lighting Co. Ltd.	15646	11/10/2017	Christmas lights maintenance equipment	362.40	
31/10/2017	The Festive Lighting Co. Ltd.	15646	11/10/2017	delivery	24.00	
31/10/2017	The Festive Lighting Co. Ltd.	15707	20/10/2017	Mains connectors	94.50	480.90
17/10/2017	Fireline Ltd	53256	02/10/2017	Annual Fire Risk Assessment -BG	252.46	
17/10/2017	Fireline Ltd	53258	02/10/2017	Annual Fire Risk Assessment -TIC	252.46	
17/10/2017	Fireline Ltd	53257	02/10/2017	Annual Fire Risk Assessment-TH	436.06	940.98
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48225	12/09/2017	Public Wifi	46.80	
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48225	12/09/2017	Acronis -Cloud back up	8.92	
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48299	21/09/2017	Public Wifi	46.80	
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48299	21/09/2017	Clr E mail management	42.00	
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48385	03/10/2017	Call usage outside call plan - 2nd July - 1st Oct 20	66.53	
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48388	04/10/2017	SIP number and Call Plan	119.99	
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48401	06/10/2017	Annual Maintenance Contract	64.37	
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48401	06/10/2017	On Site support	43.20	
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48401	06/10/2017	Remote Support	76.80	
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48401	06/10/2017	Server Support	102.00	
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48433	11/10/2017	Acronis Cloud backup	79.20	
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48433	11/10/2017	Office 365 Exchange	83.83	
17/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48433	11/10/2017	Web Protection	54.00	834.44
31/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48448	12/10/2017	Acronis Cloud backup	8.92	
31/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48448	12/10/2017	Public Wifi	46.80	
31/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48532	21/10/2017	Clr E mail management	42.00	
31/10/2017	Four County Services Ltd.	48532	21/10/2017	Public Wifi	46.80	144.52

17/10/2017	G4S Cash Solutions (UK) Ltd	80112764	31/08/2017	Aug Cash processing	4,221.56	
17/10/2017	G4S Cash Solutions (UK) Ltd	80112764	31/08/2017	Aug Cash processing	45.56	
17/10/2017	G4S Cash Solutions (UK) Ltd	379373	02/10/2017	Sept/Oct reductions	(1,655.98)	
17/10/2017	G4S Cash Solutions (UK) Ltd	2116346	02/10/2017	Local Banking-Nov	383.26	
17/10/2017	G4S Cash Solutions (UK) Ltd	2116346	02/10/2017	Local Banking-Nov	383.26	
17/10/2017	G4S Cash Solutions (UK) Ltd	2116346	02/10/2017	Cash Collection-November	1,668.34	5,046.00
31/10/2017	Great Dorset Steam Fair Ltd	243/17	13/09/2017	Agency Ticket Sales		1,213.20
17/10/2017	Greenham Trading Ltd.	S954500	25/09/2017	black rubbish bags		538.02
31/10/2017	Greenham Trading Ltd.	04/166736	11/10/2017	H & S Clothing		412.55
17/10/2017	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Event 14/10/17	03/10/2017	Agency Ticket Sales		84.60
17/10/2017	A.R. Harris & Son	24640	16/09/2017	Arts Club Hut-electrical safety inspection	24.00	
17/10/2017	A.R. Harris & Son	24740	04/10/2017	building electrical test & Equit	219.12	
17/10/2017	A.R. Harris & Son	24740	04/10/2017	Annex Building electrical test	80.52	
17/10/2017	A.R. Harris & Son	24740	04/10/2017	Depot Building electrical test	80.52	
17/10/2017	A.R. Harris & Son	24740	04/10/2017	building electrical test & Equit	106.92	
17/10/2017	A.R. Harris & Son	24740	04/10/2017	Building electrical test-TIC	80.52	591.60
17/10/2017	Historic Engine Company Ltd	3023	29/09/2017	September fuel plant		276.09
17/10/2017	HMRC	VAT	30/09/2017	HMRC VAT Liability Sept Qtr		50,711.99
31/10/2017	HMRC	Month 7	20/10/2017	PAYE & NI - Oct		8,966.77
17/10/2017	Noel Holmes	80917	08/09/2017	Cushions for sale at TIC		192.00
31/10/2017	Isle of Purbeck Publishing	124	30/09/2017	Artisans on the Beach advert Purbeck Experience		7.50
17/10/2017	J.D. Facilities Ltd	INV-0063	01/10/2017	TIC Scheduled Building cleaning	333.38	
17/10/2017	J.D. Facilities Ltd	INV-0056	01/10/2017	Beach Hut cleaning	355.20	
17/10/2017	J.D. Facilities Ltd	INV-0062	01/10/2017	Cleaning-Town Hall	499.20	
17/10/2017	J.D. Facilities Ltd	INV-0061	01/10/2017	Cleaning-Toilet Contract	5,875.00	7,062.78
31/10/2017	The Swanage and Purbeck Walking	2017 Agency	03/10/2017	Agency Ticket Sales		61.16
31/10/2017	Lily's Produce	Oct	06/10/2017	Christmas preserves and cakes	152.00	
31/10/2017	Lily's Produce	Oct	18/10/2017	Jams for re-sale	32.00	184.00
17/10/2017	D. & P. Lovell Ltd.	L3204	30/09/2017	Digger Hire September		300.00
17/10/2017	Metric Group Ltd.	C44354	29/09/2017	Webhost	168.00	
17/10/2017	Metric Group Ltd.	C44354	29/09/2017	Webhost	24.00	192.00
31/10/2017	Minster Fuels Ltd.	I09634029	16/10/2017	plant oil fuel		750.75
17/10/2017	National Express	J6002017930	30/09/2017	September Agency Sales		626.85
17/10/2017	Newsquest Southern	21849412	22/09/2017	Advertisement - FA Recruitment		352.80
31/10/2017	Nixons Hardware Ltd	115802/115814	01/10/2017	Keys for TIC		26.00
17/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5GR7Z	23/09/2017	Electricity		494.11
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5HC3L	12/10/2017	Electricity-Sept	32.88	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5HC3M	12/10/2017	Electricity-Sept	23.26	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXG3	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	77.34	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXG4	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	21.91	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXG5	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	220.38	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXG6	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	42.23	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXG7	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	33.23	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXG8	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	733.00	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXG9	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	159.03	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHB	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	35.80	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHC	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	121.34	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHD	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	33.47	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHF	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	42.33	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHG	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	23.27	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHH	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	58.98	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHJ	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2 MB	57.50	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHK	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2 BAT	101.13	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHL	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2 MER	1,102.26	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHM	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	175.11	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHN	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	114.66	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHP	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	47.37	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHQ	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2 HER	125.43	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHR	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	736.66	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHS	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	19.39	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHT	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2 nursery	33.23	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHV	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2 NB	31.40	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHW	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	48.27	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHX	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2	217.60	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXHY	14/10/2017	Electricity-Q2 Shore	511.90	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LXG2	14/10/2017	Electricity	46.27	
31/10/2017	N Power Ltd	LGU5LT6	14/10/2017	Electricity	(46.24)	4,980.39

17/10/2017	Openings	55457	20/09/2017	Gate service		366.00
20/10/2017	Swanage Town Council	Month 7	20/10/2017	Net Wages-Month 7		37,685.00
31/10/2017	Purbeck District Council,	716529	20/10/2017	Subscription fee - planning training		50.00
17/10/2017	Pitney Bowes Finance Ltd	BA00288418	17/09/2017	Default Fee	22.36	
17/10/2017	Pitney Bowes Finance Ltd	BL05625515	19/09/2017	Quarterly Rental Q3	74.44	
17/10/2017	Pitney Bowes Finance Ltd	BL05633360	03/10/2017	Quarterly rental Q3 - TIC	134.77	231.57
17/10/2017	Purchase Power	BE939660	12/09/2017	Late payment fee		40.62
31/10/2017	Purchase Power	BF015398	12/10/2017	Late Payment Fee		30.48
17/10/2017	Refund	BR/Ref	19/09/2017	General Refund		5.00
31/10/2017	Rigby Taylor Ltd	RSIN0239354	13/10/2017	LINE MARKER		403.50
31/10/2017	RNLI (Charity)	FV02000336	24/10/2017	Slipway repairs 2016/17	31,234.50	
31/10/2017	RNLI (Charity)	FV02000336	24/10/2017	RNLI consultancy Fee	300.00	31,534.50
31/10/2017	Roving Press Ltd	14	19/10/2017	Books x 5 - Lesser known Swanage		30.55
17/10/2017	Sage (UK) Ltd	1009278886	20/09/2017	SAGE remote support		360.00
17/10/2017	SECURITAS	S-SINO502612	18/09/2017	Security Services - Oct		105.48
17/10/2017	Society of Local Council Clerks	MA Renew	01/10/2017	SLCC Membership 01/10-30/09		329.00
17/10/2017	Spaldings (UK) Ltd.	SI-2217178	04/09/2017	cable reels	72.70	
17/10/2017	Spaldings (UK) Ltd.	SI-2217178	04/09/2017	safety clothing	(21.70)	51.00
31/10/2017	Spaldings (UK) Ltd.	SI-2230733	05/10/2017	Strimmer cord & sundry	123.89	
31/10/2017	Spaldings (UK) Ltd.	SI-2230733	05/10/2017	Visor	10.62	
31/10/2017	Spaldings (UK) Ltd.	SI-2230733	05/10/2017	Pruning Saw x 3	53.82	188.33
17/10/2017	St. Michaels Garage	S10896	15/09/2017	MOT HJ09 MYA RANGER	54.85	
17/10/2017	St. Michaels Garage	S10896	15/09/2017	Service HJ09 MYA RANGER	309.78	
17/10/2017	St. Michaels Garage	S11028	29/09/2017	Service HF63 XZA LANDROVER	216.92	
17/10/2017	St. Michaels Garage	S11028	29/09/2017	MOT HF63 XZA LANDROVER	54.85	
17/10/2017	St. Michaels Garage	20170000	30/09/2017	Fuel	260.68	897.08
31/10/2017	St. Michaels Garage	S11125	13/10/2017	Service HG60 GYC	190.90	
31/10/2017	St. Michaels Garage	S11125	20/10/2017	MOT HG60 GYC	54.85	245.75
17/10/2017	Suez Recycling & Recovery UK Ltd	30846218	28/09/2017	September Waste Services	436.54	
17/10/2017	Suez Recycling & Recovery UK Ltd	30846217	28/09/2017	September waste services	827.05	1,263.59
17/10/2017	Swanage News	1284/Sept	30/09/2017	Sept newspapers		31.75
17/10/2017	Sydenhams Hire Centres Ltd	436371	19/09/2017	Male connectors	11.76	
17/10/2017	Sydenhams Hire Centres Ltd	436369	19/09/2017	Compressor Hose	22.79	
17/10/2017	Sydenhams Hire Centres Ltd	436370	19/09/2017	Rivet Gun	39.60	74.15
17/10/2017	Telefonica O2 UK Ltd	337352	24/09/2017	Sim Charges	81.00	
17/10/2017	Telefonica O2 UK Ltd	337352	24/09/2017	Sim Charges	10.80	91.80
31/10/2017	Total Gas & Power	157973205/17	12/10/2017	Gas-TIC Sept	30.63	
31/10/2017	Total Gas & Power	157973216/17	12/10/2017	Gas-TH Annex Sept	32.95	
31/10/2017	Total Gas & Power	157973194/17	12/10/2017	Gas-TH Sept	100.60	164.18
17/10/2017	Travis Perkins	9292 AJF898	19/09/2017	cement and paint		165.34
31/10/2017	Travis Perkins	110.6	05/10/2017	Postcrete	132.72	
31/10/2017	Travis Perkins	9292 AJH389	13/10/2017	Repairing materials Spa huts	1,112.61	
31/10/2017	Travis Perkins	9292 AJH478	16/10/2017	Materials	12.51	1,257.84
31/10/2017	Tulipprint Ltd	1693	11/09/2017	Agency Settlement		127.50
17/10/2017	UK Paper Rolls Ltd	UK059956	13/07/2017	Till rolls for TIC till		46.80
31/10/2017	UNISON	Month 7	20/10/2017	Unison subs-Oct		70.65
17/10/2017	Violet Farm Foods Ltd	467808	15/09/2017	Dorset Tea for re-sale in TIC	103.95	
17/10/2017	Violet Farm Foods Ltd	468048	19/09/2017	Dorset Tea for re-sale in TIC	481.05	585.00
17/10/2017	West Dorset District Council	41465866	29/09/2017	Job advert -Finance Assistant		238.80
17/10/2017	Wilkswood Farm Ltd	2	30/09/2017	seaweed disposal	1,782.00	
17/10/2017	Wilkswood Farm Ltd	2	30/09/2017	Raking	756.00	
17/10/2017	Wilkswood Farm Ltd	2	30/09/2017	retainer	2,220.00	4,758.00
17/10/2017	Willings Services Ltd	16528	13/09/2017	Pod repairs N/Beach toilets limit switch	481.19	
17/10/2017	Willings Services Ltd	16595	22/09/2017	North Beach Attend and Repair	389.76	
17/10/2017	Willings Services Ltd	16662	05/10/2017	Heritage turnstiles:service and repairs	520.22	1,391.17

