

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY,**
26th JUNE 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor M.P. Bonfield – Chairman

Councillor J.M. Bishop

Councillor C. Finch

Councillor G. Green

Councillor A. Harris

Councillor G.A. Marsh

Councillor S. Poultney

Councillor G.M. Suttle

Councillor W.S. Trite

(until 7.25 p.m.)

Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 4 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Revd Simon Franklin, from the United Reformed Church, offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Before opening the Meeting, the Chairman welcomed members of the public and made a short statement regarding the fire evacuation procedure, filming/audio recording etc. of the Meeting, and a summary of the procedure for Public Participation Time.

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- A representative from Swanage Action for Refugees (SAR) reported that a family of Kurdish Syrians (mother, father and three children) would be arriving in Swanage on 1st August, and would be residing in the annexe at the home of a SAR Committee member.
- In light of the retirement of the current Jazz Festival Committee, it was reported that, hopefully, a group of volunteers were willing to organise the Swanage Jazz Festival in 2018.
- An enquiry was made regarding progression of the bandstand project, and it was confirmed that the Bandstand Working Party would be meeting the Friends of Swanage Bandstand in the near future..

Councillor Bonfield opened the Council Meeting at 7.10 p.m.

37. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Lejeune and Morris.

38. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare their interest under the Code of Conduct as defined by regulations made under section 30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011, and requests for Grants of Dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

39. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Marsh, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 22nd May 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Green, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 24th May 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed.

40. **PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee held on 5th June 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

41. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 21st June 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

42. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Green, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee held on 21st June 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the following recommendations contained in the Minutes:-

5) **Car Parks**

a) i) **Purchase of Car Park Ticket Machines**

Proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Green, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a revised total capital budget of £80,000 be agreed to finance the purchase and installation of fourteen new 'Pay and Display' machines in the Town Council's car parks.

a) ii) Purchase of Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs)
Proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Bishop, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a revised total revenue budget of £6,000 be agreed for the purchase of two EVCPs from PODPoint, with electricity being charged at 18p per Kwh, and a maximum stay of four hours in marked bays whilst charging with a valid parking ticket.

43. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 31st May 2017 was submitted for information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

44. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Marsh, and
RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 3 and 3a, amounting to £1,622,355.18 and £123,316.95 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

45. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Bonfield was proud to report on the public spirited action taken by Swanage & Purbeck Rotary Club and the Swanage Town Band in organising a street collection and band concert in aid of the Grenfell Tower victims, as a result of which £2,000 would be donated towards re-providing and re-equipping a nursery facility for 0-3 year olds, lost in the fire.

Councillor Bonfield then reported that in his capacity of Mayor he had attended the following events during the past month:-

- A meeting of the School Council at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School.
- N1SCO European Paddleboard Championships 2017 – Presentation of Prizes.
- Hants & Dorset Rowing Regatta – Presentation of Prizes.
- Swanage Town Twinning Event held to welcome visitors from Rudesheim am Rheine.
- Special train journey to mark the launch day of the public train services between Swanage and Wareham on 13th June 2017.
- Armed Forces Weekend – 24th June 2017:-
Unveiling of commemorative plaques at the War Memorial.
Naming of GB Railfreight Locomotive Class 66 758 at Swanage Station.
- The Annual Civic Service held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Swanage on Sunday 25th June 2017.

46. **SWANAGE LOCAL PLAN**

Councillors Finch and Marsh declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of being members of the Purbeck District Council's Planning Board. They remained in the meeting during the discussion, but did not vote on the Proposition.

At a recent meeting of Purbeck District Council concerns were raised by a

local resident at the recent changes to the planning policy, made as part of the adoption of the Swanage Local Plan, which has placed the back garden of Cliff Cottage inside the settlement boundary.

During the ensuing discussion, Members acknowledged that the Town Council had failed to identify the significance of this change during the consultation process, and that the Swanage Local Plan had now been approved by the Planning Inspectorate. However, it was felt that these concerns should be lodged retrospectively and attached as an addendum to the Swanage Local Plan for future reference.

It was proposed by Councillor Trite and seconded by Councillor Suttle:-

That a letter be sent to Purbeck District Council expressing grave concerns at the change to the settlement boundary, and requesting that these concerns be lodged retrospectively and attached as an addendum to the Swanage Local Plan for future reference.

Upon being put to the Meeting, EIGHT Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and NONE AGAINST, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

Councillor Trite left the meeting at 7.25 p.m.

47. **FESTIVALS AND EVENTS**

(a) **Purbeck Pirate Festival**

Consideration was given to a request received from the organisers of the Pirate Festival for six parking spaces to be made available free of charge in Broad Road car park for bands performing at the Festival on 1st and 2nd July 2017. It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That six parking spaces be made available free of charge in Broad Road car park for bands performing at the Festival on 1st and 2nd July 2017.

During the debate, attention was drawn to a longer list of requests for concessionary and reserve parking for events taking place this summer. It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That officers be given delegated authority to determine these requests, but that an item entitled 'Concessionary Parking – Events' be included on the Agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Tourism Committee.

(b) **Purbeck Outdoor Weekend**

An e-mail dated 17th May 2017 was submitted from the organiser of The Purbeck Outdoor Weekend requesting the use of a section of the beach on the north side of the banjo jetty to hold events in connection with the Outdoor Weekend during the period 15th to 17th September 2017. It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED:-

That the request for the use of a section of the beach on the north side of the banjo jetty to hold events in connection with the Purbeck Outdoor Weekend be approved.

(c) **Beach Gardens**

Consideration was given to a request received from Swanage Tennis Club for free use of the tennis courts for an Open Day on 1st July 2017.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Marsh, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the request for free use of the tennis courts for an Open Day on 1st July 2017 be approved.

During the discussion, consideration was given to the possibility of free putting also being made available, and it was AGREED:-

That the Visitor Services Manager be granted delegated authority to offer free putting as part of any future event to promote the facilities at Beach Gardens.

48. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

(a) Councillor Whitwam reported that the re-instatement of the public train service between Swanage and Wareham on 13th June 2017 had been very well received and was proving to be popular.

(b) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a meeting of the Purbeck Transport Action Group on 21st June 2017, and updated those present on proposed amendments to the 40 and 44 bus timetables.

49. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

There were no delegated matters to report at the present time.

50. **ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND MATTERS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDAS**

Items of Information

(a) Further to Minute No. 22 of the Council meeting held on 22nd May 2017, Councillor Suttle reported that he had referred the litter problems and the removal of bins in the town centre to the Chief Executive of Purbeck District Council.

It was further noted that a meeting with representatives from the Dorset Waste Partnership was scheduled to be held on 5th July 2017.

Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

(b) There were no additional matters raised for inclusion on forthcoming Agendas.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Green, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, under Standing Order No. 1 c), in the public interest, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under agenda item 13 by reason of commercial confidentiality.

51. **CONTRACT MANAGEMENT – TOILETS REFURBISHMENT**

Further to Minute No. 238 of the Council meeting held on 27th March 2017, consideration was given to an e-mail dated 15th June 2017 from Dorset County Council outlining their fee structure for managing additional refurbishment works in respect of the public toilets at Mermond Place and Beach Gardens.

Following discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the fee structure for contract management in respect of the additional refurbishment of the public toilets at Mermond Place and Beach Gardens submitted by Dorset County Council (11.5% of contract fee for the additional works) be accepted.

The meeting concluded at 7.40 p.m.
