Minutes of the Meeting of the GENERAL **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 7th November 2012 at 6.30 p.m.

Chairman: - Councillor S Poultney	Swanage Town Council
Present: -	
Councillor Mrs C Bartlett	Swanage Town Council
Councillor I Brown	Swanage Town Council
Councillor Miss C Harris	Swanage Town Council
	(from 7.00 p.m.)
Councillor Mrs G Marsh	Swanage Town Council
Councillor Mrs Patrick	Swanage Town Council
Councillor M Pratt	Swanage Town Council
Councillor W Trite	Swanage Town Council
Also present: - Dr M Ayres Mr G Brookes Mrs C Anstey Councillor M Bonfield Councillor M Whitwham	Town Clerk Operations Manager Administrative Assistant Swanage Town Council (from 6.45 p.m.) Swanage Town Council (until 7.00 p.m.)
Mr J Anscombe	Prospect Allotment Association (until 6.50 p.m.)
Mr M Jones	Prospect Allotment Association
Mr A Lander	(until 6.50 p.m.) Swanage Fishermen's Association (from 7.10 p.m. until 8.15 p.m.)

Public Participation Time

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Mr M Green (James Smith Funeral Directors).

2. Matters Arising From the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Operations **Committee held on 4th July 2012**

Further to minute 2)b)i) it was reported that a request had been made in a letter sent with the October invoices to all plot holders, for all allotments to be clearly marked with the plot number at the start of each boundary.

Thanks were given to the Operations Department for the prompt and efficient service given to marking out the allotment car park. A request was also made for the pot holes in the road that leads through the allotments to be filled.

Mr A Bennett and Mr M Jones left the meeting at 6.50 p.m.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public

It was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Whitwam and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That, under Standing Orders No's. 67 and 68, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following item.

4. Improvements to Street Cleansing in Swanage

Consideration was given to a report detailing the future of waste collection in Swanage. It was reported that Swanage enjoys a large increase in tourists each year and hosts a number of major events, and the present system of service provision for waste collection had been found to be inadequate during peak periods. Concern was expressed in regard to the bins in Swanage and that they were in such poor condition that the matter had reached a critical point.

It was noted that the overall responsibility for the provision of street cleansing lay with the Dorset Waste Partnership. It was reported that the Purbeck wide contract for street cleansing would be coming to a conclusion in 2013. It was noted that the Town Council's waste management representatives would attend a meeting with Dorset Waste Partnership on the 14th November to discuss this matter. Following a detailed discussion, members indicated a willingness to consider making a financial contribution towards the improvement of waste facilities in the town. It was proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bartlett and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the Town Council give their support to the further investigation of the options identified by the Operations Manager to enhance the town's waste management system.

5. Fishermen's Huts and Jetties

a) Possible Replacement of Fishermen's Jetty

It was reported that the representative of Swanage Fishermen's Association attended a meeting with the Marine Management Organisation with regard to seeking possible funding towards essential repairs to the fishermen's jetty at the Town Council's boat park. It was noted that to secure any alternative funding, the Town Council would be required to raise an equal sum. A discussion ensued detailing options on workable and cost effective solutions to the replacement of the jetty. It was AGREED:

That the Town Council's Operations Manager, together with Councillor Bonfield and the representative of Swanage Fishermen's Association meet to discuss all options for the future of the provision of a jetty for fishermen and boat users and report to a future meeting.

6. Budget Setting 2013/14

a) Capital Programme Review and Monitoring

Members reviewed the 2012/13 capital programme and the following points were noted.

- Days Park play area improvement and Town Hall re-roofing completed.
- Shore Road conveniences refurbishment to be reviewed following the outcome of the current tender process.
- Purchase of replacement tractor deferred.
- Officers to review the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the enforcement officers, car park and skate park lighting and installation of paddle gates at the Heritage Toilets.
- Railway Station forecourt improvements to be deferred, pending outcome of the Health Centre relocation and supermarket expansion plans.

Further to minute 12 of the Policy & Planning Meeting held on 15^{th} October 2012 the Operations Manager updated Members on progress in respect of the bandstand. It was agreed that any decision regarding the future of this iconic feature should be given careful consideration, and investigations should be made into ways to raise the estimated £80,000 required for repairs/replacement of the bandstand.

