

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the
Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall,
Swanage on **MONDAY, 7th NOVEMBER 2011**
at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett
Councillor M. Bonfield
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 15 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Durlston Castle Refurbishment

The Town Mayor welcomed Ms. Katie Black, from Durlston Country Park, to the Meeting and invited her to update those present on the refurbishment of Durlston Castle.

She reported that, following the closure of the Castle in 2004, it was acknowledged that major works were required in order to preserve the listed building. A refurbishment programme was drawn up, and a successful bid for funding from the Heritage Lottery, together with a commitment from Dorset County Council and the proceeds from many local fundraising events, enabled the works to be undertaken. The project was now almost completed, and the newly-refurbished Castle would be opened on 18th November 2011.

The refurbished building would incorporate a new Visitor Centre for Durlston and the Jurassic Coast, a cafe and an exhibition area. The building would also be licensed as a venue for weddings and civil partnership ceremonies.

On the conclusion of the Presentation, the Mayor thanked Ms. Black for the information provided and invited questions and comments from the audience.

The Mayor opened the meeting for Public Participation at 7.10 p.m.

Public Participation Time

MR. J. MAUGHAN, from the Swanage Hospitality Association, referred to the proposal to provide four sites for gypsies within the Purbeck area, and enquired why it was being considered that three of these four sites would be provided within the Swanage boundary. The **TOWN MAYOR** explained that, at this stage, it was a 'proposal to consult' and not a 'proposal to site'. He was unable to give detailed information on the matter at the present time, as the subject was on the Agenda for consideration at the Purbeck District Council meeting the following evening.

MR. CARL STYANTS, updated those present on matters relating to Education Swanage and their quest to set up a 'Free School' in Swanage. Their application to the Department of Education was one of 55 successful bids in the country, and they were now awaiting a further meeting on 25th November 2011 in order to progress matters. It was intended that a public meeting would be held in approximately 2 to 3 weeks time. In concluding, Mr. Styants re-iterated Education Swanage's appreciation of the continued support from the Town Council.

MR. D. HOLMAN enquired whether a site had been determined for the 'Free School'. He was aware of the interest in the former Grammar School site for the 'Free School', and enquired whether the terms of any offer would stipulate the type of housing to be incorporated in any future development of the remainder of the site. He also enquired whether Education Swanage had undertaken any public consultation regarding the setting up of a 'Free School' in Swanage, and how the public could express their support for the project. He then asked whether any future proposals would include the provision of 'affordable' housing.

MR. J. JAMES referred to the proposals by Dorset County Council to introduce 'pay and display' parking along Shore Road and Station Road, and enquired whether these proposals were being progressed. He was informed that the matter had been deferred for further consideration by Dorset County Council until approximately April 2012.

Revd. Gaynor Burrett offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

The Town Mayor then opened the Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

76. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Brown, Miss Harris and Pratt.

77. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 3rd October 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 21st October 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

78. **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 24th October 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

79. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport
Committee held on 26th October 2011 be approved
as a correct record and signed.

Arising from Minute No. 5 a), Members re-iterated their concerns regarding
the congestion caused by camper vans parking on Shore Road, and the safety of
pedestrians in the area. It was requested that every effort be made to address the
situation as soon as possible before a serious accident occurs.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

80. **PLANS**

Under the Model Code of Conduct, Members declared a formal interest in the
capacity of Corporate Trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust in applications relating
to the Trust.

Councillor Mrs. Marsh did not vote on, or propose, or second any of the
motions on the following planning applications, by reason of being a Member of the
Purbeck District Council's Planning Board.

**Delegated
Applications**

6/2011/0649 **Mrs P Bond**

Erect single storey rear extension.
2 Cauldron Crescent, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2011/0653 **Mrs G Gray**

Erect single storey side extension.
3 Ancaster Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2011/0655 **Mr J March**

Erect rear extension to form lounge and kitchen and erect porch to
front door. Insert two windows in south elevation and four dormer
windows to facilitate loft conversion.

23 Redcliffe Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to no significant overlooking
of neighbouring properties.

6/2011/0656 **Dorset County Council**

Section 73 application seeking variation of condition 2 of P/P

6/2010/0016 to obtain a minor material amendment to approved details
involving substitution of the 2.43m perimeter fencing with a 2m fence
topped with 0.6m section of electrified strands.

Prospect Business Park Recycling Centre, Victoria Avenue, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2011/0657 **Dorset County Council**
Variation of condition 10 of P/P 6/2010/0016 to remove the requirements for observations and recording during groundworks. Prospect Business Park Recycling Centre, Victoria Avenue, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2011/0659 **Mr & Mrs Lovell**
Demolition of existing dwellings and development of land as three houses with garages; create new pedestrian and vehicular access. 51 and 53 Bay Crescent, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal on the grounds that the visual impact and increased density of the proposed development is not in keeping with the local character of the area. Furthermore, this proposal does not conform with Policies QL 28 and 29 of the Final Edition of the Purbeck District Local Plan which stipulates that development must respect the building line created by adjacent plots.

6/2011/0666 **Mr T Nias**
Install rear dormer, side rooflight and gable window. 156 High Street, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

81. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (a) The Mayor was pleased to report that, following a close competition, Mr. Andrew Fleming had now been appointed as Swanage's official Town Crier. In announcing the appointment, he wished to record his appreciation of the help given by the Town Criers from Seaford and Wareham, and also to Mrs. Jean Gibbs, for their assistance in organising and judging the competition.
- (b) The Mayor reported that, since the last monthly meeting of the Council, he had attended the following events:-
- Swanage Sailing Club Commodore's Reception.
 - Swanage Salvation Army – 'Harvest of the Sea'.
 - Chairman of Purbeck District Council's Civic Day.
 - Swanage & District Chamber of Trade & Commerce Annual Dinner.
 - Competition for the position of Swanage Town Crier.
 - Swanage Stroke Club – Meeting and Lunch.
 - Rededication of Earl Haig Memorial Hall on its 80th Anniversary by Swanage Royal British Legion.
 - 75th Anniversary of Swanage Tourist Information Centre.
 - Visit of Education Swanage and representatives of the Department for Education and Partnerships for Schools to the former Swanage Grammar School site, and afterwards hosting a meeting of all parties at the Town Hall.
 - Swanage Railway Trust's Annual Dinner.
 - Presentation of 'Swanage in Bloom' trophies.

82. **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2011**

A notice had been received from Purbeck District Council inviting nominations from local Parish and Town Councils for Volunteer of the Year 2011.

The Mayor explained that the Awards are made as special recognition by the Chairman of Purbeck District Council of services to the community, and he asked that nominations be submitted for consideration by the Town Council before 31st December 2011.

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

- (a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a meeting of the Swanage Pub Watch the previous evening, and had been very impressed to learn of the work undertaken voluntarily by the local publicans.

84. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

(a) **Items of Information**

The Royal British Legion would be holding a Remembrance Service at the War Memorial on Friday, 11th November. Local school children would be placing crosses with the names of all the fallen from the first and second World Wars around the Memorial, commencing at 10.15 a.m. and the Service would start at approximately 10.50 a.m.

(b) **Items for Forthcoming Agendas**

Arrangements for the Olympic Torch when it is carried through Swanage on 13th July 2012.

86. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

That, under Standing Orders Nos. 67 and 68, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

87. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Land south of Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the occupation of grazing land south of the Holiday Park, prior to a directions hearing at Bournemouth County Court on Wednesday, 9th November.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.
