# Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012** at **2.15 p.m**.

Chairman: -

Councillor M. Whitwam Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor M. Bonfield Swanage Town Council
Councillor I. Brown Swanage Town Council
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick Swanage Town Council
Councillor S. Poultney Swanage Town Council

(until 2.50 p.m.)

Councillor M. Pratt Swanage Town Council
Councillor W Trite Swanage Town Council

(from 2.55 p.m.)

Also Present: -

Dr. M. Ayres Town Clerk

Mr G. Brookes Operations Manager
Mrs Carole Anstey Administration Assistant

# **Public Participation Time**

There was one member of the public present.

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Camper vans on Shore Road
- Parking meters on Shore Road

#### 1) Apologies

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillor Mrs Bartlett, Mr B Barker (Swanage and Isle of Purbeck Chamber of Trade), Mr I McKenzie (Purbeck Cycling Club), Mr H Murray (Durlston Country Park) and Ms E Sellen (Swanage Railway).

# 2) <u>Matters arising from Minutes of the Meetings of the Transport Committee</u> held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012

Further to item 4) it was reported that a meeting had taken place with Dorset County Council, and that an update in respect of parking and traffic flow management on Station Approach would be put before the General Operations Meeting, due to take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

# 3) Exclusion of Press and Public

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

That, under Standing Orders No's. 67 and 68, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and

press be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following item.

# 4) <u>Consideration of a Report to Assess the Future Provision of Car Parking</u> Payment Facilities

Consideration was given to a report detailing the current systems in place for payment in the Town Council's car parks. At present, payment can be made at the car park machines by cash/coin or card payment. There is also the option for a card payment via pay by phone. It was highlighted that if the Council continued to offer payment by credit card, the existing machines would potentially need to be replaced arising from the introduction of new regulations in the use of credit cards. It was also noted that credit card payments incur additional processing costs to the Council. Following detailed discussion it was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bonfield and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the card payment facility be removed from the car park machines to leave either payment by cash or pay by phone.

## 5) Highway Matters

#### a) Obstructive Parking - Locarno Road

# b) Traffic Management-Osborne Road/Manwell Road

Consideration was given to correspondence from residents of Locarno Road and Osborne and Manwell Road. It was reported that due to highway matters being under the jurisdiction of Dorset County Council, the Town Council would be unable to resolve any of the issues highlighted. It was AGREED:

That the matter be addressed through PACT (Partners and Communities Together), to try and help resolve issues of obstructive parking, and highlight the needs of emergency vehicles in these areas.

#### c) Obstructive Parking – Cow Lane

Consideration was given to an e-mail from residents of Cow Lane highlighting concerns with regards to cars parking in Cow Lane close to the junction of the High Street, making exiting and entering Cow Lane dangerous. It was noted that this area of Cow Lane is under the ownership of Swanage Town Council. It was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Mrs Patrick and RESOLVED:

That the Town Council paint yellow lines in Cow Lane, close to the junction of the High Street, in order to deter cars parking in the vicinity.

#### 6) Christmas Car Parking 2012

Consideration was given to a letter from Swanage & District Chamber of Trade & Commerce requesting that free parking in the Council's car parks be available from the 1<sup>st</sup> December to the 1<sup>st</sup> January to encourage shoppers to the town. It was noted that the same poster as last year be amended, and printed for the Chamber of Trade to circulate. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs Patrick and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That free parking be offered in Broad Road and Main Beach car parks on each Saturday in December 2012.

# 7) <u>Introduction of Pay and Display Parking on Swanage Seafront – Progress Report</u>

It was reported that a Roads & Rights of Way Committee meeting had taken place at Dorset County Council, which had acknowledged traders' concerns regarding the implementation of Pay & Display on Station Road. It was AGREED:

That Swanage Town Council follow the matter closely, to ensure that the proposal for the installation of Pay & Display on Shore Road is not delayed.

# 8) <u>Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas</u>

a) Recommendations for the Scale of Charges 2013/14.

## 9) Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 3.10 p.m.

It was noted that the date of the next meeting had been scheduled for: Scale of Charges 2.15 p.m. Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Next full committee meeting 2.15 p.m. Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013.