

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY,**
5th NOVEMBER 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett
Councillor M. Bonfield
Councillor I. Brown
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 12 members of the public attended the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Father Tony Delsink, from the Catholic Church, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Update on behalf of Education Swanage on matters relating to the provision of a Free School in Swanage.
- Press reporting.
- Purbeck Core Strategy and the Swanage Local Plan.

Councillor Trite opened the Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

80. **APOLOGIES**

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

81. **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.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Councillor Wiggins declared a pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of being Chair of Pub Watch and the proprietor of a business in the Lower High Street.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Councillor Brown declared a pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of being an employee of Dorset Police.

82. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 1st October 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to the wording 'The Chairman invoked Standing Order No. 23 (r) and adjourned the meeting' on page 5 being deleted.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 15th October 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

83. **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Performance Management Committee meeting held on 22nd October 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

84. **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**

6/2012/0648 **Mrs C Shelsher**

Erect rear and side extension.
74 Victoria Avenue, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection. However, concerns were raised in regard to the scale of the extension.

6/2012/0652 **Mr S Robinson & Ms L Stephenson**

Erect rear extension and alterations.
168 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0654 **Mr & Mrs Flood**

Erect ground floor and first extensions. Enlarge and alter roof to form room in roof space.
54 Bay Crescent, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0658 **Mr & Mrs Lovell**

Extend dining room at front. Extend and alter roof to form rooms in roof space with dormer window on southern elevation.
39 Bay Crescent, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to the bathroom window being obscurely glazed.

- 6/2012/0668 **Royal Mail**
Replace existing steel framed glazed windows with new aluminium framed double glazed windows.
Swanage Delivery Office, 30-32 Kings Road East, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

Items for Information Only

The following applications were 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.

- 6/2012/0028 **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park Darwin Ltd.**
Engineering operations to form two new concrete hardstandings for static caravans and stone retaining walls.
Plot 256A, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.
- 6/2012/0645 **Mr M Saunders**
Extend existing decking.
Plot 170, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.
- 6/2012/0649 **Mr D Whitehead**
Erect vinyl decking.
Plot 77, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.
- 6/2012/0664 **Mr Washington & Mrs Napier**
Erect vinyl decking.
Plot 188, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

The following application was not discussed by the Town Council as it was considered that a conflict of interest existed, given the Town Council's interest in the land.

- 6/2012/0667 **Plymouth Diocese**
Erect primary school with associated play and sports facilities; form vehicular access.
Land at junction with Washpond Lane, Northbrook Road, Swanage.

85. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on the following events he had attended during the past month:-

- (a) Attendance at Swanage Sailing Club at the invitation of the Commodore.
- (b) Swanage Salvation Army – 'Harvest of the Sea' service.
- (c) West Dorset District Council – Chairman's Civic Day.
- (d) A talk to Swanage Over 60's Club.
- (e) Opening of the Purbeck Film Festival at the Rex Cinema, Wareham.
- (f) Swanage Coastguard Station Open Day.
- (g) Swanage Chamber of Trade Social Evening.
- (h) Unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the wartime Langton Matravers Auxiliary Unit.

86. **NEW YEAR'S EVE – REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE**

Further to their declarations of interest under Minute No. 2, Councillors Brown and Wiggins left the Meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

Consideration was given to a request received for the Town Council to apply for a road closure on New Year's Eve in respect of the Lower High Street.

During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that this application had been made by Dorset Police in previous years, and whilst Dorset Police would continue to provide a high profile police presence in the town on New Year's Eve, they did not feel able to commit the additional resources required in connection with the road closure.

During the lengthy debate, Members did not feel that the Town Council could make any commitment in this regard either due to its own limited resources, and it was suggested that an approach be made to local organisations, who may be able to take on this responsibility.

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

That, having regard to its limited resources, the Town Council does not commit to making a road closure application in respect of the Lower High Street for New Year's Eve 2012.

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

Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a meeting of Pub Watch on 17th October 2012, at which matters relating to the New Year's Eve arrangements had been raised.

88. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

Items of Information

(a) **Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Purbeck: Final Recommendations.**

It was noted that the recommendation to re-define the boundary line between the north and south wards in Swanage had been approved by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

(b) **Purbeck Core Strategy**

It was reported that the Inspector's Report on the Purbeck Core Strategy was now available on the PDC website.

(c) **Swanage Local Plan**

It was noted that the inaugural meeting of the Swanage Local Plan Steering Group had been held and a further meeting was scheduled to be held on 16th November 2012.

Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

(a) **Code of Conduct – Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

Members' attention was drawn to guidance from the Monitoring Officer advising that dispensation would be required to participate in the setting of the Council precept.

90. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, 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.

91. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Lower Grammar School Field**

The Mayor updated those present on matters relating to the schools review, the provision of a Free School and sporting facilities in Swanage.

(b) **Quarry Close**

Further to Minute No. 79 (b) of the Council Meeting held on 1st October 2012, the Clerk updated Members on negotiations with Synergy Housing regarding the grant of access over Town Council-owned land to the new development on the former garage site in Quarry Close.

(c) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park – Commission Claims**

Further to Minute No. 79 (d) of the Council Meeting held on 1st October 2012, the Clerk updated Members on legal advice received in respect of commission claims on caravan sales at the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park.

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

To re-affirm the Council's previous decision that no offer of settlement be made to the claimants' solicitors beyond an offer not to pursue costs if all cases are dropped.

The meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.
