

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Swanage Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND PLANNING** matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 17th JUNE 2013** at 10.00 a.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

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

Public Participation Time

The following matter was raised during Public Participation Time by a Councillor in his capacity as a local resident.

- The relocation of the Birds Nest Catering Café, and the effect this would have on the forthcoming main line train service into Swanage station.

The Town Mayor opened the Council meeting at 10.05 a.m.

1. **APOLOGIES**

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

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

6/2013/0303 **Mr M O'Connell**

Erect two storey industrial building; layout car parking.

Land adj. Unit 1, Victoria Avenue Industrial Estate, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to improved access onto Victoria Avenue (A351).

- 6/2013/0307 **Dr. G Marshall**
LISTED Insulate loft and rear cavity wall.
 219 High Street, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection
- 6/2013/0309 **Mr A Walker**
 Erect second storey extension.
 17 Queens Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2013/0310 **Mr & Mrs Norley**
 Erect two storey rear extension.
 16 Court Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2013/0325 **Mr & Mrs Buckley**
 Erect single storey side extension to link detached garage with main house and erect front porch.
 52 Benlease Way, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2013/0317 **AMB Developments Ltd**
 Erect 3 three bedroom dwellings with associated landscaping and parking – Reserved Matters.
 Site adj. Rotary Cottage, Cobblers Lane, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal. Objections were raised regarding the mass and scale of the buildings, which were considered to constitute overdevelopment of the site.
- 6/2013/0329 **Mr J Piper**
 Convert flat roof on garage to a pitched roof.
 17 D’Urberville Drive, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

Item for Information Only

The following application was 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.

- 6/2013/0326 **Mr R Swan**
 Proposed non-material amendment to PP 6/2011/0043 (Erect timber decking with access steps.) to extend decking and install additional access steps.
 Plot 189, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

4. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 31st May 2013 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 £33,019.18 and £63,261.91 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

6. **VARIATION OF LICENCE**

An application under the Licensing Act 2003 for a variation of the Premises Licence for Bar One, High Street, Swanage was submitted, for information.

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

That no objections be raised to the variation of the Premises Licence.

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

(a) **Items of Information**

The Town Mayor was delighted to announce that Councillor Mrs. Gloria Marsh had been awarded the MBE for services to local government and the environment.

This honour had also been awarded to members of the Coastguard Agency, which included Councillor Ian Brown as Section Leader of the local team.

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.

8. **PROPOSALS FOR COMMERCIAL USE OF MAIN BEACH**

Further to the meeting of the Beach Management Sub-Committee held on 10th June 2013, a verbal report was given in respect of applications submitted for the use of the Main Beach for commercial activities.

Consideration was then given to an amended request dated 13th June 2013, received from Land and Wave, seeking permission to launch kayaks from a Council-owned beach.

During the ensuing discussion, Members expressed concerns for the safety of beach users and re-iterated their views that no further commercial boating activities should be permitted from the Main Beach. Consideration was then given to the possible use of Monkey Beach, but having regard to the concessions already operating in this area, and the activities of the Swanage Sea Rowing Club in the vicinity of Monkey Beach, Members expressed concern at the possible added congestion and the safety of boat users in this area. Members felt that they could not accede to this request.

It was proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the requests for permission to launch kayaks from a Council-owned beach as part of a commercial undertaking be not granted.

9. **SWANAGE RAILWAY – RELOCATION OF BIRDS NEST CATERING COACH**

Further to Minute No. 164 (a) of the Council meeting held on 8th April 2013, and a subsequent meeting of the Swanage Railway Working Party, consideration was again given to a request from Swanage Railway Company for permission to relocate the Birds Nest Café.

Following discussion, Members indicated that subject to receipt of a written notice of an appropriate resolution, in accordance with Standing Order No. 36, they would be willing to reconsider the request for the relocation of the Birds Nest Café.

The meeting concluded at 10.50 a.m.