Total of BACS Payments 191,455.67

BACS supplier payments issued 27th September 43.66

BACS supplier payments issued 17th October 87,593.47

BACS payroll payments issued 20th October 37,685.00

BACS supplier payments issued 31st October 66,133.54

191,455.67

Total of Payments to be approved 274,464.09

**Agenda Item 8 -
Conclusion of Audit 2016/17**

Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities in England **Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2017**

Every smaller authority in England with an annual turnover of £6.5 million or less must complete an annual return at the end of each financial year in accordance with proper practices summarising its activities. In this annual return the term 'smaller authority'* includes a Parish Meeting, a Parish Council, a Town Council and an Internal Drainage Board.

The annual return on pages 2 to 4 is made up of three sections:

- Sections 1 and 2 are completed by the smaller authority. **Smaller authorities must approve Section 1 before Section 2.**
- Section 3 is completed by the external auditor.

In addition, the **internal audit report** is completed by the smaller authority's internal audit provider.

Each smaller authority must approve Section 1 and Section 2 in order and in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

Completing your annual return

Guidance notes, including a completion checklist, are provided on page 6 and at relevant points in the annual return.

Complete all highlighted sections. Do not leave any highlighted box blank. Incomplete or incorrect returns require additional external auditor work and may incur additional costs.

Send the annual return, together with the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2017, an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements, **your notification of the commencement date of the period for the exercise of public rights** and any additional information requested, to your external auditor by the due date.

Your external auditor will ask for any additional documents needed for their work. Unless requested, do not send any original financial records to the external auditor.

Once the external auditor has completed their work, certified annual returns will be returned to the smaller authority for publication and public display of Sections 1, 2 and 3. You must publish and display the annual return, including the external auditor's report, by 30 September 2017.

It should not be necessary for you to contact the external auditor for guidance.

More guidance on completing this annual return is available in the Practitioners' Guide that can be downloaded from www.nalc.gov.uk or from www.slcc.co.uk or from www.ada.org.uk

*for a complete list of bodies that may be smaller authorities refer to schedule 2 to Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Section 1 – Annual governance statement 2016/17

We acknowledge as the members of:

Enter name of
smaller authority here:

SWANAGE TOWN COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2017, that:

	Agreed			'Yes' means that this smaller authority:
	Yes	No*		
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	X			prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	X			made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this smaller authority to conduct its business or on its finances.	X			has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	X			during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this smaller authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	X			considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	X			arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	X			responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this smaller authority and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	X			disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	X			has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

This annual governance statement is approved by this smaller authority on:

24/05/2017

and recorded as minute reference:

33 (a)

Signed by Chair at meeting where approval is given:



Clerk:

M.I.A.

*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how this smaller authority will address the weaknesses identified.

Section 2 – Accounting statements 2016/17 for

Enter name of smaller authority here:

SWANAGE TOWN COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2016 Restated £	31 March 2017 £	
1. Balances brought forward	2,651,503	3,031,405	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	648,060	687,480	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs, rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	1,468,769	1,707,610	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	688,201	747,993	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the smaller authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	1,048,726	1,605,637	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	3,031,405	3,072,865	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	3,145,959	3,230,795	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	9,333,210	9,622,583 9,507,195	This cell shows the value of all the property the authority owns. It is made up of its fixed assets and long-term investments.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes X	No	The Council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets. N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2017 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of this smaller authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer:



Date

24/05/2017

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by this smaller authority on:

24/05/2017

and recorded as minute reference:

33 (b)

Signed by Chair at meeting where approval is given:



Section 3 – External auditor report and certificate

In respect of:

Enter name of
smaller authority here:

SWANAGE TOWN COUNCIL

1. Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This smaller authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The smaller authority prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2017; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review the annual return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

2. 2016/17 External auditor report

(~~Except for the matters reported below~~)* on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met. (~~*delete as appropriate~~).

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the smaller authority:

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

3. 2016/17 External auditor certificate

We certify/~~do not certify~~* that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2017.

* We ~~do not certify completion because~~:

External auditor signature

BDO LLP

External auditor name

BDO LLP Southampton
United Kingdom

Date

20/1/17

Note: The NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on 2016/17 accounts in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)

Annual internal audit report 2016/17 to

Enter name of smaller authority here:

SWANAGE TOWN COUNCIL

This smaller authority's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2017.


Internal audit has been carried out in accordance with this smaller authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this smaller authority.

Internal control objective	Agreed? Please choose only one of the following		
	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been kept properly throughout the year.	X		
B. This smaller authority met its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	X		
C. This smaller authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	X		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	X		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	X		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	X		
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this smaller authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	X		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	X		
I. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	X		
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	X		

K. (For local councils only) Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.	Yes	No	Not applicable
		X	

For any other risk areas identified by this smaller authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed)

Name of person who carried out the internal audit ROSIE DRAKIN LUR(HONS) FCA

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit  Date 16/05/2017

*If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).
 **Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or, if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

Guidance notes on completing the 2016/17 annual return

1. You must apply proper practices for preparing this annual return. Proper practices are found in the Practitioners' Guide* which is updated from time to time and contains everything you should need to prepare successfully for your financial year-end and the subsequent work by the auditor. NALC, SLCC and ADA have helplines if you want to talk through any problem you encounter.
2. Make sure that your annual return is complete (i.e. no empty highlighted boxes), and is properly signed and dated. Avoid making amendments to the completed return. Any amendments must be approved by the smaller authority, properly initialled and explanation provided. Annual returns containing unexplained or unapproved amendments may be returned and incur additional costs.
3. **Smaller authorities must approve Section 1 on page 2 before approving Section 2 on page 3.**
4. Use the checklist provided below. Use a second pair of eyes, perhaps a Councillor or Board Member, to review the annual return for completeness and accuracy before sending it to the external auditor.
5. Do not send the external auditor any information not specifically asked for. Doing so is not helpful. However, you must tell the external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Finance Officer or Chair.
6. Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation which you send to your external auditor with the annual return covers all your bank accounts. If your smaller authority holds any short-term investments, note their value on the bank reconciliation. The external auditor must be able to agree your bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the accounting statements (Section 2 on page 3). You must provide an explanation for any difference between Box 7 and Box 8. More help on bank reconciliation is available in the Practitioners' Guide*.
7. Explain fully significant variances in the accounting statements on page 3. Do not just send in a copy of your detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons for all variances. Include a complete numerical and narrative analysis to support your explanation. There are a number of examples provided in the Practitioners' Guide* to assist you.
8. If the external auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or you do not fully explain variances, this may incur additional costs for which the auditor will make a charge.
9. **You must inform the external auditor of the date set for the commencement of the period for the exercise of public rights.**
10. Make sure that your accounting statements add up and the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2016) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2017).
11. Do not complete Section 3 which is reserved for the external auditor.

Completion checklist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements		Done?
All sections	All highlighted boxes have been completed?	Yes
	All additional information requested, including the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights, has been provided for the external auditor?	Yes
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation is provided?	N/A
Section 2	Smaller authority approval of the accounting statements is confirmed by the signature of the Chair of the approval meeting?	Yes
	An explanation of significant variations from last year to this year is provided?	Yes
	Bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2017 agreed to Box 8?	Yes
	An explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 is provided?	Yes
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – all disclosures made if a Council is a sole managing trustee? NB: Do not send trust accounting statements unless requested.	Yes
Internal Audit report	All highlighted boxes completed by internal audit and explanations provided?	Yes

*Note: The Practitioners' Guide is available from your local NALC, SLCC or ADA representatives or from www.nalc.gov.uk or www.slcc.co.uk or www.ada.org.uk.

AGENDA ITEM 11b

Nicola Clark

Subject: FW: Motions from member councils for consideration at the DAPTC 2017 AGM
Attachments: DAPTC AGM 2017 Motions for Consideration by member councils.pdf; DAPTC AGM 2017 Motions for Consideration by member councils.docx

From: Daptc [<mailto:daptc@dorsetcc.gov.uk>]
Sent: 25 September 2017 15:01
To: Daptc <daptc@dorsetcc.gov.uk>
Subject: Motions from member councils for consideration at the DAPTC 2017 AGM

To all clerks

Dear Clerk,

Please see attached motions from member councils for consideration at the DAPTC 2017 AGM on Saturday 4th November 2017. I have attached the document in both pdf and word formats.

The Executive Committee have agreed the Motions to be put to the AGM for discussion. Please discuss the Motions at a council meeting and agree a voting mandate for your representative, prior to the AGM on 4th November.

