

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

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite – Chairman

Councillor M. Bonfield

Councillor I. Brown

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick

Councillor S. Poultney

Councillor M.W. Pratt

Councillor G.M. Suttle

Councillor M. Whitwam

Councillor A. Wiggins (until 8.30 p.m.)

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 9 members of the public attended the Meeting.

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

At the invitation of the Mayor, Mr. Steve Tooley, (Education Swanage), gave a presentation on matters relating to the provision of a Free School in Swanage. A model showing the design of the proposed building was exhibited and would be on display in the Town Hall for public information.

Public Participation Time

MR. JAMES referred to car parking arrangements that had been put in place in previous years to deal with the influx of traffic on carnival day, and enquired whether similar arrangements would be made for 2012. Particular reference was made to the overspill parking facilities at North Beach, and the possibility of recruiting additional staff to manage the facilities, if necessary.

COUNCILLOR IAN BROWN reported on the visit of American G.I., Wesley Mullen, on Saturday, 7th July. The day had been very successful, and Mr. Mullen and his family had been delighted with the welcome they had received in Swanage.

Councillor Trite opened the Council Meeting at 7.40 p.m.

31. **APOLOGIES**

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

32. **LOCALISM ACT 2011 – ADOPTION OF NEW CODE OF CONDUCT**

Pursuant to section 27 of the Localism Act 2011, consideration was given to the Code of Conduct to be adopted by the Town Council.

Proposed by the Town Mayor and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick:-

That the Code of Conduct be adopted by Swanage Town Council and that Standing Orders Nos. 57, 58 and 59 be amended accordingly, to read as follows:-

57. Interests

All Members shall observe the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 2nd July 2012. If a Member has a disclosable interest as defined by the Code of Conduct which is not included in his/her register of interests then he/she shall declare such interest as soon as it becomes apparent.

58. If a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest then he/she must withdraw from the room or chamber during consideration of the item to which the interest relates.

59. If a Member has a disclosable non-pecuniary interest he/she may speak on the matter as if they were a member of the public. He/she may i) make representations, ii) answer questions and iii) give evidence relating to the business being transacted but must, thereafter, leave the room or chamber prior to any vote on the item to which the interest relates.

Upon being put to the Meeting, EIGHT Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition, ONE Member voted AGAINST, and there was ONE ABSTENTION.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare their interest under the Model Code of Conduct as defined by regulations made under section 30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Councillor Mrs. Patrick declared a pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of a business connection with the League of Friends of Swanage Hospital.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Councillor Suttle declared a pecuniary interest under the Code on Conduct by reason of business connection with the League of Friends of Swanage Hospital.

34. MINUTES

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 11th June 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 18th June 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

35. TOURISM COMMITTEE

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 13th June 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

36. **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

6/2012/0359 **Mr J Toth**

Erect replacement garage.
119 Kings Road West, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0382 **Mr B Forte**

Change of use from Use Class A1 (Retail) to Use Class A3 (Food and Drink).
Candleworld, 14 High Street, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0383 **Mr and Mrs P Harper**

Erect two side extensions.
Knap, Southcliffe Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0385 **Mr Bishop**

Erect single storey side and rear extension.
82 Victoria Avenue, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

Non-Delegated Applications

6/2012/0377 **Navitus Bay Development Limited**

Initial Proposed wind park.
Informal Navitus Bay Wind Park, Isle of Wight.
Pre-application **OBSERVATION:** Recommend refusal on the following grounds:-
Consultation Concerns regarding the visual impact of the proposal on a World Heritage site/ Jurassic Coastline and its proximity to shore. Concerns that the area was selected on grounds of cost **not** visual or environmental impact. The possible negative impact on the migratory patterns of both sealife and birds. Detrimental impact on the tourist trade, local businesses and fishing industry. Concerns were also raised with regard to the longer term plans for the turbines, and their removal at the end of their useful life.

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.

6/2012/0381 **Mrs Hannay**
Erect decking.

37. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor was pleased to report that, since the last meeting of the Council, he had attended the following events:-

- (a) The official opening of Swanage Tennis Club's refurbished courts and facilities at Beach Gardens.
- (b) The Annual Civic Service at St. Mary's Parish Church on Sunday, 24th June.
- (c) The Armed Forces Flag-Raising Ceremony at Purbeck District Council's offices, Wareham.
- (d) 'Beating the Retreat' Ceremony at Blandford Camp.
- (e) Presentation of prizes at the Swanage Rowing Regatta.
- (f) Presentation of Diamond Jubilee and Olympic souvenirs to all First School and Middle School children in Swanage.
- (g) Visit to an Art Exhibition at the Catholic Hall, Swanage.
- (h) Official Opening of the new Beach Wardens' cabin on the seafront.
- (i) Visit of U.S. Veteran Wes Mullen and U.S. personnel:-
Ceremony of welcome at Swanage station and dedication at the War Memorial of a Purbeck stone plaque honouring the people of Swanage for their hospitality towards U.S. forces stationed here prior to the D-Day landings.

38. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF PURBECK**

Consideration was given to the draft recommendations for the electoral review of Purbeck, which included redefining the boundary line between the north and south wards in Swanage. The implementation of the recommendations would see both wards within the parish having six elected members for the Town Council, and the number of representatives from Swanage on Purbeck District Council being increased from five to six members.

The recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission were noted.

39. **FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE IN PURBECK**

Further to their declarations of interest under Minute No. 3, Councillors Mrs. Patrick and Suttle left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

Grave concerns were expressed at the limited options outlined in the NHS consultation leaflet 'Making Purbeck Healthcare Fit for the Future'.

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

That a meeting of a Working Party be arranged
to formulate a response to the consultation on the
Future of Healthcare in Purbeck.

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

- (a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended the monthly meeting of 'Pub Watch', and the quarterly meeting of the Purbeck Transport Action Group.
- (b) Councillor Mrs. Patrick reported that, together with Councillor Wiggins, she had attended the Annual General Meeting of the Swanage Youth Centre. At the meeting, Councillor Mrs. Bartlett had been elected as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year, and Mrs. Lorna Haines had been elected as Vice-Chairman.

- (c) Councillor Brown reported that he had attended a meeting of the Swanage & Purbeck Hospitality Association.

41. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

Further to Minute No. 27 of the Council meeting held on 11th June 2012, it was reported that it had been agreed that the sum of £200 be donated as a financial contribution towards the cost of hosting the visit of the American G.I's on 30th June 2012.

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

Items of Information

- (a) A meeting was being held at the Swanage Christian Centre on 3rd July 2012 regarding the future provision of Day Care Services by Dorset County Council.
- (b) The Olympic Torch would be arriving in Swanage at 12.24 p.m. on Friday, 13th July 2012.
- (c) Parking meters in the Town Council's car parks had been broken into by professional thieves in the early hours of the morning. The matter was being investigated by Dorset Police.
- (d) Formal public notices had been received from Dorset County Council in respect of The County of Dorset (Off Street Parking Places) (Durlston Park, Swanage) Order 2012 and the Swanage Pay and Display Scheme – The County of Dorset (Various Roads in the District of Purbeck) (Consolidation of On-Street Parking Places Orders) Order 2012.

Items for Forthcoming Agendas

- (a) Advertising boards on pavements in the town centre.

43. **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.

44. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Lower Grammar School Field**

Further to Minute No. 30 (a) of the Council meeting held on 11th June 2012, and the subsequent receipt of an outline plan, attention was drawn to the increased size of the site now required by Dorset County Council for the re-location of St. Mary's school.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by the Town Mayor, and RESOLVED:-

To authorise the Council's valuer to negotiate with Dorset County Council in accordance with his valuation of the larger site.

(b) **Gift of Land at Northbrook Road for SANGS**

Further to Minute No. 10 (a) of the Policy and Planning meeting held on 30th January 2012, the Clerk reported on matters relating to the proposed gift of land at Northbrook Road for a SANGS site (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space).

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by the Town Mayor, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To confirm the Council's acceptance of the SANGS site
and its future maintenance, subject to no adverse legal
or environmental factors being identified.

(c) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the ongoing commission
claims in relation to past caravan sales at the Holiday Park, and advice received
from the Council's legal advisers.

It was proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To confirm acceptance of the solicitor's actions in
instructing the barrister to provide the necessary
advice.

The meeting concluded at 9.20 p.m.
