

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 30th JANUARY 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: -

Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon – Chairman

Councillor C.R. Bright

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow

Councillor Mrs. C Gainsborough

Councillor M. Hadley

Councillor W.S. Trite

In the absence of the Town Mayor, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, seconded by Councillor Trite, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**
That Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon be elected Chairman
of the Meeting.

Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon assumed the Chair.

137. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from the Town Mayor and Councillors Mrs. Bartlett, Pratt, Suttle, and Tyrer.

138. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19th December 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Mrs. Farrow, and **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 6th January 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 23rd January 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to it being recorded in Minute No.7 that Councillor Hadley stipulated that the kiosk should be unobtrusive.

139. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and **RESOLVED:-**

That the notes on the Public Participation
Time held on 19th December 2005 be accepted.

140. **CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE**

It was noted that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Committee held on 20th December 2005 had been approved as a correct record at the Special Meeting of the Council held on 6th January 2006.

It was also noted that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Committee held on 11th January 2006 had been approved as a correct record at the Special Meeting of the Council held on 23rd January 2006.

141. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In the absence of the Town Mayor, who was unable to attend the Meeting due to a bad back, there were no specific announcements to make at the present time.

142. **TOURISM REPORT**

The Tourist Information Centre Manager reported on the following matters:-

- (a) Footfall during January at the Tourist Information Centre was approximately 40% up on the corresponding period in 2005. Over 600 email enquiries had also been received during the month – the highest count since the monitoring of emails commenced in April 2005.
- (b) Over 3,000 holiday guides had been despatched during January.
- (c) An exhibition featuring information on the multi functional centre was scheduled to be held at the Tourist Information Centre commencing on 13th February 2006 for one week.
- (d) Programmes for the forthcoming Blues Festival from 3rd to 5th March 2006 were available, free of charge, from the TIC.
- (e) Various events were scheduled to take place at the TIC to promote “Fair Trade” fortnight from 6th March, including competitions and interactive displays.
- (f) “Beach Awareness” week, commencing 27th May, will be promoted through “Purbeck Aware Month”, and will include static displays from the RNLI and local Coastguard.
- (g) Programmes and booking information would shortly be available at the TIC for the 17th Annual Jazz Festival from 7th to 9th July 2006.

143. **OPERATIONS REPORT**

In the absence of the Operations Manager, there were no matters to report on outside works at the present time.

144. **ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE TOWN MAYOR DECIDES ARE URGENT**

There were two additional matters in need of urgent attention, but having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be considered, it was agreed that these matters be discussed later in the Meeting when the press and public had been excluded.

145. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of December 2005 were submitted for information.

146. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 10, 10a and 10b, amounting to £252,116.83, £44,616.49 and £52,099.56 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

147. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 31st December 2005 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at the end of these Minutes.

148. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and RESOLVED:-

That, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

149. **SITE FOR NEW BUSINESS CONCESSION**

Further to Minute No. 7 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 23rd January 2006, detailed consideration was given to the location for the proposed ice cream concession in the vicinity of Ocean Bay.

Councillor Bright presented dimensions of existing kiosks that were operating in other locations and was of the opinion that a similar kiosk in this area would be obtrusive and inappropriate bearing in mind the popularity of the seating area and close proximity to the private beach hut sites.

Councillor Hadley suggested that a smaller, wooden kiosk, similar to the construction of the beach huts, may be more appropriate, but, following discussions, it was acknowledged that this may not be possible bearing in mind the size of the refrigeration equipment etc. that would be necessary to operate the concession.

During the ensuing discussion, the Town Clerk reminded those present of matters raised by the Town Mayor at the previous meeting (Minute No. 7 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 23rd January 2006).

It was proposed by Councillor Bright, and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow:-

That the Town Council does not wish to introduce an ice cream concession as this would have a detrimental effect on the area.

Upon being put to the Meeting, FIVE Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and there was ONE ABSTENTION, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

150. **TREES – BROAD ROAD**

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to tree works undertaken by Town Council operatives in the vicinity of Broad Road car park, and subsequent issues raised by Purbeck District Council which may have further repercussions. The position was noted.

151. **SWANAGE BAY VIEW HOLIDAY PARK**

Further to Minute No. 8 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 18th July 2005, the Clerk updated Members on advice received regarding the operation of activities at the Holiday Park. Various matters had yet to be determined, with a more definite response awaited from the legal advisers of NALC, before a decision could be made to seek Counsel's formal opinion.