Please note that as stated in the Extraordinary Chief Executive's Circular dated 22 May 2017, representatives at the AGM may be required to make a decision after an informed debate and possible amendment. DAPTC will recognise the final decision.

The DAPTC constitution states: "Every member council will be entitled to two representatives, but only one vote on a particular motion."

Kind Regards, Lisa

Lisa Cooper
PA to DAPTC Chief Executive



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Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 4th November 2017 - 10am

Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XJ

Agenda

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. - Registration, coffee and opportunity to visit exhibitors

1. President's Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To elect Honorary Officers:
President
Vice-Presidents
Honorary Treasurer
Honorary Auditor
4. To agree minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting
5. To receive and adopt the Annual Report
6. To receive and adopt the Treasurer's Report and the Audited Accounts for Financial Year 2016/2017
7. To consider motions put by Member Councils

The AGM will debate the motions, and consider giving the Executive Committee delegated power to finalise the wording and any supplementary information to NALC.

11 am – 11.30am coffee and opportunity to visit exhibitors

8. NHS Dorset CCG - update on the decisions made by the Governing Body on the future of Healthcare in Dorset, covering the four main aspects of acute hospitals, community services, maternity and paediatric services and mental health services
9. Update on local government reorganisation proposals and Joint Committees

The AGM will finish at approximately 1pm and will be followed by a buffet lunch and a further opportunity to visit the exhibitors.

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Annual General Meeting

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MOTIONS PUT FORWARD BY MEMBER COUNCILS

1. From Beaminster Town Council

"Beaminster Town Council would propose the DAPTC lobby NALC with a view to achieving a change in the legislation governing the de-registration of bus routes".

2. From Blandford Forum Town Council

"That DAPTC requests NALC to lobby for Central Government action to ensure that when a town or parish council objects to a planning application for legitimate planning reasons, it should be considered by the planning authority's planning committee".

3. From Chideock Parish Council

"Chideock Parish Council asks NALC to strongly request that the DCLG revisits the consultation on Parish Polls which was carried out from 4 December 2014 to 30 January 2015 but never acted upon, and to amend the current legislation governing Parish Polls. The consultation sought the views of the public, local authorities and the parish sector on:

- the trigger (the number or proportion of electors required to demand a poll)
 - the voting arrangements for parish polls
 - the questions on which a poll can be held
- consequential related matters".

4. From Hurn Parish Council

"Hurn Parish Council ask that the DAPTC take the issue forward to NALC to ask for a change to the law to make Parish Councils statutory consultees on tree application in their Parishes and that the information provided is of a high enough quality to facilitate the consideration of the proposal".

DAPTC AGM 2017 Motions for Consideration by member councils

Motion 1 (from Beaminster Town Council)

Beaminster Town Council would propose the DAPTC lobby NALC with a view to achieving a change in the legislation governing the de-registration of bus routes.

A. The reasons why the Parish or Town Council is submitting the proposal. Motions at the AGM should require that the Association take the issue forward with outside bodies, such as NALC:

Bus Company, Damory, recently deregistered a strategically important bus route (No 40 service) a vital link between Bridport, Beaminster, Crewkerne and Yeovil. It emerged that such de-registrations can be made with only 8 weeks' notice giving insufficient time for alternative provision to be made.

B. How the issue is affecting local councils in their area (with case study evidence):

Whilst discussions with commercial operators continue Dorset County Council have had to provide a temporary replacement bus service on week days, leaving no service at weekends there. Bridport and Beaminster Town Councils jointly secured a Community Transport Grant to finance a limited Saturday service between Bridport and Beaminster only.

C. What it is specifically the Parish or Town Council would like to change (e.g. a law):

For strategically important bus routes the current 8 week notice period should be increased to 14 weeks with a requirement that the operator cooperates fully with the relevant authorities in providing all relevant data and other information relating to the route in question.

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DAPTC AGM 2017 Motions for Consideration by member councils

Motion 2 (from Blandford Forum Town Council)

That DAPTC requests NALC to lobby for Central Government action to ensure that when a town or parish council objects to a planning application for legitimate planning reasons, it should be considered by the planning authority's planning committee.

A. The reasons why the Parish or Town Council is submitting the proposal. Motions at the AGM should require that the Association take the issue forward with outside bodies, such as NALC:

The Town Council puts forward the issue regarding planning committees at District level delegating authority to officers instead of considering planning applications.

B. How the issue is affecting local councils in their area (with case study evidence).

Increasingly, we are finding that applications are being approved based on delegated authority to officers and district councillors are not meeting to discuss and consider the applications, regardless of their size or impact, which can therefore exclude town and parish views.

For example, when a town or parish council objects to a planning application for legitimate planning reasons it should be considered by the District Council's Planning Committee.

C. What it is specifically the Parish or Town Council would like to change (e.g. a law):

Central Government is asked to make amendments so that the views of town and parish councils (local residents) are taken into consideration as part of the planning process.

Local Authority policy and procedures in order to take local views on planning into account and to ensure planning committee meetings are held.

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DAPTC AGM 2017 Motions for Consideration by member councils

Motion 3 (from Chideock Parish Council)

Chideock Parish Council asks NALC to strongly request that the DCLG revisits the consultation on Parish Polls which was carried out from 4 December 2014 to 30 January 2015 but never acted upon, and to amend the current legislation governing Parish Polls. The consultation sought the views of the public, local authorities and the parish sector on:

- **the trigger (the number or proportion of electors required to demand a poll)**
- **the voting arrangements for parish polls**
- **the questions on which a poll can be held**
- **consequential related matters.**

A. The reasons why the Parish or Town Council is submitting the proposal:

A group of Chideock electors recently demanded a poll at a parish meeting. West Dorset District Council will charge the Parish Council (and ultimately the council tax payers of the parish) approximately £1,000 to conduct the poll (for 500+ electors). The subject matter of the poll is not something which is within the remit of the Parish Council as it pertains to the A35 which is a Trunk Road under the jurisdiction of Highways England.

The DCLG consultation made the following recommendation:-

A poll can be called on any question arising at a meeting which **concerns affairs which relate to a parish council/meetings functions** and meets the following criteria:

1. The subject matter was discussed at the parish meeting.
2. The subject matter directly affects those who live and/ or work in the parish; and
3. **The parish council/meeting has the capacity to make a decision on the subject matter including any decision as a statutory consultee, but not including a decision simply to agree a declaratory statement on the matter.**

B. How the issue is affecting local councils in their area (with case study evidence).

The cost of a Parish Poll to the Parish / Town Council is considerable and cannot be budgeted for in advance. This cost is acceptable where the Poll is on a question which is beyond the remit and powers of a Parish Council.

2017 - Chideock Parish Council - Electorate - 500+, poll taking place on 17 August 2017 - 2 questions relating to the A35 Trunk Road, which is not within the remit of the Parish Council

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DAPTC AGM 2017 Motions for Consideration by member councils

2010 - Dorchester Town Council Poll - Electorate - 14,341 Ballot papers included in count - 2204 Turnout 15.4% - the question was whether WDDC should move to new purpose built offices, which is not within the remit of the Town Council

2007 - East Stoke Parish Council - Electorate - 339 Ballot papers included in count - 80 Turnout 23.6% - the question was "Do you want a referendum on the EU Constitutional Treaty?", which is not within the remit of the Parish Council

C. What it is specifically the Parish or Town Council would like to change (e.g. a law):

The legislation that governs parish polls is found in Section 150 of and Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972 and The Parish and Community Meeting (Polls) Rules 1987.

Motion 4 (from Hurn Parish Council)

Hurn Parish Council ask that the DAPTC take the issue forward to NALC to ask for a change to the law to make Parish Councils statutory consultees on tree application in their Parishes and that the information provided is of a high enough quality to facilitate the consideration of the proposal.

A. The reasons why the Parish or Town Council is submitting the proposal. Motions at the AGM should require that the Association take the issue forward with outside bodies, such as NALC:

Hurn Parish Council propose that Parish Councils should be statutory consultees for all Tree applications in their Parishes and that all these applications should be of a sufficient quality, in order that Parish Councillors are able to reach an informed judgement as to the merits of the applications. Detailed photographs and plans should be included where appropriate.

B. How the issue is affecting local councils in their area (with case study evidence):

Hurn Parish Council been asked to comment, on numerous occasions, on tree applications which do not provide sufficient information for Councillors, thereby inhibiting an informed decision being made. Trees are integral to rural and urban areas and Parish Councils have the local knowledge needed to comment on these proposals.

C. What it is specifically the Parish or Town Council would like to change (e.g. a law):

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South Dorset

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27 September 2017

Dear Martin,

I thought we had a really productive and useful meeting on Monday and I have taken on board the points that you and the Councillors made.

As promised, I have now written to the following:

1. Tim Goodson of the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group to find out if the opening hours of the MIU at Swanage Community Hospital can be extended each evening by a few more hours;
2. Ken Wenman, the Chief Executive of the South Western Ambulance Service Trust raising the Town Council's concerns about ambulance response times to Swanage during the summer season and especially over the Bank Holiday weekend when the roads were particularly gridlocked;
3. Ron Shields, the Chief Executive of Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust about Swanage Hospital having first refusal on buying the Everest site;
4. Paul Leivers, the Head of Early Help and Community Services at DCC about whether Swanage residents can register deaths online instead of having to wait for an appointment and travel to Dorchester.
5. Marcus Jones, the Minister for Local Government about business rates on public conveniences.

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As and when I receive the replies, I shall of course pass them on to you.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely





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5 October 2017

Dear Martin

As you know, further to my meeting with the Town Council I wrote to Paul Leivers, the Assistant Director of Community Services at Dorset County Council, regarding the delay residents have been experiencing in registering a death and I attach a copy of the response I have now received.

As you will see, Mr Leivers confirms that online registration is not possible due to the statutory process which needs to be adhered to but does acknowledge that there has been difficulties in securing appointments at Swanage due to an unprecedented period of increased deaths.

Mr Leivers does clarify that they have received no complaints about this matter but are quite rightly closely monitoring the situation.

I do hope that this provides some reassurances for you regarding this outreach service.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely





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Your ref:

Dear Richard

Re: Registration Service

Thank you for your letter of 27th September. Your thought and suggestion about registering a death on line would certainly assist in a rural area as you outline. You will appreciate that there are important processes of providing proof of identification in the registration of births, marriages and deaths. However, at present the statutory position is that deaths must be registered in person and on line registration is not permitted.

While writing I thought it may be useful to just put you in the picture about the position in Swanage in relation to death registration. Jo Wenborne, the Registration Service Manager, has already had a telephone conversation with Henrietta in your office.

We acknowledge that in recent months there may unfortunately have been occasions when it was difficult to obtain an appointment due to an unprecedented and prolonged period of increased deaths; although we have no records of any complaints received and customer satisfaction with the Service remains high. Staffing capacity has been increased and we are closely monitoring the situation. Currently from an examination of our appointment system we do not appear to have any ongoing capacity issues at Swanage.

