

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Swanage Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND PLANNING** matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 23rd JUNE 2014** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett
Councillor M. Bonfield
Councillor I. Brown
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M. Pratt
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

There were 12 members of the public in attendance at the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Installation of public information boards and future content.
- Re-iteration of concerns regarding proposed gas drilling at California Quarry and forthcoming meeting between Infrastrata and residents of California Farm.
- Nature of Public Participation Time and follow-up of matters raised during previous sessions.

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.20 p.m.

1. **APOLOGIES**

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

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

6/2014/0259 **AJS Developments Ltd.**

Changes to planning permission 6/2012/0495 – demolish existing dwelling and erect four detached dwellings with integral garages and

associated parking; modify vehicular access (to vary condition 3 to allow the repositioning of the vehicular access and the siting of dwelling to plot 2).

Sea Mist, Cobblers Lane, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2014/0265 **Mr S. Vincent**

Erect three-bedroom detached dwelling, rebuild collapsed stone wall and create new vehicular access.

Land rear of 128-132 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2014/0268 **Mr & Mrs Lovell**

Amended design for dwelling (No.53) under planning permission

6/2011/0659 (Demolition of existing dwellings and development of land as three houses with garages; create new pedestrian and vehicular access).

53 Bay Crescent, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2014/0269 **Mrs Speight**

Erect single storey extension on each side.

68 Higher Days Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

Items for information only

6/2014/0271 **Mrs Rebecca Owen-Howes**

Certificate of Lawfulness of proposed works to a listed building.

Replacement of rear door, lead flashing between porch and rear wall, front down pipe and installation of flue liner in chimney.

Court Cottage, 229 High Street, Swanage.

6/2014/0262 **Rocquaine Management Committee**

Make repairs to existing bay windows.

5 Rocquaine Court, Ilminster Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.

6/2014/0272 **McCarthy & Stone Retirement Lifestyles Ltd.**

Erect two signage boards in a V-shape and four flagpoles.

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.

4. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 31st May 2014 was submitted for information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

5. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 3 and 3a, amounting to £458,214.97 and £59,731.17 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

6. **STATEMENT OF POLICY ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME 2014 DISCRETIONS**

The Clerk reported on amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme 2014, which included the requirement for the Town Council to adopt a Discretions Policy.

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

That the Town Council's draft Statement of Policy on The Local Government Pension Scheme 2014 Discretions be approved and adopted.

7. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

Further to Minute No. 35 of the Council Meeting held on 2nd June 2014, the Clerk was pleased to report that work on the Downs Stabilisation Scheme would be completed by the end of June 2014.

The new toilet block on Shore Road was on target to be completed by mid-July.

8. **COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Further to an issue raised during a previous Public Participation session, consideration was given to the Town Council's policy regarding comments on planning applications in which it has an interest.

The Clerk reported that the Council's existing policy was not to comment on planning applications in which it had an interest as a corporate body, although in cases where Members felt there were wider issues of public interest at stake that position could be reviewed and appropriate advice taken. The position was noted.

9. **GAS DRILLING – CALIFORNIA QUARRY**

Consideration was given to matters of concern raised by local residents in relation to the proposed gas drilling at California Quarry and related vehicle movements. During the discussion concerns were expressed regarding the comprehensiveness of information provided by Infrastrata relating to the proposals.

It was noted that a meeting had been arranged between the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman of the Transport Committee and representatives from Infrastrata on Monday 30th June. The Town Mayor asked that she be informed of any issues of concern so that they could be aired at that meeting.

10. **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TOWN**

The Town Mayor reported on a proposal from Dorset Partnership for Older People that Swanage becomes a 'Dementia Friendly' town, and recognises the problems experienced by dementia patients and their families.

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

That the Town Council fully supports the proposal for Swanage to be designated as a 'Dementia Friendly' town.

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

- (a) On appeal, approval had been granted by the Planning Inspectorate for the construction of 52 dwellings on land adjoining the former Grammar School site.
- (b) Guidelines from NALC regarding communication with the media.

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. 7.

13. **LICENSING APPLICATION**

Further to Minute No. 34 (b) of the Council Meeting held on 2nd June 2014, the Clerk reported that Landlord's Consent was not required in respect of the licensing application for the Hungry Shark Café on the Recreation Ground, adequate provision having been included within the terms of the lease.

14. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Lease – Sea Breeze Restaurant**

The Clerk reported on a letter received from solicitors acting on behalf of the lessee of the Sea Breeze Restaurant, and the position was noted.

It was RESOLVED:-

That the Clerk take appropriate advice and the matter be deferred for consideration at the Council meeting scheduled to be held on 7th July 2014.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.
