

Minutes of the meeting of the **CARAVAN PARK
BEST VALUE REVIEW WORKING GROUP**
held at the **Town Hall** on **WEDNESDAY, 4th
OCTOBER 2006** at 10.00 a.m..

Present: -

Councillor G.M. Suttle (Town Mayor) – Chairman
Councillor C. Bright
Councillor Mrs J. Farrow
Councillor M.W. Pratt

1. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Trite.

2. **FUTURE BUSINESS STRATEGY**

Further to Minute No. 2 of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Best Value Review Working Group held on 31st August 2006, the Clerk reported on further information obtained from other local authorities regarding the operation of Holiday Parks by local councils (as referred to in submissions received from the specialist companies), together with references relating to the specific companies who had submitted options for the future business strategy to be adopted at the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park.

Detailed and lengthy consideration was then given to the business terms submitted from each company, following which, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Farrow and seconded by Councillor Bright:-

To recommend that Humberts Leisure be appointed as Consultants to undertake a review of the strategic options in respect of the future operation of the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park.

Upon being put to the Meeting, TWO Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and TWO AGAINST. The Chairman used his casting vote IN FAVOUR of the Proposition, which was then declared CARRIED.

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

(a) **Bars and Catering Concession**

Letters dated 18th and 26th September 2006 and 2nd October 2006 were submitted from the bars and catering concessionaire at the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park.

Detailed consideration was given to the matters raised, during which some concerns were expressed regarding future bookings, deposits, stocks etc. It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To recommend that the letter dated 26th September 2006 be accepted, with a view to terminating the contract from 2nd January 2007.

Arising from the above, the Town Mayor highlighted his concerns at a possible breach of confidentiality, and following a lengthy and detailed discussion as to the facts of the matter, it was RESOLVED:-

That no action need be taken in the matter.

The meeting concluded at 12 noon.