I hope this is a helpful response and brings you up to date.

Yours sincerely

Paul Leivers

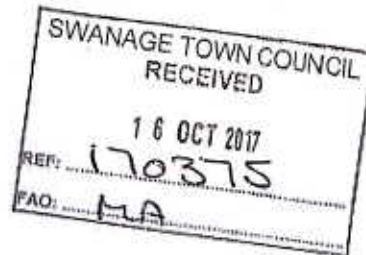
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12 October 2017

Dear Martin

As you know, I wrote to Ken Wenman, the Chief Executive of the South Western Ambulance Service voicing your Councillors' concerns about ambulance response times in the Swanage area particularly during busy periods such as the Bank Holiday weekend. I now attach this reply of October 6 that I have received from him.

I hope the information Mr Wenman has provided will be helpful to you all.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Drax MP

With reference to your letter dated 27 September 2017 regarding Councillors concerns about the length of time it is taking for ambulances to reach Swanage.

Firstly, I would like to provide some background around ambulance activity and performance for incidents originating from the BH19 postcode during June 2017 to August 2017:

June 2017 - 230 incidents, 107 conveyed to Emergency Department (ED), 53.5% resolved without conveyance

July 2017 - 250 incidents, 121 conveyed to an ED, 52% resolved without conveyance

August 2017 - 236 incidents, 115 conveyed to an ED, 53.1% resolved without conveyance.

Category 1 (8 minute response, Life Threatening Emergencies)
Average Response Times:

June 2017 - 11.8 minutes (9 calls)

July 2017 - 7.6 minutes (15 calls)

August 2017 - 8.2 minutes (15 calls)

In order to support the above we undertook a Rota Review across Dorset, with a view to matching resource to demand. The new Rotas were implemented on 03 July 2017, with a significant increase in Rapid Response Vehicles (RRV) across West Dorset. All areas in Dorset are actively recruiting staff, to ensure all core resources are manned and our Relief establishment is sufficient to cover any shortfalls.

With regards to the points in your letter, the A351 Wareham to Swanage Road is heavily congested over the summer months but ambulances responding to emergency calls, displaying audible warnings normally make sufficient progress through the traffic. Ambulances responding from East Dorset to the BH19 postcode have use of the ferry. If contacted in advance the ferry will wait for responding Ambulance vehicles, equally we have exclusive use of the ferry when conveying life threatening emergencies from this area.

SWASFT have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service whereby they respond to purple calls (immediately life threatening) and red calls when core ambulance resources are more than 20 minutes away. This service currently operates for 12 hours a day, with a view to going 24 hours a day when suitable numbers are recruited. This is further supported by the Defibrillator Partnership which currently operate 20 Defibrillators across Swanage and surrounding villages. These defibrillators are accredited with SWASFT and details of postcode and location are held in the Clinical Hubs for deployment to calls meeting the criteria.

I hope this answers the Councillors questions. Should they require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Yours sincerely

Ken Wenman
Chief Executive

Richard Drax MP
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16 October 2017

Dear Martin

As you know, I wrote to Marcus Jones about the liability of public toilets for business rates and I now attach this reply of October 12 that I have received from him.

I hope you will at least be encouraged by the Minister's confirmation that the Government remains committed to providing support to local authorities to help keep public toilets open.

Yours sincerely





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Dear Richard,

Thank you for your letter of 27 September about the liability of public toilets for business rates and the impact that this has on those town and parish councils managing such facilities.

Business rates are a tax on non-domestic property and are paid on properties occupied by both central and local government as well as by business. The system seeks to maintain fairness for all ratepayers rather than suggesting that one sector should be given special dispensation. So, under current legislation, councils cannot give business rate relief to public authorities.

Of course, the Government also recognises the valuable role played by parish and town councils up and down the country in helping to foster local economic growth and vibrant local communities. The Government fully understands the concerns of those councils who have taken on the responsibility for managing public toilets. Public toilets are one of the basic services that help create good quality public spaces and are an important amenity for many people, including tourists and visitors, as well as local residents.

As you note, the Government included provisions within the Local Government Finance Bill to enable billing authorities to give discretionary business rate relief to public toilets. However, the Bill was not able to complete its parliamentary passage before the calling of the election, and the pressures on parliamentary time mean that it has not been possible to reintroduce the Bill in this session.

However, the Government remains committed to providing support to local authorities to help keep public toilets open to the public and the vulnerable people who rely on these important facilities and we will continue to look for opportunities to take this important agenda forward.

Yours ever,

MARCUS JONES MP

Richard Drax MP
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23 October 2017

Dear Dr Ayres,

As you know, I wrote to Tim Goodson following my meeting with you and other councillors about extending the opening hours at the Swanage MIU and I now attach this reply of October 18 that I have received from him.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely





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18 October 2017

Dear Richard

Re: Minor Injury Unit (MIU), Swanage Community Hospital

Thank you for your letter of 27 September following your meeting with Swanage Town Council.

Our Clinical Services Review focused on how Health Care Services will be delivered across Dorset. Now that the Governing Body has approved the final decisions we are now in the process of developing the service delivery details and implementation plans.

With regard to Urgent and Emergency Care, work has recently commenced to define the pattern of urgent treatment centres across the county to meet future demand, in addition to aligning services with the national urgent and emergency care programme vision.

Swanage MIU is within the scope of this work which will look at developing the optimal configuration to meet identified needs. This will include determining opening hours alongside other factors such as workforce, cost, accessibility and quality.

Throughout the development and implementation stages we will continue to work closely with relevant system partners including Dorset Healthcare.

I hope this information is helpful. Should you wish to discuss further please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Tim Goodson
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Dear Mr Ayres,

We would like to thank you for your letter of 18 September referring to the decisions recently made by our Governing Body. We recognise that not everyone will agree with these, however as has been well documented, the NHS faces huge challenges if it is to continue to provide high quality services and to do nothing is really not an option.

We recognise that emergency care is a concern for some people and would like to confirm that urgent care will be available at the Major Planned Hospital in Poole 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This will see the majority of the type of cases that are seen there already. We also acknowledge that some Purbeck residents may choose to go to Dorset County Hospital which will remain largely unchanged, delivering planned and emergency care with a 24/7 A&E. International evidence shows that patients are far more likely to have a better outcome if they are taken directly to a hospital which provides the specialist care they need. In Dorset, every year thousands of patients are taken by ambulance to a hospital that is further away than their nearest one.

The important thing for patients is that they get the right care at the right time and at the right site. Royal Bournemouth Hospital already takes the county's referrals for stroke care, cardiology and vascular surgery, with Poole taking referrals for trauma, paediatrics and obstetrics. At present, a lot of patients have to travel between the two sites to get appropriate care. By establishing one major emergency hospital that internal hospital transport should be reduced.

I can reassure you that we took full account of the responses we received during the public consultation. During our deliberation phase we did change several of the proposals based on

public feedback, however we concluded that there is no new evidence that would suggest a change to our preferred option for the roles of Poole and Royal Bournemouth hospitals. As part of the public consultation we asked for views on the site of the Major Planned and Major Emergency Hospitals. Overall, there was support for our Option B (Poole Hospital as the major planned care hospital and Royal Bournemouth Hospital as the Major Emergency hospital). Responses to the open questionnaire were 34% in favour of option A and 44% in support of option B (22% of people had no preference).

The CCG received and noted the petitions submitted and the petitions were included in ORS's report. In interpreting and reporting them, ORS took account of the 'petition statements', the numbers of people signing, and the ways in which they were compiled. Dorset CCG Governing Body considered the consultation report and its findings, including the petitions, in full. ORS's guidance regarding petitions notes that petitions can exaggerate general public sentiments if organised by motivated opponents but they should not be disregarded, for they show local feelings; these observations do not discredit the petitions, but provide a context within which they should be interpreted.

It should be noted that a consultation is not a popular vote; and influencing public policy through consultation is not simply a numbers game in which the loudest voices or the greatest numbers automatically determine the outcome. Interpreting the overall meaning and implications of consultations is neither straightforward nor just numerical, all the various consultation methods have to be assessed.

Accountability means that public authorities should give an account of their plans and take into account public views: they should conduct fair and accessible consultation while reporting the outcomes openly and considering them fully.

This does not mean that the majority views should automatically decide public policy; and the popularity or unpopularity of draft proposals should not displace professional and political judgement about what is the right or best decision in the circumstances.

The levels of, and reasons for, public support or opposition are very important, but as considerations to be taken into account, not as factors that necessarily determine authorities' decisions.

For the CCG considering the outcomes of consultation, the key question is not: which proposal has most support but, are the reasons for the popularity or unpopularity of the proposals cogent?

In this context, we encouraged all respondents to the consultation including people who signed a petition to also complete the open questionnaire as this was the best way to provide supporting information or evidence that might cause the CCG to review the CSR proposals.

We appreciate that people have been particularly concerned about both emergency and non-emergency transport and we have received and responded to a number of queries regarding transport. As a result, we worked with South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWAST) and transport leads from the three local authorities (Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset) to review the travel times, data and approach that was developed within the CSR design phase.

In August we published an independent report by SWAST - 'Dorset Clinical Services Review: Modelling the Potential Impact on the Emergency Ambulance Service.'

<http://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/news/Dorset%20CSR%20Modelling%20Final%20v1-0.pdf>

SWAST undertook modelling based on the proposed options to ascertain whether they could continue to deliver a safe service following implementation of the CSR. The modelling concluded with a report offering assurance on the proposals. The ambulance service has undertaken detailed work to better understand the likely impact of the hospital changes within Dorset. The model developed showed that the average journey time to hospital remained very similar to what it is now. For many patients, the journey to hospital will either be the same or even quicker. Some patients will have to travel further to a specialist centre, in order to get the best possible care. Given the rural nature of the County of Dorset, paramedics are experienced at safely transporting patients for longer distances to hospital.

Adrian South, Clinical Director for SWAST has said "I've looked closely at how these plans might affect ambulance services in Dorset and how they might affect patients and I'm confident that the plans will improve emergency care by allowing the ambulance service to take patients safely and quickly to the best hospital where they will receive the best care. We will also reduce transfers of patients between hospitals, instead they should go to the right hospital from the start."

We hope that this report reassures people that these proposals are designed to ensure that people get the best possible care and that we are focusing on getting the best outcomes for people in Dorset using these services in future. This report demonstrates that, through public consultation, we have listened to those people who expressed their concerns about having to travel further or for longer to get emergency care.

The Local Authorities focussed on non-emergency travel times. Transport planning leads were also able to independently assure our travel times and approach and present their findings within a report.

The resulting analysis indicates that that CSR travel times are within similar and acceptable parameters to the routing software and analytical tools used in local authority transport planning activities. The results were found to be consistent across all travel comparators for acute and community based healthcare services. Sense checks on the results using digital mapping confirm that the travel times used are a reasonable approximation from which to draw conclusions for travel associated with the CSR proposals.

