SUPPORTING PAPERWORK

Minutes of the <u>MONTHLY MEETING</u> of the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on <u>MONDAY</u>, 19th DECEMBER 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

30/1/17

PRESENT:-

Councillor S. Poultney – Chairman

Councillor J. Bishop

Councillor M.P. Bonfield

Councillor C. Finch

Councillor G. Green

Councillor A. Harris

Councillor A. Lejeune

Councillor G. Marsh

Councillor T. Morris

Councillor G.M. Suttle

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, approximately 20 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Before opening the Meeting, the Chairman welcomed members of the public and read a short statement regarding the fire evacuation procedure, filming/audio recording etc. of the Meeting, and a summary of the procedure for Public Participation Time.

Father Paul Keys, from St. Edwards Catholic Church, offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Appreciation of the support given by the Town Council to 'Switch on Swanage', and the sterling work undertaken by Committee members in fundraising.
- A petition that had been organised by 'Swanage & Purbeck Semicolons' (bowel cancer support group), against the proposed closure of the A and E unit at Poole Hospital.
 It was agreed that this matter be considered at the next meeting of the

It was agreed that this matter be considered at the next meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee to be held on 9th January 2017.

The Chairman opened the Council Meeting at 7.10 p.m.

155. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies to report for inability to attend the meeting.

156. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with paragraphs 9 - 13 of the Council's Code of Conduct and regulations made under chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

157. MINUTES

(a) Proposed by Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Marsh, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 28th November 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed.

158. TOURISM COMMITTEE

Proposed by Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 23rd November 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

159. GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Operations Committee held on 23rd November 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

160. PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee held on 5th December 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

161. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) Statement of Cash Balance

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 30th November 2016 was submitted for information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

162. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Proposed by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Finch, and RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 9 and 9a, amounting to £1,602.28 and £56,834.37 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

163. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he had attended the following events during the

past month:-

- A meeting with Swanage Bowling Club on 9th December 2016.
- A meeting with representatives of the National Trust on 14th December 2016.
- A meeting at Durlston Country Park regarding the 'Durlston Project' for the restoration of George Burt's Victorian Garden on 16th December 2016.
- The town's Carol Service at St. Mary's Parish Church on 18th December 2016.

164. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2017

Further to Minute No. 148 of the Council meeting held on 28th November 2016, the Mayor invited nominations for Volunteer of the Year Award 2017 for submission to Purbeck District Council.

In view of the worthy nominations received, it was AGREED:That the Mayor and Councillors Bonfield, Finch
and Trite consider the nominations and report back
to the next meeting of the Council to be held on
30th January 2017 prior to submission to PDC.

165. SWANAGE MUSEUM

A detailed briefing note giving background information on options explored by the Museum Working Party for enhancing and re-developing Swanage Museum on a new site was submitted for information. It was noted that the Working Party had been meeting regularly with representatives of the museum, together with the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and the County Museums Advisor, to examine similar facilities in other nearby towns, and the potential for a much improved facility in Swanage had been highlighted.

Following a site assessment of land in Swanage, the former shelter site on Shore Road had been identified as the best location for such a new facility, and the potential for a joint Museum/Heritage Centre and Tourist Information Centre had been mooted.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Green, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To agree in principle to the former shelter site and adjoining land, between Forte's ice cream kiosk and the Tourist Information Centre, being allocated as the preferred site for the Swanage Museum and Heritage Centre, under a long lease to the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust.

It was further RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To authorise costings being obtained for further work to establish the viability of the project (for example instructing the District Valuer and a structural engineer/geo-technical adviser to report on ground stability). These to be presented to a future meeting of the Council for approval.

It was further AGREED:-

That the Town Mayor and Councillors Green and Whitwam be nominated to work with the Museum Committee to further develop the project. Further discussion ensued, following which, it was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Morris, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Visitor Services Manager, together with the TIC Working Party, be authorised to examine proposals for the inclusion of the Tourist Information Centre in the project.