Consideration was also given to the funding of the Council's unapproved Capital Programme for 2012-2015 and future years. It was noted that funds had not been identified to undertake all the works listed within the timescale shown. Members' confirmed their intention to retain 85% of the capital receipt from the disposal of Swanage Bay View Holiday Park for investment purposes and also expressed reluctance to borrow to undertake specific schemes. Officers were requested to review the phasing of the schemes and report further to the meeting of the Finance & Performance Management Committee in December.

b) Review of Operations Budgets

Members reviewed the existing Operations Department budget and had no matters to raise in advance of budget setting for 2013/14.

c) Scale of Charges 2013/14

It was proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Mrs Patrick and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the following scale of charges for 2013/14 be taken forward to the Finance & Performance Management Committee Meeting due to be held on 12th December 2012 to be considered further.

Agreed Fees 2013/14

5.	ALLOTMENTS	
	Prospect (per rod)	6.20
6.	PEVERIL POINT	
	Angling Club (Lease expires 30/04/2023)	
	Angling Club Hut and Land	450.00
	Foreshore - Dinghy Storage (Angling Club)	210.00
	Dug-Out Storage Area, Rear of Waterside (per week)	8.40
	Rent of Hut Site (East of Lifeboat House)	200.00
	Fishermen's Huts	380.00

	Boathouse Sites x 2 (West of Lifeboat House)	230.00
7.	STONE QUAY & MONKEY BEACH	
	Monkey Beach Boat Rings	80.00
	(Private)	
	Pleasure Boats	
	(exceeding 30 passengers)	700.00
	(not exceeding 30 passengers)	625.00
	(not exceeding 12 passengers)	210.00
	Boat operation from Pontoon	225.00
	Motor Boats (not exceeding 15 feet)	145.00
	Hut on Quay	125.00
8.	TOWN HALL LETTINGS	
	Council Chamber	
	Public Meetings and Lectures (per session)	40.00
	Property Auctions	135.00
	Annexe	n/a
	Civil Marriage/Partnership Ceremonies	110.00
	Committee Room	25.00
*	Regatta Committee, Swanage Museum,	Free of Charge
	Town Band, Red Cross, Royal British Legion, Swanage In	-
	Bloom	
	Town Partnership, Pier Trust, South Purbeck Task Group, Radio Link	c Shop Watch,
	PACT and Education Swanage	
9.	KING GEORGE V FIELD	
	Caravan Club Rallies	20.00
	(Daily per Unit)	
		25.00
	Football Pitch & Changing Facilities	25.00 6.00
	(Youth Teams)	6.00
10.	FORRES SPORTS FIELD	
	Football Pitch & Changing Facilities	25.00
	(Youth Teams)	6.00
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11.	DAY'S PARK	5.00
	Football Club (Lease expires 31/03/2008)	5.00
12.	LOWER GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS FIELD	
	Football Pitch (N.B. No Changing Facilities)	12.50
	Allnatt Centre	TBC
13.	JOURNEY'S END	
	Football Pitches	12.00
	Youth Teams	6.00
	Isle of Purbeck Arts Club (Lease expires 31/03/2002)	150.00
	New agreement pending	
14.	<u>SUNDRY</u>	
	Punch & Judy Concession	
	-	490.00
	Wessex Telescopes Sites (x4)	
	•	225.00

15. GODLINGSTON CEMETERY

Garden of Rest

- **r** noted remains in east 1

Cremation Plot for burial of cremated remains in casket or urn.	
(i) Interment Fees - for burial of casket or urn in plot 2' x 2':	
(a) first interment	140.00
(b) for each additional interment	140.00
(to 4 interments)	
(c) for interments on Saturdays, Sundays and	150.00
Public Holidays additional to above	
including the period between Christmas	
Eve and New Year's Day	
(ii) Exclusive Rights - for grant of right of	280.00
burial for a period of one hundred years	
(each space in this section)	
(iii) Memorials	155.00
(iv) Transfer of Rights	45.00
(v) Fee for persons not resident in the parish.	As above x 2
Earthen Graves	
(i) Interment Fees - for body of	
(a) child whose age at time of	
death did not exceed THREE years in	
a grave not exceeding in depth:	
7 feet (2 interment)	70.00
(b) person whose age at time of death	
exceeded THREE years in a grave	
not exceeding in depth:	
7 feet (2 interments)	315.00
Casket-type coffin	455.00
(c) for interments on Saturdays Sundays and	
Public Holidays - additional to the above	350.00
including the period between Christmas	
Eve and New Year's Day	
(d) scattering of ashes beneath turf/headstone	80.00
of existing grave	
(e) scattering of ashes on existing grave/	25.00
garden of remembrance	
Noto	

Note

Where the bodies of a still-born and/or other person are buried in the same grave at the same time the fees shall be related to the first interment.

