

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 24th APRIL 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor S. Poultney – Chairman

Councillor J. Bishop
Councillor M.P. Bonfield
Councillor G. Green
Councillor G. Marsh
Councillor T. Morris
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor W.S. Trite
Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 5 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Before opening the Meeting, the Chairman welcomed members of the public and made a short statement regarding the fire evacuation procedure, filming/audio recording etc. of the Meeting, and a summary of the procedure for Public Participation Time.

Rev. Mark Hatto, from the Emmanuel Baptist Church, offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

Before inviting questions/comments from the audience, the Mayor reported that a Public Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 16th May 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at the Emmanuel Baptist Church to consider all suggestions/proposals for the future of the Bandstand. Mr Paul Rabbitts (an expert on bandstands) had accepted an invitation to address the Meeting.

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Future options for the Bandstand.
- Pledges of practical and financial support and offers for fundraising for the Bandstand.

The Chairman opened the Council Meeting at 7.10 p.m.

240. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Finch, Harris and Lejeune.

241. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with paragraphs 9 - 13 of the Council's Code of Conduct and regulations made under chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

242. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Green, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of
the Council held on 27th March 2017 be
approved as a correct record and signed.

243. **PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and
Consultation Committee held on 6th April 2017 be
approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

244. **WORKING PARTIES**

(a) **Sports Facilities Working Party**

i) **Swanage Bowls Club**

Further to Minute No. 224 (b) i) of the Council meeting held on 27th
March 2017, it was reported that the Sports Facilities Working Party
had met on 12th April and 19th April 2017 to progress the
introduction of an artificial playing surface and continue lease
negotiations in respect of the Bowling Green.

ii) **Panorama Road Working Party**

Further to Minute No. 60 of the Council meeting held on 25th July
2016, it was reported that a meeting of the Panorama Road Working
Party had been held on 19th April 2017 to review the 2014 risk
assessment and discuss arrangements for adoption of the road.
A report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Council.

245. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 31st March 2017 was submitted for
information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

247. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and
RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer
Nos. 13, 14, 14a, 1 and 1a amounting to £53,246.11,
£30,889.65, £75,380.65, £68,941.57 and £59,945.66
respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

248. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor was delighted to report that the Mayoress, (his daughter-in-law
Mrs Michelle Poultney) and her friend (also named Michelle), had successfully
completed the London Marathon the previous day and had each raised
approximately £1,700 for their chosen charities – 'Heroes Haven' and 'Admiral
Nurse' for dementia care.

249. **RNLI – LIFEBOAT NAMING CEREMONY**

The Clerk reported on arrangements for the Lifeboat Naming Ceremony on 29th April 2017.

Following a brief discussion, it was AGREED:-

That an area of approximately 30 car parking spaces be allocated along Broad Road for guests attending the Lifeboat Naming Ceremony.

250. **BANDSTAND, RECREATION GROUND**

Further to Minute No. 231 of the Council meeting held on 27th March 2017, it was reported that a Public Meeting had been arranged to be held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue, Swanage on Tuesday, 16th May 2017 at 7.00 p.m. to consider options/suggestions for the future of the Bandstand. Mr Paul Rabbitts (a bandstand expert) had accepted an invitation to address the Meeting.

251. **BOAT PARK**

Further to Minute No. 213 of the Council meeting held on 27th February 2017, serious deterioration of the retaining walls at the Boat Park had recently been identified. In light of these defects, a structural survey of the retaining walls had been undertaken, and consideration was given to the Report.

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

To accept the recommendation that geotechnical/topographical surveys be undertaken, and that a budget provision of £3,500 be authorised for the necessary works.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk and the Boat Park Working Party to act in the matter.

252. **SWANAGE MUSEUM**

Consideration was given to a request received from representatives of the Swanage Museum for a geotechnical survey to be undertaken for the slope to the rear of the former shelter site on Shore Road.

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

That in principle agreement be given to the request for a geotechnical survey to be undertaken for the slope to the rear of the former shelter site on Shore Road.

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

(a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attend a recent meeting of Pub Watch at which it was reported that three ‘Red Cards’ had been issued for anti-social behaviour.

254. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

Items of Information

- (a) The official Open Day of the Volunteer Bureau in the Swanage library would be held on Thursday, 11th May 2017 commencing at 11.00 a.m.
- (b) Councillor Marsh reported that the next meeting of the DAPTC Towns and Larger Councils was scheduled to be held on 19th May 2017 (Minute No. 235 (a) of the Council meeting held on 27th March 2017 refers).

Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

There were no matters raised for inclusion on forthcoming Agendas.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Green, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, under Standing Order No 1 c), in the public interest, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under agenda item 16 by reason of commercial confidentiality.

256. **CONTRACT MANAGEMENT – BOWLING GREEN**

Further to Minute No. 68 (b) of the Council meeting held on 6th July 2015, an e-mail dated 10th April 2017 was submitted from Surfacing Standards Ltd outlining their revised fee structure for contract management in respect of the installation of an artificial playing surface at the bowling green.

Following discussion, during which the specialist nature of the works was acknowledged, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the fee structure for contract management in respect of the installation of an artificial playing surface at the bowling green in the sum of £4,840 be accepted.

The meeting concluded at 7.40 p.m.