166. SPORTS FACILITIES WORKING PARTY

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Sports Facilities Working Party in respect of the following:-

(a) Swanage & Herston Football Club – Lease of land at Day's Park
The Clerk provided detailed information regarding the lease of land at
Day's Park by Swanage & Herston Football Club.

During the ensuing discussion, the increasingly dilapidated condition of the Sports Hall was highlighted, and also the need of the Club to acquire security of tenure in order to progress into a higher football league. It was reported that the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust had been working with the Football Club to develop a business plan, setting out proposals for its future development, and it had been recommended by the Sports Facilities Working Party that this be brought forward for consideration by the full Council.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That in principle agreement be given to lease land at Day's Park (the precise area to be determined) to the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust for a term of 100 years, subject to a sub-lease being entered into with Swanage and Herston Football Club for the football ground and agreement of acceptable Heads of Terms.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

To authorise expenditure from the Council's budget for legal and professional services to seek advice on legal matters, including revising an existing draft lease (the Development Trust and Football Club to fund their own costs).

(b) <u>Swanage Bowling Club – Artificial surface and lease of bowling green</u> at Beach Gardens

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the installation of an artificial bowling green at Beach Gardens.

It was noted that at the meeting of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 14th December 2016, it had been recommended that this project be included on the priority capital programme for the 2017/18 financial year – a final decision to be taken by full Council at the Estimates Meeting on 23rd January 2017.

In view of the significant financial investment in this project, the Bowling Club was seeking some security of tenure and had requested that the Club enter into a lease with the Council for the bowling green at Beach Gardens. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Green, and RESOLVED:-

To agree in principle to grant a lease of the bowling green at Beach Gardens to Swanage Bowling Club, subject to the agreement of acceptable Heads of Terms.

167. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- (a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended the monthly meeting of 'Pub Watch', and was pleased to report that no incidents of anti-social behaviour had been reported during the past month.

 He had also attended a meeting of the Community Rail Partnership.
- (b) Councillor Marsh reported that she had attended a recent meeting of the DAPTC Towns and Larger Councils at Sturminster Newton. The next meeting of the DAPTC Towns and Larger Councils was scheduled to be held at Wareham Town Hall on 27th January 2017.
- (c) Councillor Lejeune reported that she had attended a meeting of the Purbeck Family Partnership. It had been a very positive meeting, and hopefully would become an annual event.

168. REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS

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

169. <u>ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND MATTERS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDAS</u>