(ii) Exclusive Rights - for the grant of right	
of burial for a period of one hundred years	
each space in:	
Section A	455.00
Section B	375.00
Children's Section	70.00
(iii) Transfer of Rights	45.00
(iv) Fee for persons not resident in the parish.	As above x 2

Brick Graves or Vaults

(i) Right to construct (including grant of right.of burial therein		
for a period		
of one hundred years) on each space:		
Section A	2450.00	
Section B	2150.00	
(ii) First Interment	1500.00	
(iii) Re-opening	1500.00	

(iv) For interment Saturdays Sundays and	750.00
Public Holidays - additional to the above	
including the period between Christmas Eve	
and New Year's Day	
(v) Fee for persons not resident in the parish.	As above x 2
Monuments, Gravestones & Inscriptions	
(i) Headstone, Cross or other Memorial	155.00
when erected not exceeding 3ft, in height	
(ii) Monument not exceeding 6' in height	490.00
covering the whole grave space	
$7' \times 3'$ when erected	155.00
(iii) Footstone not exceeding $2'6'' \times 2'6'' \times 6''$	155.00
(iv) Flatstone not exceeding 7' x 3'x 6"	260.00
(v) Vase not exceeding 12" in height	40.00
(vi) Any other memorial not referred to above	By Agreement
(vii) Each additional inscription after the first in respect of each person	30.00
the first in respect of each person (viii) Fee for persons not resident in the parish.	As above x 2
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GODLINGSTON MEADOWLAND BURIAL	
Exclusive Rights - for the grant of right	375.00
of burial for a period of one hundred years	
Transfer of Rights	45.00
(i) Interment Fees - for body of	
(a) child whose age at time of	
death did not exceed THREE years in	
a grave not exceeding in depth:	
7 feet (2 interment)	100.00
(b) person whose age at time of death	
exceeded THREE years in a grave	
not exceeding in depth:	
7 feet (2 interments)	335.00
Casket-type coffin	475.00
(c) for interments on Saturdays Sundays and	
Public Holidays - additional to the above	370.00
including the period between Christmas	
Eve and New Year's Day	
(ii) Interment Fees - for burial of casket or urn	
(a) first interment	160.00
(b) for interments on Saturdays, Sundays and	170.00
Public Holidays additional to above	
including the period between Christmas	
Eve and New Year's Day	
(c) scattering of ashes beneath turf of existing grave	100.00
(d) scattering of ashes on existing grave/	25.00
garden of remembrance	
(iii) Fee for persons not resident in the parish.	As above x 2
Memorial Tree Plaque	145.00
No additional fee to be applied for period 29th to 31st	
December	
Hire of Cemetery Chapel	No Charge

7. **Operations Manager's Report**

The Operations Manager gave a brief update on the following:-

a) Vandalism

b) Stabilisation works – Wall by Spa Bungalows

8. <u>Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas</u>

a) It was noted that the Emergency Action Plan for bad weather and snow clearance would be taken to a future Policy & Planning Meeting.

Mr A Lander left the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

9. Exclusion of Press and Public

It was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Whitwam and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That, under Standing Orders No's. 67 and 68, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following item.

10. Town Council Depot – Potential Relocation

Consideration was given to a briefing note outlining three options for the possible relocation of the Town Council's Depot. Members were informed of recent meetings between officers of the Town and District Councils to discuss the matter. It was highlighted that potential sites for relocation were limited. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Patrick, seconded by Councillor Trite and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That option one, relocate to Prospect Business Park and option three, relocate to a site in the Town Council's ownership, be explored further.

In respect of the existing Depot site at Kings Court, Members acknowledged its strategic importance for the future of the town, as a possible site for affordable housing and/or business use. It was AGREED:

> That the Town Council request formal engagement with the District Council to plan for the future use of the Kings Court/Depot site.

In response to indications that the District Council would be seeking rent from the Town Council for its continued occupation of the existing Depot site it was AGREED:

That the District Council be informed that the Town Council would not be willing to pay rent for the existing Depot site, it having user rights which it has on a rent free basis exercised for 38 years.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 6th March 2013.

The Meeting closed at 8.46 p.m.