

Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of
the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall,
Swanage on **MONDAY, 29th JULY 2013** at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick (Mayor) – Chairman

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

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

1. **APOLOGIES**

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

2. **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.

3. **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.

4. **LAND SOUTH OF SWANAGE BAY VIEW HOLIDAY PARK**

The Town Clerk presented background information regarding the proposal to lease the land south of the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park to Dorset County Council (details provided in a Briefing Note dated July 2013), and highlighted the urgent need to progress the matter so that an application could be submitted for significant funding to repair the boundary walls.

Consideration was given to the draft lease and Heads of Terms contained therein. It was noted that in agreeing a peppercorn rent in respect of a lease for longer than seven years, the Council would be required by the General Disposal Consent (England) 2003 to consider whether the disposal would improve either the economic, social or environmental well-being of the town and/or its residents.

During the ensuing discussion, Members agreed that the management of the land as part of Durlston Country Park would improve and promote the environmental well-being of the area, and it was proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To approve the leasing of the land to Dorset County Council on the terms contained in the draft lease, and that disposal of the land for less than due consideration be authorised on the grounds of improvement of environmental well-being.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor be authorised to sign the lease on behalf of the Town Council.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 a.m.