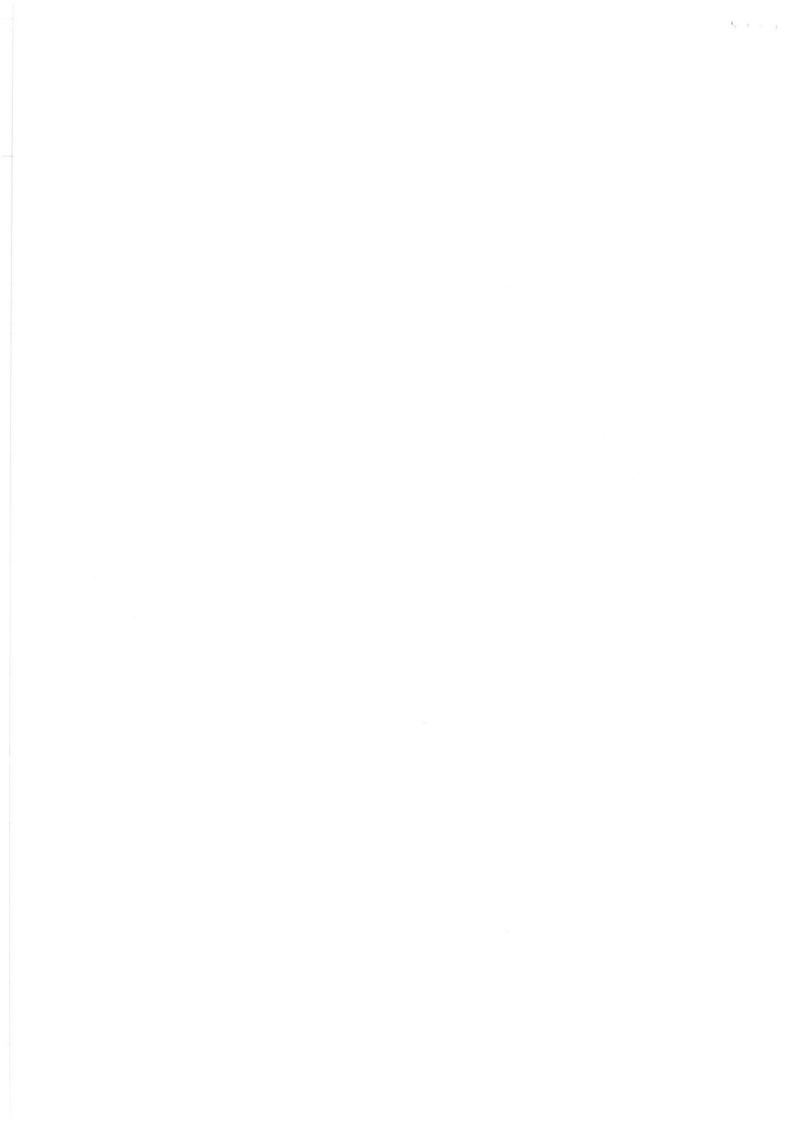
Items of Information

- (a) Registration Service Councillor Trite reported that Dorset County Council's Cabinet would be considering a recommendation that the Registration Service would be retained in Swanage (albeit for reduced hours), subject to an appropriate contribution from the Town Council towards the staffing/travelling costs in providing the service.
- (b) The Centre (formerly Swanage Youth Centre premises) Councillor Bishop reported that a Presentation would be given to the Town Council by the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust on progress of The Centre project.
- (c) NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group Councillor Morris reported that a workshop was being held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church on 17th January 2017 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. regarding Dorset's Clinical Services Review.

Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

The meeting concluded at 7.50 p.m.

(a) The Centre (formerly Swanage Youth Centre premises) – Update.



Minutes of a Meeting of the <u>PLANNING AND</u> <u>CONSULTATION COMMITTEE</u> held at the Town Hall, Swanage on <u>MONDAY</u>, 9th <u>JANUARY</u> <u>2017</u> at 6.30 p.m.

Chairman: -

Councillor A Harris

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor M P Bonfield Councillor T J Morris Councillor S Poultney

Councillor M Whitwam

Swanage Town Council Swanage Town Council Swanage Town Council

Swanage Town Council

Also Present: -

Councillor C Finch Councillor W Trite Swanage Town Council Swanage Town Council

Miss N Clark Management Support Officer

There were eight members of the public present at the meeting.

Public Participation Time

There were no matters raised.

1) Apologies

An apology for her inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Lejeune.

2) Declarations Of Interest

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with paragraphs 9 - 13 of the Council's Code of Conduct and regulations made under chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

Planning

3) Plans

Delegated Applications

6/2016/0694

46, 48 and 48a High Street, Swanage, BH19 2NX

Change of use of lower ground floor from car showroom to parking/

storage area. Tidestar Ltd

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2016/0726

Black Swan Inn, 159 High Street, Swanage, BH19 2NE

Erect store to replace existing store.

Mr Olinet

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2016/0730

46 Ulwell Farm Caravan Park, Ulwell, Swanage, BH19 3DE

Construct timber decking

Mrs Knowles

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2016/0733 Land adjacent to Olive Cottage, 5 Cliff Place, Swanage, BH19 2PL

Refurbishment and alterations to existing building, and erection of a new dwelling with a single garage. Demolition of existing porch to adjacent Olive Cottage. Alterations to existing stone boundary walls to courtyard. Mrs Ferrar

OBSERVATION: No comment. Committee Members felt that this new application did not mitigate any of the original concerns raised by the Committee relating to approved planning application no's. 6/2016/0444 & 6/2016/0445, and that it was unclear from the submitted plans whether the amendments constituted an improvement to the overall scheme.