The full report is available online –

<http://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/2017%2007%2014%20%20DCC%20CSR%20Transport%20Review%20Report%20-%20FINAL.PDF>

A Transport Reference Group has been established to develop joint transport plans in support of a system-wide Integrated Transport Programme of work. This programme is a collaboration between health, local authorities and community and voluntary services.

We will continue to work closely with SWAST and the local authorities to ensure we address the implementation requirements and needs of the CSR.

Throughout the CSR there was extensive modelling undertaken based on needs of local people and what services would be beneficial to have in each locality area.

The determination of the location of the bedded and non-bedded hubs were decided by doctors and health professionals who looked at criteria that included:

1. How much care will be needed in 2020/21
2. The size and type of workforce required
3. What could be done where
4. What capacity (e.g. beds and space) is needed in each locality.

Travel time analysis was also undertaken to ensure the proposed location of beds gave the optimum access for the local populations

As part of the Purbeck locality, Wareham Hospital was rated lower on the evaluation criteria for access to care for all, affordability and deliverability.

All of the modelling and recommendations for the community model of care has taken account of demographic growth over the next five years and has been verified by Dorset County Council and included future plans for housing provision.

During the coming years we will be working hard with our partners and members of the public to ensure regular updates are available via our social media channels and website www.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Our ref: MKA/NLC

18th September 2017

Dear Sirs

NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group - Improving Dorset's Healthcare Public Consultation Results

Further to the Town Council's consultation response letter dated 27th February 2017 (a copy of which is enclosed for your information), and in response to the results of the consultation being published, this matter was placed on the agenda of the Council's Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on 4th September 2017 for further discussion/consideration.

Grave concerns have again been raised by local residents regarding the proposals and, at the meeting, both members of the public and Councillors expressed their disappointment with the way in which the results have been reported. It is felt that the numerous concerns raised, and the number of petitioners, have not been given due consideration.

The Town Council shares many of the concerns that were reiterated by residents at the meeting, most of which remain the same as detailed in the Council's original letter of response. These are summarised below.

- That the 'Quantitative Results' reported in the 'Summary Report of Findings' did not take into account the total number of petition signatories when calculating those for or against the proposals (75,570 signatures in total - in excess of 8,000 have been gathered in Purbeck in support of a petition against the downgrading of Poole A&E and maternity services, and 4,000 of which are from Swanage residents). The Council considers that this omission constitutes a misrepresentation of the views of Dorset residents.
- Serious concerns regarding the distance of the Royal Bournemouth Hospital from Swanage, and the additional time that it would take to reach the facilities in an emergency, placing lives at risk.
- Concerns reiterated regarding the congestion seen all year round on roads from Swanage to the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, and comments made that the travel time analysis had not addressed these concerns in the proposals.
- The concerns over the proximity of the proposed services to Swanage were underpinned by serious doubts over the efficiency of the local ambulance service in reaching Swanage patients.

- The loss of beds at Wareham Community Hospital and the impact this may have on resources in Swanage.

The Council therefore requests that these concerns be acknowledged, and any response received will be reported to a future Council meeting.

Yours faithfully

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Town Clerk

Encl. Copy of Swanage Town Council's letter dated 27th February 2017.

cc Richard Drax MP, South Dorset

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27th February 2017

Dear Sirs

Improving Dorset's Healthcare Consultation Response

Thank you for inviting the Town Council to respond to the Improving Dorset's Healthcare consultation document, which was discussed at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 20th February 2017 for the specific purpose of formulating a response to this consultation. It was agreed at that meeting to respond via a letter rather than the consultation form, partly because the Council did not feel that the consultation documents provided enough information to enable a detailed response to be made to each of the questions asked. It was also felt that the issues were too complex to answer with a simplistic tick box format and that reliance on answers gathered by such a system could form entirely the wrong understanding of people's actual response. The Council therefore requests that this letter be treated as a formal consultation response.

A number of the proposals set out in the document have caused significant anxiety amongst local residents, and the Town Council shares many of these concerns, as set out below. The Town Council is the only elected body with a responsibility to represent the views of the people of Swanage and therefore these comments relate directly to the impact of the proposals in the consultation document on local residents.

Two of the greatest concerns relate to the proposed reduction in the range of services currently provided by Poole Hospital, and their transfer to the Royal Bournemouth. The isolation of Swanage, which sits at the end of a 10-mile cul-de-sac from Wareham, is widely recognised, as is the high level of congestion on roads between Swanage and the conurbation. In these circumstances the preservation of both A&E and maternity services at Poole, rather than Bournemouth is of the utmost importance to residents in Swanage and Purbeck.

More than 8,000 signatures have been gathered in Purbeck in support of a petition against the downgrading of Poole A&E and maternity services, 4,000 of which are from Swanage residents. The petition has been presented to the Dorset CCG.

It is feared that the loss of full Accident and Emergency Services at Poole would place lives at risk by reducing the chance that patients will reach hospital in the all-important 'golden hour' following a life-threatening incident. Page 29 of the travel time analysis provided as part of the consultation documents indicates a 15-20 minute increase in travel times if these services are focussed in Bournemouth.

Whilst the travel time evaluation set out on page 32 of the main consultation document suggests that a greater proportion of Dorset's residents can access services at Bournemouth more quickly than at Poole, this is not consistent with some of the evidence set out in the more detailed travel time analysis document. For example, the table on page 6 of the latter demonstrates that a higher proportion of the population can reach services at Poole within 30 minutes and that the maximum time for all the

population to reach the services there is 10 minutes quicker than at Bournemouth. This suggests that there is a case to preserve full A&E services at Poole General Hospital.

The impact of increased travel times will also be felt by expectant mothers who require urgent hospital care. It is recognised that complications at birth can lead to serious life-limiting conditions and that delayed transfer to hospital care threatens to increase such instances in Swanage and neighbouring parishes. This proposal will also make it almost impossible for local families to drive themselves to the nearest maternity hospital in the early stages of labour given the limitations to the local road network set out above. The concern in this area caused by the proposed loss of more local maternity services cannot be overstated.

Overall, although page 15 of the main consultation document states that the CCG see 'travel time as a key evaluation criterion for future service delivery', this does not appear to have been the case in relation to the people of Swanage. This will not only impact on the patients themselves, but also on their carers and families; those reliant on the much-reduced public transport network may well be unable to visit their seriously ill relatives, which will in turn have a negative impact on their recovery.

The concerns over the proximity of these services to Swanage are underpinned by serious doubts over the efficiency of the local ambulance service in reaching Swanage patients. Incidents in which ambulances have taken 45 minutes or more to reach Swanage patients are widely known by local residents. The case of a 96-year old lady who collapsed in the main shopping street and had to wait in the torrential rain for ¾ hour for an ambulance to arrive was reported in the local press in October 2014 and a similar incident was experienced last week. The Town Council now intends to raise this matter directly with the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, and it is imperative that the CCG also does so, whether or not the consultation proposals go ahead.

The Town Council welcomes the proposals to retain our excellent Community Hospital in Swanage, which together with our medical practice will constitute one of the county's seven community hubs with beds. The services provided at Swanage Hospital are prized by the Purbeck community and the Town Council looks forward to seeing these develop further over coming years.

However, the Council is concerned at the loss of beds at Wareham Community Hospital and the possible impact that this will have on the resources available at Swanage. Whilst the Council welcomes the overall aim to care for people in their own communities, the Council has serious doubts over the capacity of the system to deliver high-quality care in people's own homes. In order to determine whether this is deliverable the Town Council requests further information about how this could be achieved in Purbeck, and how this improved level of care would be financed. This information should be considered in detail prior to any decision being made about a reduction in community hospital beds in Purbeck.

Whilst writing I would also add that the Town Council recognises that it has an important role to play in promoting the health and wellbeing of local residents. The Council maintains most of the open spaces in the town, supports many of the town's sports' clubs and recreational facilities and can fund health-related projects via its grant making powers.

The Town Council has recently entered into a tenancy agreement with Dorset Wildlife Trust for use of its former plant nursery as a therapeutic garden for those with mental health problems and has made a grant of £5,000 towards the employment of an Admiral Nurse to improve dementia care in the town. The Town Council therefore welcomes any opportunity to work with partner organisations to achieve the CCG's aims of improving prevention and self-help within the community.

Yours faithfully

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24th October, 2017

Dear Councillors,

We at Swanage Museum are doing our best to make the population of Swanage aware of just how important this memorial is. There has been an article on it in the Purbeck Gazette; we have arranged a talk on it and we have devoted a window display at the Museum and Heritage Centre. An article on the memorial will be appearing in Dorset Life, in the early months of next year. On a wider front we have sought and received support from the Victorian Society and there are other organisations to be approached.

The Swanage memorial was the first to be raised in memory of Prince Albert in the country. That the money was raised in a town that had a population, at the time, of around 2,000 inhabitants makes it most remarkable, as the accompanying list of other memorials shows. It is also made from local stone, fashioned and inscribed by local quarrymen and erected by them. It is a huge missing part of the heritage of a town that prides itself on its Victorian heritage.

This project cannot in any way be said to be like that of the bandstand. The bandstand is not unique. It also needs a commitment from users of the future. As it is also such a costly project it needs a fundraising body to collect these funds.

The Albert memorial is unique. It does not involve a vast cost to get it re-erected. Local quarrymen would be used to re-make the lost top 13 courses and make good the remaining parts. The reason for it being damaged by the Great Blizzard of 1881 was due to its having just a central dowel. An additional corner dowel could overcome this. After it was repaired in 1881, it stood for another 45 years with no damage, as a photograph of around 1925 clearly shows. The reason for the top 13 courses to be taken down in the 1930's remains unclear.

As regards the matter of ownership the following points need to be taken into account:

- 1) When the erection of the monument was reported in the Dorset County Chronicle of 29th January 1863, the report was submitted by James Hillier, a member of the Vestry, who was writing as Secretary to the Subscription Committee. It says that 'J. Mowlem Esq. Gave the freehold land the memorial stands on to the parish.' The rest of the report gives the details of subscribers and money raised in great detail. As James Hillier would have been present at all discussions about the monument, from the idea being proposed to the monument being erected, he is surely not to be doubted.
- 2) In 1881 the Great Blizzard damaged the memorial and the matter was reported in the minutes of the Local Board on March 14th and April 11th, 1881. At first, the Local Board denied responsibility for the monument. However, George Burt then wrote a letter and personally attended the second meeting. It would appear, therefore, that after George Burt's letter, and his verbal communication to the Local Board, they then assumed responsibility for the monument and its repair.

Successive Councils since have used the Local Board's statement of 1881 "that as the Albert Memorial standing on the de Moulham Estate has never been made over to the Parish by any formal act, the Board do not admit it to be parish property," thus, inexplicably, denying any responsibility for it. The land question has now become irrelevant as the Town Council have control of the de Moulham Estate. And in any case it is at present lying in a quarry, as the Planning Condition imposed by the Council of re-erection of the monument was never enforced.

