

Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014** at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor Mrs A. Patrick (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor M. Bonfield (from 1.10 p.m.)  
Councillor I. Brown  
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh  
Councillor S. Poultney  
Councillor M. Pratt  
Councillor M. Whitwam  
Councillor A. Wiggins

There were no members of the public present at the Meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Bartlett and Trite.

2. **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. There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

3. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

(a) **Interim Cost Report No. 4**

Consideration was given to the detailed Interim Cost Report No. 4 dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014, submitted by the Chartered Quantity Surveyor on behalf of the Contract Administrators.

Taking into account omissions and additions to the original contract, it was noted that the projected final account for construction works (excl. VAT) would be £2,850,342.83.

The position was noted.

(b) **Beach Bungalows – Installation of Lighting**

Consideration was given to the installation of lighting in the beach bungalows, at an estimated cost of £298.50 per bungalow.

During the ensuing discussion, the consensus of opinion was that electricity should be included, as it was intended that the premium bungalows should be equipped to a high standard.

It was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by the Town Mayor, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the installation of electric lighting to each beach bungalow at a cost of £298.50 per unit be approved.

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED:-**

That the Town Council absorbs the cost of the electricity used by the occupants of the bungalows for the first year of operation. The matter to be reviewed after this period.

(c) **Beach Bungalows – Disabled Access**

Consideration was given to the adaptation of a number of beach bungalows for improved disabled access.

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

That five beach bungalows at the southern end of the development be adapted for improved disabled access.

(d) **Gate Access**

In light of concerns expressed regarding security, consideration was given to the installation of a security gate across the alleyway access between the new toilet block and Sea Breeze Restaurant.

It was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED with ONE ABSTENTION:-

That a security gate be installed across the alleyway access between the new toilet block and Sea Breeze Restaurant at an estimated cost of £1,500.

4. **RECREATION GROUND**

(a) **Wall around War Memorial**

Further to Minute No. 11 of the Policy and Planning meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014, consideration was given to an estimate received for the rebuilding of the wall around the perimeter of the war memorial.

During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that the stone could not be supplied in time for the project to be completed for November 2014, and that the Council had been required to lodge an application with the District Council's planning department to confirm that the works could be undertaken within its permitted development rights. Concerns were also expressed at the high cost of the estimate.

Having regard to the above, and the continued occupation of the site by the contractors undertaking the Seafront Stabilisation works, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED, with ONE ABSTENTION:-

That the matter be deferred until Spring 2015 and that, in the meantime, options for delivering the proposals at a lower cost be explored.

(b) **Re-surfacing of Pathways**

Consideration was given to an estimate submitted on behalf of Raymond Brown Construction Ltd for re-surfacing of pathways on the Recreation Ground.

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

That temporary repairs be carried out to the pathways where necessary, but re-surfacing/re-siting of the pathways be considered in conjunction with any future proposals relating to the bandstand.

(c) **Planting Scheme**

Proposals for the planting scheme on the Recreation Ground were submitted for consideration.

Having regard to the possible future re-siting/removal of some pathways, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Brown, and RESOLVED with ONE ABSTENTION:-

That the matter be deferred for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.

The meeting concluded at 1.45 p.m.