

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 5th AUGUST 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick (Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett
Councillor M. Bonfield
Councillor I. Brown
Councillor Miss C. Harris
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor W.S. Trite
Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 9 members of the public attended the Meeting, and Mr. Martyn Underhill, Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset, was also in attendance during Public Participation Time.

The Mayor welcomed Revd. Catherine Graham, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Concerns raised regarding traffic congestion on Shore Road, particularly since the introduction of on-street parking, and other associated safety issues.
- Suggestion put forward that a one-way traffic flow be introduced on Shore Road.
- Reference was made to Swanage Regatta & Carnival Programme and a statement that the Association receives no funding from other organisations.
- Attention was drawn to the next round of public consultation on the proposed Navitus Bay Wind Farm.
- National press reports on the allocation of car parking fees and any impact this may have on Town Council budgets.
- Appreciation of the support given to the Swanage Jazz Festival by the Town Council.
- Request for the replacement of dog bin at the entrance to Forres Field.

The Town Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

43. **APOLOGIES**

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

44. **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.

45. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 1st July 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 29th July 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 15th July 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

46. **GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by the Town Mayor, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Operations Committee held on 3rd July 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

Capital Programme 2013/14

Vehicle Purchase

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

That the Council approve the expenditure of up to £27,500 for the procurement of a multi-functional vehicle for the Town Council's depot fleet.

Depot – Authorisation of Funding for New Layout Plans for Potential Relocation

Proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the sum of £3,000 be approved for footprint plans to be drawn up in preparation for any potential relocation of the Town Council's depot.

De Moulham Back Roads – Rear Gannetts Park/Beach Gardens

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

That a budget of up to £19,000 be agreed and the

necessary works to the service road at the rear of Beach Gardens/Gannetts Park be carried out utilising funds from the De Moulham Trust Back Road reserve.

47. **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 29th July 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

48. **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

6/2013/0390 **The Grand Hotel**

Minor material amendment to PP 6/2012/0547 (Erect forty four beach huts on three levels with replacement café and toilet facilities) to reduce the size of the beach huts and install lighting and CCTV cameras.

The Grand Hotel, Burlington Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection. The Council recommends that the applicants are referred to the content of a recently commissioned report on cliff stability at North Beach.

6/2013/0393 **Dorset County Council**

Extension of Rangers Bungalow. Change of use of Learning Centre to incorporate a Nature Nursery and Artists Studio. Re- fenestration of Rangers Bungalow and Learning Centre.

Durlston Country Park, Lighthouse Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2013/0398 **Mrs A Campbell**

Erect detached garden annexe for habitable accommodation.

Flat 1, Seashells, 7 Burlington Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal. Consider overdevelopment and the loss of garden would have a detrimental impact on the character of the neighbourhood.

6/2013/0404 **Mr D Perry**

Raise ridge height to facilitate loft conversion to form first floor bedrooms and insert dormer window and rooflights. Erect side extensions. (Revised scheme to PP 6/2013/0252 to modify roof design and insert additional dormer window).

7 Moor Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to no overlooking and no separate occupation of the extensions.

Items for Information Only

The following applications were not discussed by reason of the Town Council being the applicant and owner of the land included within the applications.

6/2013/0395 **Swanage Town Council**

Replace existing retaining walls, beach huts, toilets and kiosk.
Recreation Ground, Shore Road, Swanage.

6/2013/0396 **Swanage Town Council**

Conservation Demolish existing toilets, kiosk and beach huts.

Area Recreation Ground, Shore Road, Swanage.

6/2013/0405 **Synergy Housing Group and Glossbrook Builders**

Proposed non material amendment to PP 6/2011/0348 (Demolish existing block of nine flats and four studios. Erect new block of nine flats with new vehicular access) for the provision of an external terrace at third floor level.

Cumberland Flats, 2 Illminster Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No comment, due to the Town Council's role as corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.

49. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that she had attended the following events during the past month:-

- Swanage Jazz Festival.
- Commissioning of Matt Hurley as the Swanage Team Youth Minister.
- Swanage Churches Fete.
- Unveiling of the Swanage Community Tree.
- Mayor of Weymouth & Portland's Civic Service.
- Opening of the Tile Centre.
- Opening of the Dorset Arts & Crafts Association's 2013 Exhibition.
- Visit to Julia's House.
- Swanage Carnival – various events during the week.

50. **CONSULTATION ON REDUCTION OF FUNDING BY DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES**

A letter dated 22nd July 2013 was submitted from the Leader of Dorset County Council outlining the need to make cuts to subsidised bus services as a result of the reduction in government funding, and seeking the Town Council's views on the proposals.

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

That the matter be deferred for consideration at the September Council meeting, and that Members be requested to submit their comments to the Town Clerk no later than 23rd August 2013 in order that these may be taken into consideration when formulating a response.

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

There were no reports from representatives on outside organisations at the present time.

52. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

Items of Information

- (a) Update regarding the emergency telephone facility at Anvil Point.

Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

- (a) Introduction of a one-way traffic flow on Shore Road.
(Transport Committee).

The meeting concluded at 7.50 p.m.
