

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Swanage Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND PLANNING** matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick (Town Mayor) – Chairman.

Councillor M. Bonfield  
Councillor I. Brown  
Councillor S. Poultney  
Councillor M. Pratt  
Councillor W.S. Trite  
Councillor G.M. Suttle  
Councillor M. Whitwam  
Councillor A. Wiggins

There were two members of the public in attendance at the Meeting.

### **Public Participation Time**

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Challenge Navitus – Request for funding towards cost of public awareness banners.

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.10 p.m.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Bartlett, Miss Harris and Mrs. Marsh.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

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.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

3. **PLANS**

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**

6/2014/0219 **Mr Stuart Anderson**

Erect first floor rear extension.  
83 Bay Crescent, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** Recommend refusal. Concerns raised regarding scale and size of proposed extension, and obtrusive to neighbouring property.

6/2014/0222 **Mr R Sheen**  
Extend existing roof, insert two dormer windows to form first floor bedroom.  
The Old Bakehouse, Town Hall Lane, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

#### **Items for Information Only**

6/2014/0224 **McCarthy & Stone Retirement Lifestyles Ltd**  
Formation of temporary vehicular access.  
Shore House, Shore Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.

6/2014/0230 **Harrow House International College (Swanage) Ltd**  
Erect replacement sports hall with changing facilities and gymnasium.  
Harrow House, Harrow Drive, Walrond Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.

The following applications were not discussed by the Town Council as it was considered that a conflict of interest existed, given that the Council had retained the freehold of the Holiday Park.

6/2014/0217 **Mr Williams**  
Erect UPVC decking.  
Plot 174, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

6/2014/0218 **Mr Medler**  
Erect vinyl decking.  
Plot 279, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

6/2014/0229 **Mr Burgess**  
Erect UPVC decking.  
Plot 226a, Swanage Bay View Caravan Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

#### 4. **BUDGET MONITORING**

##### (a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 was submitted for information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

#### 5. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and **RESOLVED:-**  
That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 2 and 2a, amounting to £19,452.95 and £35,539.27 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

6. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

Further to Minute No. 17 of the Annual Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014, the Clerk updated those present on matters relating to the Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Schemes.

The nominated Working Party had met with the Council's professional advisors on site on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May to consider the recommendation from the appointed structural engineers regarding the final stage of additional stabilisation works below the former site of the war memorial. It was noted that the extent of soil nailing required was less than initially anticipated. After detailed consideration it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That, in line with the recommendation of the Working Party, the Town Council authorise the works set out in the report of Smith Foster, structural engineers, dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at a cost of £110,000.

7. **NAVITUS BAY WIND FARM**

(a) **Registration as an Interested Party**

Further to Minute No. 15 of the Annual Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014, Members were informed that the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) had confirmed that Navitus Bay Development Limited's formal application for development consent had been accepted and would progress to the pre-examination stage, whereby members of the public could register as an interested party in order to provide comments on the application and be kept informed of the progress of the examination.

The registration period for interested parties would commence on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and any representation or response must be received by PINS by 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014.

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

That the Town Council registers with PINS as an interested party and makes representation in line with its previous letters of objection to the development.

(b) **Proposal for Awareness Raising**

Further to Minute No. 15 of the Annual Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014, consideration was given to a proposal received from Challenge Navitus that banners be erected in appropriate locations to raise awareness of the proposed Navitus Bay Wind Farm and provide information on the registration process with the Planning Inspectorate.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Trite and seconded by Councillor Whitwam:-

That the Town Council makes a donation in the sum of £2,610 to Challenge Navitus for the purchase of appropriate banners/information boards.

Upon being put to the Meeting, THREE Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition, FOUR Members voted AGAINST, and there were TWO ABSTENTIONS, whereupon the Proposition was declared NOT CARRIED.

8. **YOUNG PEOPLE RURAL OUTREACH VEHICLE**

Consideration was given to a request received from The Army Welfare Service outlining the work of the Young People Rural Outreach Vehicle in Swanage and other locations in the county, and requesting funding towards the cost of providing this service.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bonfield and seconded by Councillor Poultney:-

That under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the sum of £1,300 be contributed towards the costs of providing the Young People Rural Outreach Vehicle in Swanage for 1 year, subject to confirmation of continuation of the service and acknowledgement of the Town Council's sponsorship.

Upon being put to the meeting, EIGHT Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and there was ONE abstention, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

9. **BUSINESS RATES**

Consideration was given to a request received seeking the Council's support for a proposal for Town and Parish Councils to receive a percentage of Business Rates to benefit economic growth in the locality.

Members noted the proposal, but did not wish to take any action in the matter at the present time.

10. **ST. MARK'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL – DISPOSAL OF PLAYING FIELDS**

Further to Minute No. 11 of the Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014, and a subsequent meeting with Dorset County Council's Schools' Premises Officer, consideration was given to a Report submitted regarding the disposal of the school playing fields.

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

That every effort be made to retain the St. Mark's CE VA Primary School playing fields as an open space, and that the Swanage Local Plan Working Party be given delegated authority to negotiate in this regard.

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

- (a) Purchase of additional vehicle to meet operational requirements.
- (b) Cleaning of picture of Mill Pond displayed in Council Chamber.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, 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.

12. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

There were no additional contractual matters arising from Minute No. 6.

13. **SWANAGE LOCAL PLAN**

The Clerk updated Members on discussions held with the Town Centre Extension Advisory Group and other interested parties.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.

---