As to the ownership of the monument itself, it clearly, without doubt, belongs to Swanage. George Burt's letter, quoted in the Dorset County Chronicle (attached) shows his intention that it was to be made and erected by inhabitants of Swanage and the cost covered by wide subscription and to become the property of the town.

It was the intention of the original donors that it should become the property of the town. Other similar monuments - the Alfred Memorial, the Town Hall frontage, the twin Ionic columns erected in Prince Albert Gardens and the numerous bollards around the town - are all Swanage Town Council property and, as a result, maintained by them.

With these things in mind we feel that the monument is, most definitely, the responsibility of the Town Council. This should be a town project. Surely, such funding as is necessary could come from the De Moulham Trust/Mowlem Land Trust - John Mowlem and George Burt were, after all, the main instigators and this would seem to be an appropriate use of those funds.

Swanage Museum will help in any way it can but cannot take on the responsibility for raising the funds necessary for re-erection. The Museum has been totally self-funding for the last twenty years receiving no financial assistance from the Town Council in that time. Any fund-raising we may do, at any time, has to be for the continuation of Swanage Museum as a repository of the history of the town for the benefit of future generations.

Yours sincerely,

David Haysom, Hon. Curator
On behalf of the Swanage Museum working group

DORSET COUNTY CHRONICLE AND SOMERSET GAZETTE
February 13th, 1862

PROPOSED MEMORIAL AT SWANAGE TO THE LATE PRINCE CONSORT.

The following letter has been circulated in the parish, and a public meeting has been called to consider this proposal. It is to be held at the National School-room, this (Thursday) evening:-

Grosvenor House, Westminster, S.W., Jan. 17, 1862.

My Dear Sir, In reading the account of the meeting at the Mansion House, called by the Lord Mayor, for the commencement of a fund for the erection of a national monument to his late Royal Highness the Prince Consort, I was much struck with the speech of the Bishop of London, as reported in the Times of the 15th inst., and thought how beautifully it explained the views of the British nation in reference to the great loss it has just sustained, and further, how zealously Englishmen should do all in their power to hand down to posterity the life of that great and virtuous Prince. It has occurred to me that Swanage should take its share in this great work. I would therefore suggest that the inhabitants should erect an Obelisk of native stone, with a short but suitable inscription, say 20 feet high, in the middle at the top of the road leading from the Church to the High-street, and say a few yards north of the track of carriages in that street; and I think it might be carried out in something like the following manner:- That the merchants of Swanage should give stone, and that the masons should execute the work by one man working one or more stones; and that the inhabitants generally should subscribe money to pay for its erection; and that the parish should take charge of the monument after its completion: and that a full account of the particulars should be entered and kept by the vestry, giving the names of those who assisted in its erection, and especially the name of each man that worked the stones. I think this quite within the reach of the inhabitants; and I have little doubt but that they will all join with one heart and one mind in carrying out this or some other idea, to perpetuate the memory of this noble Prince. My motive in writing you on this subject is merely to bring it fairly before the inhabitants, believing that it would not only be a guide to rising generations in the path to virtue, duty, and honour, but that it would be most pleasing to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to hear of such an act by the inhabitants of Swanage, especially as they have both a kindly recollection of their visits to this place. I will only add, in conclusion, that I shall be most happy in obtaining a design, or assisting to carry it out; or, if my humble services should be of any use in any other shape or form, I shall be ready to do all that may lay in my power to carry out what I believe to be more especially the duty of every father in this country. I am, my dear Sir, yours faithfully,
George Burt.

Rev. Duncan Travers, rector, Swanage, Dorset.

SWANAGE.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL SWANAGE TO THE LATE PRINCE CONSORT.— On Thursday last, in accordance with notice issued for the purpose, a public meeting was held the National School Room, to take into consideration the proposal contained in the printed letter of G. Burt, Esq. J Mowlem. Esq., occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. D. Travers, rector, the Rev. L. Lester, curate, the Rev. F. F. Tracy, vicar of Worth, the Rev. G. Alston, rector of Studland, the Rev. T. Seaville, Independent Minister, and G. Burt. Esq. The following resolutions were proposed and carried:— “That this meeting desires to express, in common with all England, its admiration for the character of the late Prince Consort, and its gratitude for the example he set of public and domestic virtue,” proposed by the Rev. D. Travers, and seconded the Rev. F. F. Tracy, — “That this meeting desires to record its sense of the virtues of the late Prince Consort, by erecting a local monument to his memory,” proposed by G. Burt Esq., and seconded by the Rev. T. Seaville,— “that this meeting sanctions that a committee be appointed to carry out the erection of the memorial, in the way proposed by G. Burt, Esq., in his printed letter; the committee to consist of the following — J. Mowlem, Esq., chairman, Rev. D. Travers, rector, Rev. L. Lester, curate, Rev. F. F. Tracy, vicar of Worth, Rev. G. Alston, rector of Studland, Rev T. Seaville, Independent Minister, Rev. W. Peck, Wesleyan Minister, G. Burt, Esq., Mr. Churchwarden Randel, Mr. Smedmore, Mr. Charles Burt, Mr. White, of Whitecliffe, with Mr. E. Harman to act as treasurer, and Mr. S. T. Hillier as secretary,” proposed by the Rev. L. Lester, seconded by Mr. Harman. It was also decided that a subscription list should be at once Harman’s, bookseller, &c., where also the model of the proposed memorial would be placed for inspection. After a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by the Rev. G. Alston, and seconded by the Rev. D. Travers, the meeting separated.

THE HISTORY OF THE MEMORIAL TO 'ALBERT THE GOOD' IN SWANAGE

- 1861 14th December - Prince Albert dies.
- 1862 January 17th George Burt writes to Rev. D. Travers suggesting the idea of a memorial to be erected in Swanage.
- 1862 February 13th a meeting chaired by John Mowlem held in the National School Room to discuss the letter and its proposal was held and a committee set up to get the memorial erected
- 1862 by December - Swanage Memorial in Place
The first memorial to Prince Albert to be erected in the country.
- 1881 17th January - The Great Blizzard twists the 2 upper courses out of alignment.
- 1901 19th January - Top section dislodged by a heavy gale.
- 1930's For reasons that are unclear the top 13 courses taken down by local builder and put in store.
- 1961 Efforts made to get the memorial repaired for the centenary of its erection
- 1971 9th August - Planning Consent granted on 160 High Street with the condition that: *The existing monument shall be retained or moved to a new site to be agreed to the satisfaction of the local planning authority.*
- 1971 Developers of 160 High Street (Prince Albert Cottages) take down the rest of the memorial illegally. **The planning condition for retaining or re-siting the memorial was never enforced.**
- 1977 Attempts to get the Monument re-erected for the Queen's Silver Jubilee come to nothing.
- 1977
to Many efforts to get the Monument re-erected.
- 1990's
- 1996 Plans to get the Monument sited in the newly-made Prince Albert Gardens failed.
- 2000 Endeavours to get the Monument re-erected for the Millenium are a failure.
- 2017 **The campaign starts again.**

26th AUGUST 2019
Bi-centenary of the birth of
Prince Albert, the Prince Consort

MEMORIALS RAISED TO THE MEMORY OF ALBERT, PRINCE CONSORT (1819-1961)

FOWEY

Obelisk commemorating visit of 1846.
Demolished for car park and put in
harbour.

Top part re-sited for Queen's Jubilee in
1977

MEMORIALS RAISED IN HIS MEMORY

SWANAGE

Obelisk 1862

HASTINGS

Albert Memorial clock tower. Foundation
stone 10th November 1862 finished
December 1863.

Many plans for demolition post WW2. Demolition
finally happened in 1973.

Statue rescued and there have been many
attempts to have the Clock Tower re-built or the
statue re-instated somewhere.

ABERDEEN

Equestrian Statue 1863

LONDON

1851 Exhibition Memorial at back of
Albert Hall 1863

GUERNSEY

Bronze Statue. 1863

DURHAM?

Damaged Statue 1863?

OXFORD

Statue in Natural History Museum 1864

PERTH

Statue 1864

SALFORD

Statue 1864

TENBY

Statue/Memorial 1865

BELFAST

Albert Memorial Clock Tower 1865

LEEDS

Marble Statue in Town Hall 1865

MANCHESTER

Memorial in *ALBERT SQUARE* 1865

LIVERPOOL

Bronze Statue. Also *ALBERT DOCK*. 1866

WOLVERHAMPTON

Equestrian Statue 1866

GLASGOW

Bronze Equestrian Statue 1866

CAMBRIDGE

Marble Statue - re-located twice 1866

BALMORAL

Bronze Statue 1867

EXETER

Museum with Statue inside 1868

BIRMINGHAM

Marble Statue 1868

LONDON

Albert Hall 1871

LONDON

Albert Memorial, Hyde Park 1872

LONDON

Holburn Circus - Statue 1874

EDINBURGH

Equestrian Statue 1876

WINDSOR

Great Park copy of Glasgow Statue -
Later - 1887

DUBLIN

Bronze Statue 1904

ABROAD

MUMBAI

Statue in Museum (formerly the Victorian
and Albert Museum) 1870

SYDNEY

Bronze Statue 1866

Albert - Prince Of Culture, Art - And Science

Swanage And The Missing Memorial

The Albert Memorial immediately brings to mind the magnificent structure in Hyde Park in London; but Swanage had its own memorial to Prince Albert. This was erected ten years before the London one was opened in 1872.

Few people in Swanage will be unaware of the museums in South Kensington and many will have visited at least one of them - the V & A, the Natural History Museum or the Science Museum. The Albert Hall, or to give it its proper title, the Royal Albert Hall of Arts and Sciences, is also familiar and well known. All are due to the far-sightedness of Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, in using the profit made from the extremely successful Great Exhibition of 1851 to purchase the land in South Kensington and fulfil his dream of a collection of first class museums and colleges for the training of the arts and sciences.

When the immensely popular Prince Albert died at the age of 42 on the 14th of December 1861, George Burt wrote a letter from London to the Rector of Swanage. He had read the account of the Lord Mayor of London's call for a national monument and wrote, "Swanage should share in handing down to posterity the life of that great and virtuous Prince". At that time, the Mowlem firm was repaving Fleet Street and in Ludgate Circus there were two obelisks commemorating former Mayors of London. He offered the design of the obelisk, a form of memorial used since ancient times to honour the dead, and proposed that the cost should be covered by public subscription.

The site chosen was at the highest point on Court Hill where Victoria had paused in 1833 on the way down to the Manor House Hotel (later renamed, with Royal Consent, The Royal Victoria Hotel). John Mowlem gave the land on which it was to be erected; George Burt the railings held up by short stone pillars; John and James Haysom cut the inscription; Mr Farwell and Mr C. Burt erected the obelisk at the cost of £56.19s.0d. The monument was completed by December 1862 and was to become parish property. This makes the Swanage memorial particularly special, as it was the first to be erected to Albert's memory in the country.