6/2016/0734

Listed Building Consent

LISTED

Land adjacent to Olive Cottage, 5 Cliff Place, Swanage, BH19 2PL Refurbishment and alterations to existing building, and erection of a new dwelling with a single garage. Demolition of existing porch to adjacent Olive Cottage. Alterations to existing stone boundary walls to courtyard.

Mrs Ferrar

OBSERVATION: No comment. Committee Members felt that this new application did not mitigate any of the original concerns raised by the Committee relating to approved planning application no's. 6/2016/0444 & 6/2016/0445, and that it was unclear from the submitted plans whether the amendments constituted an improvement to the overall scheme.

6/2016/0754

Kingdom Hall, 3 Court Hill, Swanage, BH19 1JB

Installation of AC units with associated works, replacement of roof and internal alterations.

Swanage Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

OBSERVATION: No objection. However, although not a material planning consideration, comments were made that the Committee would wish to see a robust maintenance scheme put in place for the new AC units in view of the fact that these would be visible/adjacent to the public pavement/highway, and therefore had the potential to be a slip/health hazard if not regularly maintained.

4) Applications for tree works - opportunity to raise any matters of concern

There were no matters raised on this occasion.

Consultation

5) To note receipt of the following consultation documents and to determine the Council's preferred method of response, if any:

Further to Standing Order No. 12) a) viii, it was proposed by the Chairman and AGREED:

That Item 5. c) on the agenda be brought forward to Item 5. a).

a) NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) - Dorset's Clinical Services (DCS) Review

Dorset CCG was consulting on plans to change health services in Dorset. The consultation document set out proposals aimed at improving local community and hospital-based health and care services as part of a Clinical Services Review.

A discussion ensued, during which the Chairman invoked Standing Order No.1 p. to briefly suspend the meeting on two occasions so as to allow members of the public to address the Committee, and raise questions regarding/relevant to Agenda Item 5.a).

Committee Members commented that this was a lengthy document, containing a lot

of information, and that the document set out a persuasive case, with strong preferred options. However, it was felt that it lacked detail in places, and that the consultation questionnaire was restrictive. Concerns raised included:

- Potential loss of Poole Hospital's accident & emergency and maternity services
- Journey times from Swanage to the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, which could at times be lengthy/difficult, particularly in peak season, or when the Sandbanks Ferry was not in operation
- CCG's research into travelling times (P.32) how had this been conducted?
- Reference made to the 'golden hour' for treatment following a medical emergency/traumatic injury

Further concerns were raised regarding the time it could take for an ambulance to arrive in Swanage and, if the preferred option was implemented, whether an ambulance could be positioned in a central location, e.g. Wareham, to cut down journey times to/from Swanage in an emergency. However, Committee Members were in agreement that Poole Hospital was easier for most residents to get to for planned care, and that the recently introduced local 'First Responders' did an excellent job.

Having regard to the importance of the proposals, and in view of the implications/ future impact these changes may have on the town/local community, it was felt that appropriate consideration needed to be given to the Town Council's response to the consultation by all Town Councillors, not just Committee Members. It was further felt that, in view of the number of questions Members still had, it would be prudent to invite a specialist to give a presentation on the proposals, which would provide Councillors with the opportunity for a Q & A session before submitting the Council's response.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

TO RECOMMEND:

That a Special Meeting of the Town Council be convened to enable detailed consideration to be given to the proposals, and Council's response to the questionnaire.

