

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the
Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall,
Swanage on **MONDAY, 2nd APRIL 2012**
at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett
Councillor M. Bonfield
Councillor Miss C. Harris
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M. Pratt
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 19 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Renewable Energy

The Town Mayor welcomed Mr. Pete West, Renewable Energy Development Officer, Dorset County Council, and invited him to give a short presentation on renewable energy development.

He outlined the Renewable Energy Strategy for Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset, the purpose of which was to maximise resources for the benefit of local residents.

The Mayor then welcomed Revd. Andrew Cork, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

MS. C. DRAYSON updated those present on matters relating to Education Swanage, and reported that outline planning permission had recently been granted for the Free School on the former grammar school site. A public consultation meeting, and presentation by the Governors, was scheduled to be held at the Mowlem on Wednesday, 25th April at 7 p.m.

MR. M. HAMPTON, Chair of Ballard Estate Residents' Association, spoke against the proposed development at 9 Ballard Lee (Planning application no. 6/2012/0164).

MR. I. MACKENZIE referred to the restricted opening times of the toilets at Battlegate, and enquired whether these facilities could be opened at weekends throughout the year.

He was informed that the opening times of all the toilet facilities were reviewed on a regular basis, and, having regard to the limited resources available, it was necessary to restrict the opening times in some locations.

MR. I. SAUNDERS drew attention to the increasing number of 'A' boards displayed on pavements in the town centre, and highlighted the difficulties experienced by

pedestrians with prams/pushchairs and users of disabled scooters/wheelchairs in negotiating these obstacles.

MR. I. MACKENZIE highlighted the backlog of footpath related issues at Dorset County Council, and requested the help of the Town Council in seeking to resolve some of the outstanding matters.

MS. C. DRAYSON reported that the Community Housing Group at Purbeck District Council was being disbanded due to lack of support.

MR. D. HOLMAN requested that details of Presentations being given prior to the commencement of Council meetings be displayed separately on the Town Hall notice board.

The Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7.20 p.m.

140. **APOLOGIES**

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

141. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare their interest as per the Parish Councils Model Code of Conduct Order 2007 Number 1159.

Agenda Item No. 11a – The Town Mayor declared a personal and prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being an officer of the Swanage Railway Trust.

Agenda Item No. 11a – Councillor Whitwam declared a personal and prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being an officer of the Swanage Railway Trust.

142. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 5th March 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Brown, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 19th March 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

143. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Brown, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 5th March 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the following recommendation contained in the Minutes:-

Proposal to install footshowers on Shore Road

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick and seconded by Councillor Bonfield:-
That three footshowers be installed on Shore
Road at a cost of approximately £8,198.00.

Upon being put to the Meeting NINE Members voted IN FAVOUR of the
Proposition and ONE AGAINST, whereupon the Proposition was declared
CARRIED.

144. **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.

Non-Delegated Applications

- 6/2012/0164 **Mr & Mrs I Lever and Mr & Mrs D Widdowson**
Demolish existing dwelling and erect three new dwellings.
9 Ballard Lee, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal. Consider to be
overdevelopment and out of keeping with the low level buildings in the
surrounding area. Concerns were also raised regarding the potential
overlooking of nearby properties.

Delegated Applications

- 6/2012/0179 **Miss F Rennix**
Erect two storey side extension, pitched roof over porch and alterations
to windows and doors.
1 Sunridge Close, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0182 **Mrs Carle**
Erect single storey front extension.
Highfields, 6 Hillview Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0183 **Mr & Mrs B Silverton**
Erect conservatory and first floor extension. Install dormer windows to
side and rear roof elevations.
120 Kings Road West, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0184 **Mr & Mrs Miles**
Erect front porch.
25 Redcliffe Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0186 **K M Supermarkets Ltd**
Change of use from first floor flat to kitchen used in conjunction with
ground floor supermarket.
208 High Street, Herston, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0198 **Mr S a'Barrow**

Reduce ground level, raise height of northern boundary wall, erect lean to extension and form link to parent dwelling.

Newton Manor Hall, 170 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0199 **Mr S a'Barrow**

LISTED

Raise height of northern boundary wall, erect lean to extension and form link to parent dwelling.

Newton Manor Hall, 170 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

Items for Information Only

6/2012/0187 **Mrs J Wilson**

Erect single storey rear extension. Replace rooflights in front elevation with dormer windows and external rendering.

33 De Moulham Road, Swanage.

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

6/2012/0171 **Mr J Larter**

Use building as self contained residential dwelling – Certificate of Lawful Use – Proposed.

Cottage at rear of 19 High Street, Swanage.

145. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that, since the last monthly meeting of the Council, he had attended the following events:-

- The Chairman of Purbeck District Council's Spring Reception.
- The Annual General Meeting of Swanage and Purbeck Hospitality Association.
- Presentation of a grant to Swanage Sailing Club by Sport England.
- Mayor of Verwood's Civic Service.
- Opening of Durlston Castle by HRH the Princess Royal.
- Mayor of Bridport's Civic Day.
- 'Volunteer of the Year' ceremony awarded posthumously to Mr. Godfrey Moles.

146. **PURBECK CELEBRATION OF YOUTH**

An e-mail dated 21st March 2012 was submitted from the Chairman of Purbeck Olympic Networking Group (PONG) seeking a contribution towards the costs of medals and insurance for the Purbeck Celebration of Youth event on 14th July 2012.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Town Council provides medals and insurance up to a maximum cost of £400 for the Purbeck Celebration of Youth event.

147. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

(a) **Pub Watch**

Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a recent meeting of 'Pub Watch', at which it was reported that, with one exception, all of the public houses in the Lower High Street were now members of the 'Pub Watch' scheme.

148. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

There were no delegated matters to report at the present time.

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

Items of Information

- (a) Recommendations from Purbeck District Council Planning Board Policy Development Panel.
- (b) Outline planning approval had been granted by Purbeck District Council for the Free School on the former Grammar School site and the nearby SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space).
- (c) The Town Council had lodged its objection to the planning application submitted by Eneco Round 3 Development Ltd (application number 6/2012/0127) for the construction of a meteorological mast (100 metres high above mean sea level).
- (d) The Annual Parish Assembly was scheduled to be held at the Mowlem on Thursday, 12th April 2012 at 7 p.m.

150. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, 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.

151. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Railway Working Party**

Further to their declarations of interest under Minute No. 2, the Town Mayor and Councillor Whitwam left the Meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

Councillor Mrs. Patrick assumed the Chair.

The Town Clerk updated Members on negotiations between the Swanage Railway Company and the Railway Working Party.

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

To endorse the negotiations of the Railway Working Party.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.