Nearly twenty years after it was sited, the great blizzard of January 17th 1881 damaged the upper courses of the obelisk. After some wrangling by the Local Board, reported in Tribbett's Wareham and Isle of Purbeck Advertiser and Swanage Visitor List in March 1881, in the issue of April 22nd they reported that the Surveyor was ordered to repair the Albert Memorial under the direction of the Committee of Works.

It was damaged again on the 19th of January 1901 when the top section was dislodged during a heavy gale. There is a photograph of around 1925 (left), however, showing the top part of the obelisk being complete and in good shape. At some time between then and the outbreak of the Second World War, the top courses were again out of alignment and on the 11th of October 1968, J. Bernard Calkin wrote to the Swanage UDC informing them that the dislodged top courses of the monument had been taken away by agents of the Mowlem Estate and placed in the yard near the Northbrook Cemetery.

The monument continued in this truncated state until 1971. The minutes of the Vacation Committee of the Council, of a meeting on the 9th of August 1971, concerned a development at 160 High Street that involved moving the Albert Memorial. Letters of objection had been received from J. Bernard Calkin, David Lewer, W. J. Hardy and John Haysom. The Minutes state: (9) The existing monument shall be retained or moved to a new site to be agreed to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

The Developers demolished the Memorial in 1971 causing a local outcry - a Mrs Haysom even sat on the top until the police arrived. The wrangling between

Council and Developer continues through the Council minutes of 1972, 1973 and 1974, but the requirement to re-erect the memorial was never enforced and the stones, minus the top courses (pictured, right), which had been removed, lay in the Council yard. They were moved to a local quarry and are now housed in Haysom's Quarry near St Aldhelm's Head.

Despite many efforts to get the Albert Memorial re-erected during the 1970s (especially for the Silver Jubilee of 1977), the 1980s and 1990s (particularly for the making of Prince Albert Gardens in 1996) this was never achieved.

The Albert Memorial was taken down in 1971, a time when all things Victorian were out of favour. Even the Albert Memorial in Hyde Park was under threat.

Manchester nearly lost its clock tower and the statue of Prince Albert, in his robes as Chancellor of Cambridge University, was removed from the Fitzwilliam Museum and put in the grounds of Madingley Hall (in 2004 it returned to Cambridge and is housed at Wolfson College). The Clock Tower in Hastings was demolished and only the quick action of a resident saved the statue and there are current moves there to get the statue re-instated near the Town Hall. The wheel of fashion has now gone full circle and it is the buildings of the 1960s and 1970s that are under threat and all things Victorian are prized.

Surely, now is the time to get the Albert Memorial re-erected in Prince Albert Gardens (a site suggestion is pictured, below, at Prince Albert Gardens). The Prince was born on the 26th August 1819 - although the Swanage masons have the date as a week earlier, the 19th - so in two years' time the bi-centenary of his birth will fall; an extremely opportune time.

A working group of members of the Research Team of Swanage Museum has approached the Town Council with the purpose of getting the memorial re-erected in time for the bi-centenary. The matter should have been discussed at the Council Meeting on the 25th of September. Being a member of the Victorian Society, I sought their support in this matter and they have replied giving their support and saying: 'Of course, as with all cases we deal with we would hope that the memorial would be restored in a way which most fully reflects its original design and appearance, for example in the use of historically correct mortar and the recreation of any pieces of masonry which are found to be lacking. I do not doubt that this would be the case and the Victorian Society would be delighted to show its support in this project.'

The fact that this memorial was the first to be raised in his memory in the country makes it absolutely special. Even more so, when the fact is taken into account, that the population of Swanage was just over 2,000 in 1861. The other memorials that followed in Aberdeen, Hastings, Oxford, Perth, Salford, Tenby, Belfast, Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool, Wolverhampton, Glasgow, Cambridge, Exeter, and Birmingham and, later, Edinburgh and Dublin were all towns and cities with far larger populations than Swanage. This makes our memorial even more special - and unique.

Robert Field



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Dear Mr Field

RE: The Albert Memorial, Swanage

Thank you for your letter informing the Society of your intention to reconstruct the Swanage Albert Memorial. It is heartening to hear of a group so committed to the restoration of what will be for many, although unjustly, a forgotten part Swanage's built heritage. It is worth reminding that this particular memorial is unique, possessing a certain national significance as the first to be raised in commemoration of Prince Albert throughout the country.

Of course, as with all cases we deal with we would hope that the memorial would be restored in a way which most fully reflects its original design and appearance, for example in the use of historically correct mortar and the recreation of any pieces of masonry which are found to be lacking. I do not doubt that this would be the case and the Victorian Society would be delighted to show its support in this project.

The Society and I wish you every success in the restoration of the memorial and I sincerely hope that it shall be completed in time for the anniversary of Prince Albert's birth on the 26th August 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Bowring
Conservation Adviser

Remit: Formed in 1958, the Victorian Society is the charity concerned with the protection, appreciation and study of architecture between 1837 and 1914. As a reservoir of expertise, as energetic campaigners, and as a community organisation, we have been successful in saving many notable landmarks so that they may be enjoyed by future generations. Since 1969, the Society has been a statutory consultee on all applications for Listed Building Consent which involve an element of demolition, with the aim of helping local planning authorities make better decision about adapting Victorian and Edwardian buildings.

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Private and Confidential

From: Assistant Private Secretary to TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall

19th October, 2017

Dear Mr Field,

Thank you for your letter of 26th September to The Prince of Wales, requesting a letter of support for your efforts to re-erect the Swanage Albert Memorial.

It is most interesting to hear about the history of the Swanage Albert Memorial, and your work on trying to re-erect it in time for the bi-centenary of Prince Albert's birth in 2019. As I am sure you can imagine, His Royal Highness receives many requests such as yours, and due to the sheer volume, is unable to respond positively to them all. Unfortunately, The Prince of Wales is unable to do as you request, but I have taken the liberty of passing your letter to The Duke of Gloucester's office. As Patron of The Victorian Society, The Duke may find your project interesting and be able to help you.

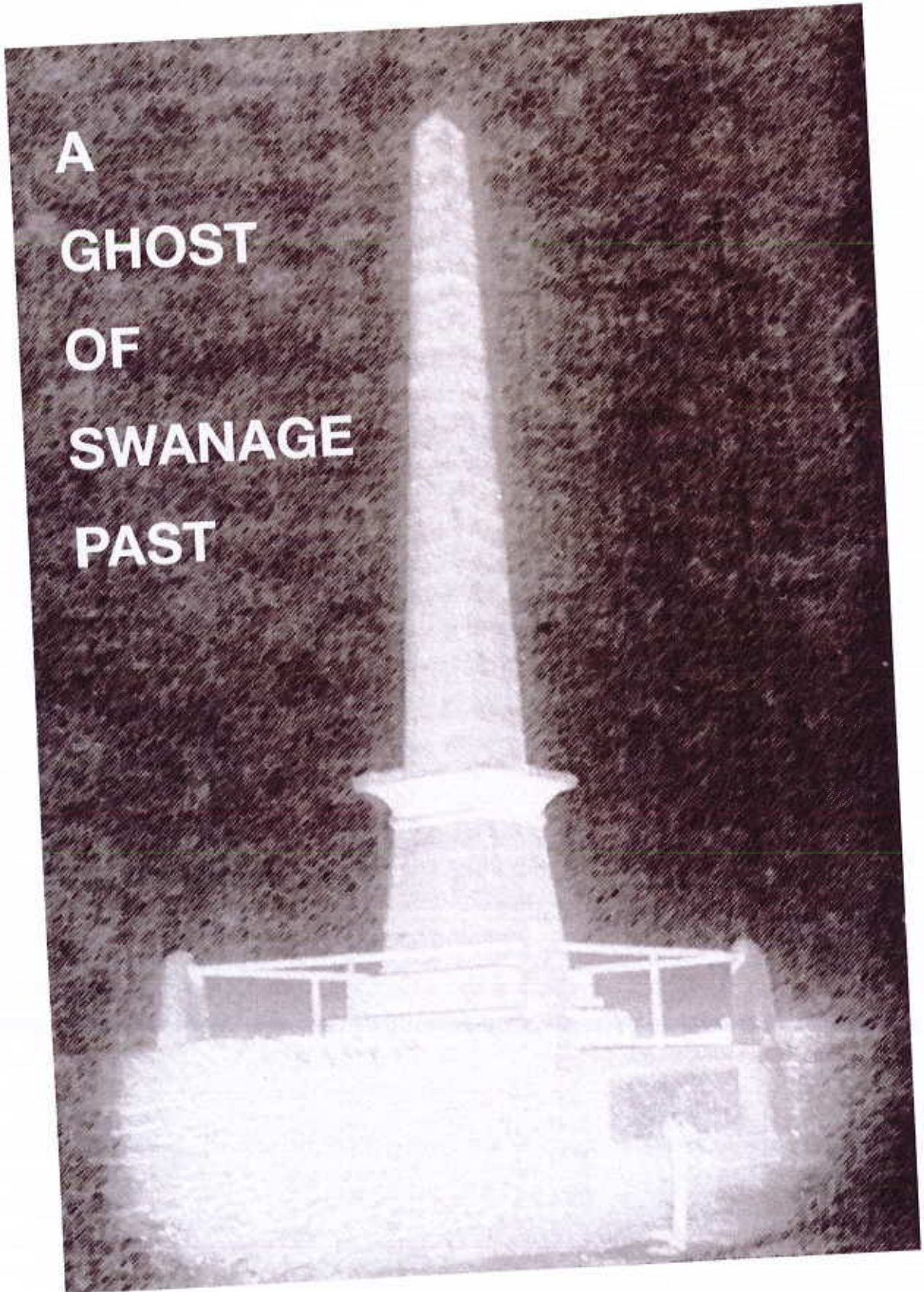
I am sorry to send what may appear to be a disappointing reply, but I trust that you understand. Thank you once again for writing, and this comes with all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Ally Rae

Robert Field Esq.

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**THE ALBERT MEMORIAL
SWANAGE**

The Albert Monument

The early death of the Prince Consort on 14 December 1861 brought widespread sorrow. His Royal Highness, his wife Victoria and his son Edward had all visited Swanage at different times, and a fitting memorial to 'Albert the Good' seemed more than desirable. George Burt wrote a letter from London to the rector, having read the account of the Lord Mayor's call for a national monument: 'Swanage should share in handing down to posterity the life of that great and virtuous Prince'. He could produce a design for an obelisk and that the cost should be shared by a wide subscription.

The site was chosen as the highest point on Court Hill where Victoria had paused on her way down to the hotel in 1833. The 'chaste and neat little monument' of Purbeck stone was completed by December 1862. John Mowlem gave the land, George Burt the railings, John and James Haysom cut the inscription. Mr. Farwell and Mr. C. Burt erected the obelisk at the cost of £56 19s. Od. The monument was to become parish property.