It was noted that a consultation drop-in event was being held by Dorset CCG at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage, on 17th January 2017 from 2.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

b) Dorset's Concessionary Pass Scheme - Public Consultation

Dorset County Council (DCC) was consulting on proposals to change its concessionary travel scheme, and remove free travel before 9.30 a.m. on routes that had no other services until after 10.30 a.m. DCC had suffered significant reductions in central government funding, and savings were required to ensure as much funding as possible remained available to fund local bus services.

A brief discussion ensued during which a question was raised as to what financial saving this change would actually make to DCC, and comments were raised as to whether concessionary passes should be withdrawn from holders who had alternative means of transport (e.g. their own vehicle), whether passes should made available to school leavers, and whether restrictions on travel times should be removed altogether to spread traveller numbers throughout the day.

Committee Members felt that the survey should be completed by all Town Councillors individually, and it was therefore proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Harris and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That details of the consultation be sent to all Town Councillors, to give Councillors the opportunity to complete the survey, and raise any comments if they so wish.

c) <u>Marine Management Organisation (MMO) - Draft South Marine Plan Public</u> Consultation

It was reported that the MMO was consulting on the Draft South Marine Plan, and that this was the final stage before the Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for approval. The Plan supported sustainable economic growth, whilst respecting local communities and protecting the marine environment.

Committee Members had reviewed the document, and a brief discussion ensued regarding its content, which was considered to be of a technical nature. The general consensus of Members was that although they were in support of the Plan, they did not have sufficient specialist knowledge of this subject, and felt unable to comment further on the document. Comments were made that the Plan had been produced in partnership with government departments, and stakeholders, including Dorset Coast Forum.

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

That the Committee wished it to be noted that the consultation document had been reviewed and appropriately discussed, and had no further comments to make.

Licensing

6) Williams the Baker, 7 & 9 Station Road, Swanage, BH19 1AB – application for a new premises licence

The Chairman reported that consideration of this item would be deferred to a future Committee Meeting.

7) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

a) Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner - Police and Crime Plan Public Consultation

Details of the consultation document and online survey were provided to Committee Members. It was explained that the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner was consulting on what the policing priorities should be in Dorset over the next four years, and that it was vital for residents, businesses, community groups, and partners, to take part in the consultation, and put forward their views on the proposals.

Following a brief discussion, and in view of the fact that the deadline for responses was 25th January 2017, Members felt that the survey should be completed by all Town Councillors individually. Officers would therefore send details of the consultation to all Councillors, providing them with the opportunity to complete the survey, and raise any comments, if they so wished.

8) Date of next Meeting

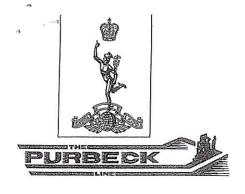
The date of the next meeting had been scheduled for Monday 6th February 2017 at 6.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

SWANAGE TOWN COUNCIL

Statement of Cash Balance as at 31st December 2016

	£p	£p
Balance in Hand at 1.4.16.		£1,743,788.16 Cr
Income to 30.11.16. Investment Income Income during period	£3,040,580.85 Cr £782.02 Cr £311,712.85 Cr	£3,353,075.72 Cr £5,096,863.88 Cr
Less payments made: As per Reconciliation dated 30.11.16. Order on Treasurer No. 9 dated 19.12.16. No.9a dated 19.12.16. Emergency payments to 31.12.16.	£1,862,861.38 Dr £1,602.28 Dr £56,834.37 Dr £1,921,298.03 Dr £87,186.71 Dr	£2,008,484.74 Dr £3,088,379.14 Cr
Balance at Bank Current Account Deposit Account Investment Account Credit Card Account Unpresented Cheques		£312,849.85 Cr £684,004.16 Cr £2,115,128.04 Cr £0.00 Cr £3,111,982.05 Cr £23,602.91 Dr £3,088,379.14 Cr



Swanage Army Link 8 Ancaster Road SWANAGE BH19 1BQ

Frank@herstoncross.co.uk Swanagearmylink.org.uk 07850 970026 01929 421858

17th December 2016

ARMED FORCES WEEKEND 2017 (SWANAGE) - OUTLINE PLAN

I am delighted to inform you that following a full round of visits, the way is now paved for an exciting event in Swanage over the weekend centred on Saturday 24th June 2017.

The finer details are yet to be agreed, but at this stage I wanted to relay **the outline plans** to some of you ahead of the New Year, not least so you have my contact details. A communication will be sent to all major stakeholders during the first week in January.

What has been confirmed so far?

- I met GB Railfreight in London who confirmed their intention to offer a Class 66 diesel locomotive that will be named Royal Corps of Signals at Swanage Station on 24thJune.
- I have met with RHQ Royal Signals a number of times and the Corps is keen to encourage participation by Regulars, Reservists and Veterans.
- The Swanage Railway Trust in November approved arrangements in principle, now support the re-kindling of the Mercury Group (which Frank Nevens and I are pursuing) and have offered a grant of £500 towards the weekend.

What is planned?

- 1. **Thursday 22nd June**. Meet and Greet for the Core Team. 1930hrs. The Globe Inn Herston. All welcome, especially those who might want to tip their hat, but can't be present for the main events of the weekend.
- 2. Friday 23rd June. Mercury Group Reunion. 1930hrs. The Royal British Legion, Swanage.
- 3. **Saturday 24th June**. <u>Unveiling of a pair of Royal Signals 'Jimmies'</u>. 1100hrs. Swanage War Memorial. Horsecliffe Lane, Swanage.
- 4. <u>Naming of a GB Railfreight Locomotive.</u> 1242hrs. (Ends at 1300hrs) at Swanage Station. Guests will then board trains during the afternoon.
- 5. Evening Reception. 1930hrs. The Royal British Legion. Swanage.
- 6. Sunday 25th June. Mayor's Civic Service. 1500hrs. St Mary's Church, Swanage.
- 7. BBQue, 1700hrs. Ancaster Rd or The Globe Inn, Herston.

The event is open to the public, although there are a number of pre-requisites:

 Any person being conveyed on a Swanage Railway train must be in possession of a valid ticket or an official invitation.

The Royal British Legion is a private club and all guests must sign in, or be in possession

of an official invitation.

The organisers reserve the right to exclude admittance to any area; an action which might be required on grounds of safety, security or for any other reason.

----000-----

This is in effect a set of events being hosted by Swanage Army Link, with participation by GB Railfreight, the Army and various other organisations/groups especially those listed at the bottom of the page. A small Core Team has been formed to assist with the execution of the plan. However any offers of assistance will be gratefully received!

The Mercury Group Reunion will be open to any person, and their partner, who has contributed towards any official military Exercise at Swanage, or working party in recent years such as Team Herston.

One major hurdle is to raise the finance that we need to support the weekend. The locomotive name plates alone will each cost up to £750 each, depending upon the final design. I am looking to raise some corporate sponsorship and so if you know of any likely sources please do contact me asap.

Very few VIPs will be entertained for free; all other participants will be requested to contribute towards the element(s) of the event which they attend.

We now have a Mercury Group Facebook page - which is in fact a closed group. If you would like to be included, please send a friend request to Frank Nevens or myself (on our personal Facebook profiles). Frank is also scanning many old photographs which will be posted onto the Swanage Army Link website in the New Year.

As you may have gathered this will, without doubt, be the largest reunion that Swanage Army Link has organised. Being aware of this I will be, almost exclusively, supporting the planning for this event for the next six months.

It will be a massive help if you could indicate if you are intending to be with us, quoting which of the 7 events you think you might be able to attend. Please do this by way on an e-mail to frank@herstoncross.co.uk. Formal invitations will be sent out by at the end of January, by email.

Swanage Railway. Royal Gozos of Signals - The People of Swanage - Royal British Legion - Team Herston - Heroes Haven

Please help to raise the awareness of this event, by forwarding details where appropriate.

Seasons Greetings!