From: Swanage Past by David Lewer and Dennis Smale



We read in a contemporary account that "this chaste and neat little monument" was virtually completed by December, 1862. "It stands on a base of stonework and consists, first, of two courses of feather stone about six feet square, picked face and tooled champher; next, the dye or body; next, the cap or ridge; and lastly, a shaft or spire tapering towards the top, all worked as the first part and running to the height of about 28 feet, the joints pointed with white lead and sand."

From: Curiosities of Swanage or Old London by the Sea - David Lewer and J. Bernard Calkin

Two years earlier George Burt had been repaving Fleet Street, and the design which he offered to obtain for the proposed monument has been identified as that of a pair of obelisks which then stood on the north and south sides of the future Ludgate Circus (formed between 1864 and 1875). They had been erected earlier in the century, the northern one to the memory of Robert Waithman, Lord Mayor of London, 1823-4 and M.P for the City, and the southern one to John Wilkes, Lord Mayor in 1775. The design and measurements of the obelisks are in every respect identical with the Albert monument at Swanage, the only difference being that they are made of granite.

From: *Curiosities of Swanage or Old London by the Sea* - David Lewer and J. Bernard Calkin



The Northern obelisk was erected in 1833 to honour the memory of the recently deceased Robert Waithman, a linen draper whose premises were nearby. Waithman was also a prominent City of London politician, and was voted City member of parliament in five successive elections. This is a piece from *The Times* about the opening of the monument, and why it was contained by railings:

THE WAITHMAN OBELISK - Although it has been objected that the people of England are too prone to destruction of works of art, and that England is the only country in Europe where it is necessary to protect such works by iron railings, and to request persons to leave their sticks and parasols below at exhibitions of pictures, and to keep them at arm's length by bars, the committee and architect of the Waithman's obelisk, in consideration of the extreme hardness of the materials, and the broad simplicity of the design, had determined not to enclose it with railing, but to give their fellow-citizens an opportunity of redeeming this part of the national character. Yet a few hours had hardly passed after opening it to the public when wanton curiosity, to ascertain whether it was real granite or not, has injured and defaced the fine arrisses and points of some of the bold Roman letters, and other parts of the sculpture, and dirty feet marks are visible in clambering on the steps and cornice. The British nation have now the disgrace of seeing this beautiful work of art enclosed by a temporary chevaux de frise, till the committee surround it by an iron railing.

From: Mr Jackson - *The Cat's Meat Man* web blog



J.G. Harrod's *Directory of Dorsetshire for 1865* has fulsome praise for "The Albert Memorial":

"Small as Swanage is at present, it has displayed, in proportion to its limits, a highly loyal patriotic feeling. In doing justice to the memory of Albert the Good, the inhabitants were amongst the foremost. A very chaste and well-proportioned obelisk, with an appropriate inscription, was erected by the north side of the road above the Cemetery, at a point where it is seen for a considerable distance in either direction of the highway, and at once forms a beautiful foreground object to the view of the valley, and a very interesting one in all the views from it."

Small though the population of Swanage may have been in 1862 (just over 2,000 in the 1861 census) this Albert Memorial was the first to be raised in the country.

The National Memorial to Prince Albert (to be sited in Hyde Park) originally was to have been an obelisk surrounded by statuary. Sir George Gilbert Scott's design was eventually built and opened in 1872. A year earlier the practical part of the memorial, the Royal Albert Hall of Arts and Sciences, was opened.

In the ten years between, memorials to Prince Albert, in a variety of forms, were raised in Aberdeen 1863, Hastings 1863, Oxford 1864, Perth 1864, Salford 1864, Tenby 1865, Belfast 1865, Leeds 1865, Manchester 1865, Liverpool 1866, Wolverhampton 1866, Glasgow 1866, Cambridge 1866, Exeter 1868, Birmingham 1868 and, later, Edinburgh 1876 and Dublin 1904. All towns and cities with far larger populations than Swanage, and this makes our memorial even more special - and unique.

The monument to Albert the Good was a prominent and isolated feature on the highest point of the main road into Swanage, but by the centenary of the Prince's death it had become sadly truncated and crowded in with buildings and shacks. As befell the Alfred monument, it was badly shaken by the elements, this time in the blizzard of 17 January 1881, when the two uppermost courses of stone were twisted out of position. It was repaired by the Local Board, but between the world wars it again became unsafe. As the Council took no action in the matter, a builder removed the top thirteen courses to his yard where the stones remained for some fifteen years before being re-used for other purposes. Ironically they lay all this time within a stone's throw of John Mowlem's resting-place in Northbrook cemetery.

From: Curiosities of Swanage or Old London by the Sea - David Lewer and J. Bernard Calkin



The Albert Memorial c1925
Photograph: Frank Haysom



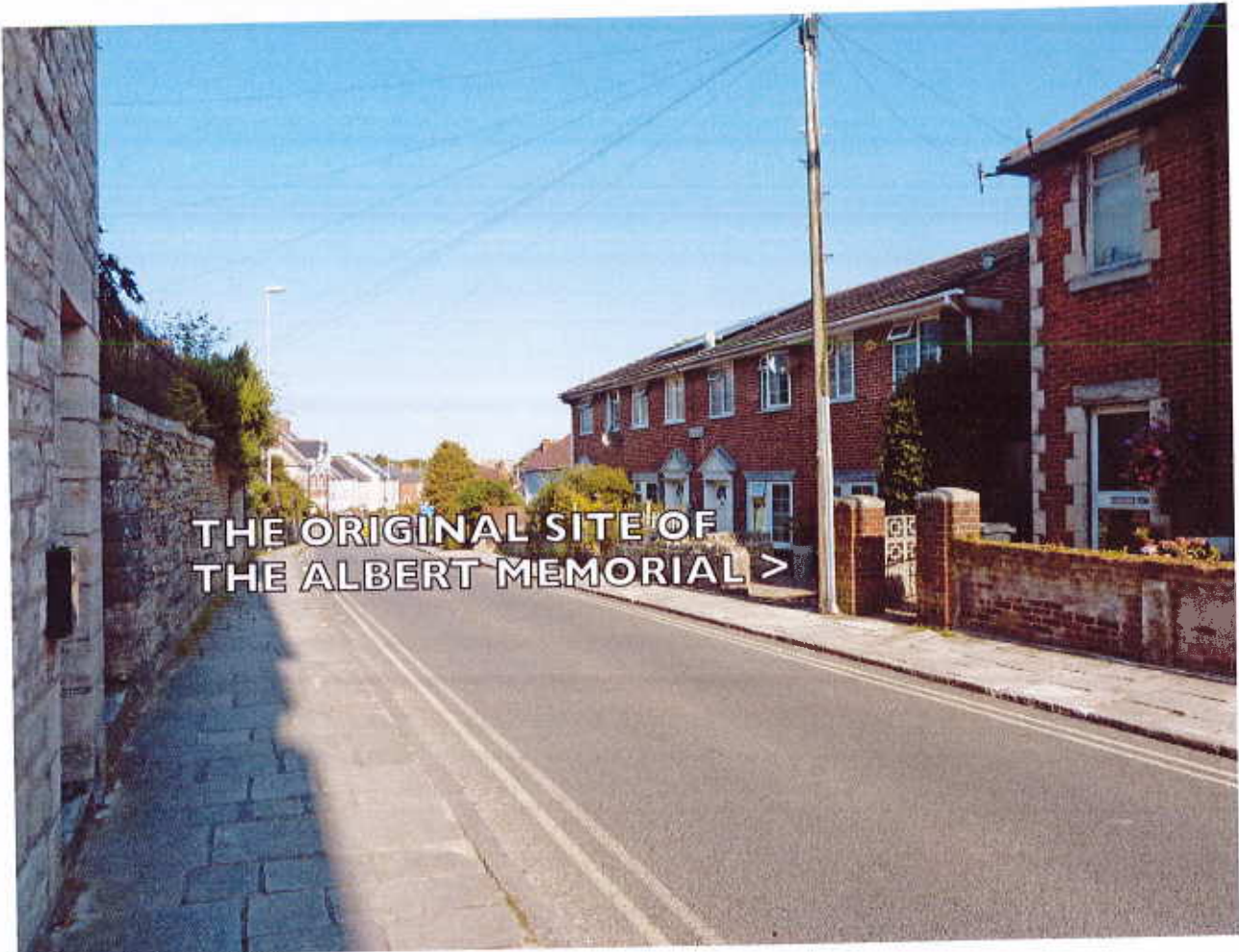
The Albert Memorial c1968
Photograph: Sister Liam (M. E. Cummins)



Photograph: David Haysom

In 1971 developers of the adjoining site inadvisedly demolished the monument, thereby causing an outcry (Mrs. Haysom sat on top of it until the police arrived). A condition was made that it should be re-erected on a site approved by the Council, but the authorities failed to insist on its rebuilding. Monuments to the Prince Consort are said to be rare outside London. It was thought that an ideal conclusion to the matter would be for the obelisk to be restored and removed to the vicinity of the Royal Victoria Hotel, thus symbolically re-uniting Albert the Good with his dear wife.

From: Curiosities of Swanage or Old London by the Sea - David Lewer and J. Bernard Calkin



Photograph: Robert Field



Photograph: Robert Field

No. 160 High Street, the site of the development of four terraced houses that was adjacent to the Albert Memorial. The terrace was named Prince Albert Cottages to commemorate this fact. The Planning condition of re-erecting the Memorial was never enforced and the remains of the memorial were housed in the council yard. Many attempts have been made to get this important memorial re-erected but none have succeeded.

At present the remains of the memorial are housed at Haysom's Quarry near St Aldhelm's Head.



Photographs: Jan Marsh



Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (1819-1861) 1859
by Franz Xaver Winterhalter (1805-1873)



The 1851 Exhibition in Hyde Park the profits of which went to the creation of the Museums, schools and colleges in South Kensington.

Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha was born on the 26th of August 1819 and died at Windsor on the 14th of December 1861.

As the bi-centenary of his birth falls on the 26th of August 2019 it would seem that Swanage ought to see this commemorated by the re-erection of this memorial in the gardens on the sea-front named after him. It was the first memorial in the country to be erected in his memory and is a sad loss to the heritage of the town. It falls to the present Mayor of Swanage and Swanage Town Council to put the work in hand to make sure that the wishes of the donors and subscribers of 1862 may be honoured. It will also ensure that Swanage is to the forefront in celebrating this bi-centenary. The debt that this country owes to Prince Albert's contributions in the fields of art and science, and their service to industry, is enormous. Even more so, the establishment of the museums, schools and colleges in South Kensington - and throughout Britain - using the profits from the 1851 exhibition have contributed vastly to the culture of this country as a whole.



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Image of the memorial, super-imposed on a photograph of Prince Albert Gardens, showing one possible siting for the re-erection of the memorial.