Frank

Monthly Council Meeting Monday 30th January 2017

Agenda Item 12) Acquisition of former St Mark's School Playing Field

Background

The former St Mark's First School playing field is located off of Jubilee Road in Herston and is shown edged in red on the attached plan. It includes an area of green open space to the south and west of the site, a hard-standing playground to the north and an access road which leads off of Jubilee Road from the east.

In early 2014 the Town Council was informed that Dorset County Council was intending to dispose of the site for housing. In March of that year the Town Council lodged an objection, expressing concern at the loss of an important green space to the local community. Attention was drawn to the fact that this land is located in an area which is recognised as one of the most deprived in the county and in which a large proportion of the town's children and young adults live.

Dorset County Council agreed to separate the disposal of the playing field from that of the former school buildings and in August 2014 the Town Council agreed to enter into discussions to acquire the site on either a long leasehold or freehold basis. Since the relocation of the school to the former Middle School site the land has remained closed to public access.

Next steps

In order to progress this matter a meeting was held on 18th January 2017 between south ward councillors and a representative of Dorset County Council's estates department. It was explained that the County Council has authorised a 10-year lease to the Town Council, although this is likely to be counted from the date of the school's closure and will therefore most likely be for 7 or 8 years.

In August 2014 the Town Council raised the possibility of converting the hard standing area to residents' car parking, and potentially using part of the open space as allotments. However, it has been explained that the use of the land is limited by legislation around the disposal of former school playing fields and therefore these uses would not be permissible until after 10 years had elapsed since the land had last been used as a school playing field.

During the meeting on 18th January concerns were raised as to the extent of the liability that the Town Council would be taking on in relation to both the tarmacked playground and the access road, and prior to any final decision being taken a survey would need to be undertaken regarding their physical condition.

Various options were considered for the future of the land, including retaining the entire site as informal open access land, agreeing to disposal by DCC of part of the site and retaining the green open space, and/or inviting sports clubs or other voluntary organisations to put forward ideas for the hard standing area.

Members concluded that an important next step was to engage with the local community to determine what their views are, and it was felt that a public meeting at Herston Hall would most likely be the best method to engage with Herston residents. Sports clubs and other local groups could also be invited.

DCC have requested a decision from the Town Council within the next six months.

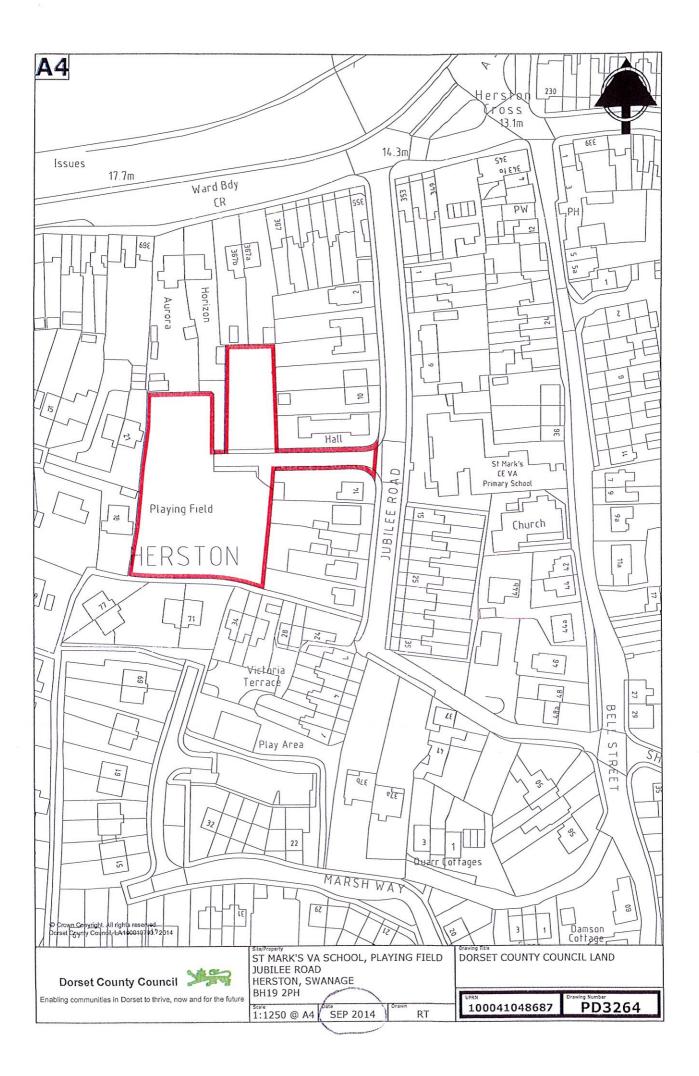
Decision required:

To consider the recommendation to hold an evening public meeting at Herston Hall.

To appoint a working party to consider the responses to that consultation, and to recommend to the Town Council the next steps in the acquisition process.

Martin Ayres Town Clerk

January 2017



Planning and Consultation Committee
Swanage Town Council
The Town Hall
High Street
Swanage
BH19 2NZ

30 NOV 2016 1605 80 Mr Stephen Hill 'Swanage Boat Hire' 15/17 Top Floor Flat Institute Road Swanage BH19 1BT

30th November 2016

Dear Committee,

As proprietor of 'Swanage Boat Hire & Water Taxi' service, I am writing to ask that the Planning Committee consider my request for a Kiosk to be erected on Swanage sea front to assist in the running of the business during the summer season.

- This will be a temporary structure used only during the summer.
- The colour of the structure will be in keeping with Swanage Sea front and sympathetic to the surrounding area. Any suggestions from Swanage Town Council as to the colour would be most welcome.
- To accommodate all necessary equipment and staff, the structure will need to be 4ft (D) x 8ft (L) x 7ft (H).
- Our safety records that we use daily would be kept safe and dry.
- We would be able to provide staff with shelter during inclement weather conditions.
- With the RNLI lifejacket locker scheme in place on Swanage sea front, a kiosk would provide an ideal point of contact for users of this facility.

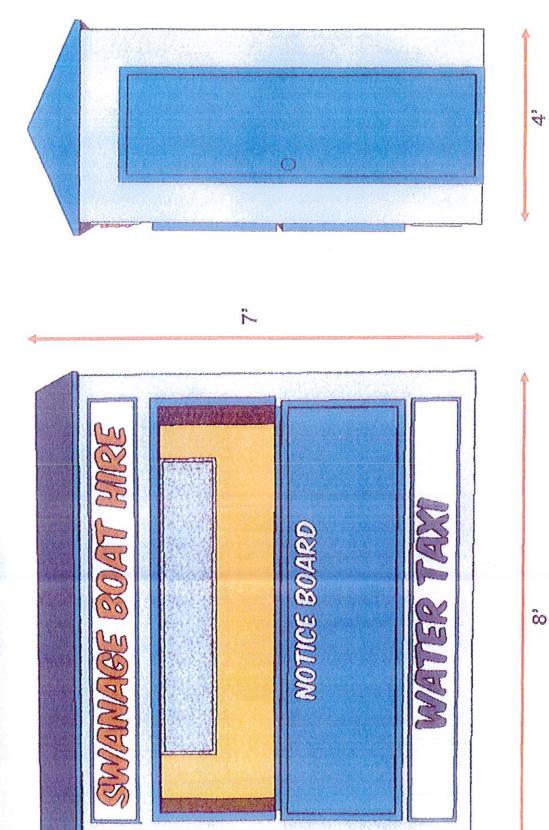
I understand that I will need to apply for planning permission from Purbeck District Council. Before I make any financial commitments to pursue this, I would appreciate an indication of support from Swanage Town Council.

Many thanks for your time in this matter and I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

SWANAGE BOAT HIRE

KIOSK PROPOSAL



ò

