

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006** at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor G.M. Suttle (Town Mayor) – Chairman.

Councillor B. Audley

Councillor Mrs C.A. Bartlett

Councillor C.R. Bright

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough JP

Councillor M. Hadley

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor M.W. Pratt

Councillor M. Tyrer

(Until 8.30 p.m.)

The Mayor welcomed Revd. J. Wood, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

61. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Trite and Mrs. Turner.

62. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to it being recorded in Minute No. 51 (a), that no seats should be removed when the cycle racks are installed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed.

63. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED:-

That the Notes on the Public Participation Time held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2006 be accepted.

Arising from the above, Councillor Bright referred to the enquiry regarding the possible installation of a “foot shower”, and reported that this matter would be considered by the newly-formed Public Conveniences Working Group.

64. **CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park  
Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2006 be approved  
as a correct record and signed.

65. **CARAVAN PARK BEST VALUE REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park  
Best Value Review Working Group held on 31<sup>st</sup>  
August 2006 be approved as a correct record and  
signed.

66. **BOAT PARK COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Hadley, seconded by Councillor Tyrer, and  
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Boat Park  
Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2006 be approved  
as a correct record and signed.

67. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor reported that a local resident with impaired mobility had indicated that he would like to attend the next Meeting of the Council to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2006, but as access to the Council Chamber would be difficult, arrangements were being made for the Meeting to be held at the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park on this particular occasion. Appropriate advertisements notifying the change of venue would be publicly displayed.

68. **TOURISM REPORT**

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

- (a) Footfall figures at the Tourist Information Centre had picked up considerably during the early part of September, and were likely to be up on the corresponding period in 2006. This was probably due to a period of very good weather and the very busy period during the weekend of the Folk Festival.
- (b) The Folk Festival had once again proved very successful, and had attracted a large number of visitors to the town.
- (c) The agency facility at the Tourist Information Centre for National Express bookings had worked very well during the first month of operation, and it was hoped to expand the facility for other National Express services in the future.
- (d) Unfortunately, as the Waverley had not operated from Swanage Pier this year, income from ticket sales was approximately 60% down on the previous year.

- (e) The Purbeck Film Festival would be taking place from 13<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October, and tickets for this Festival were available from the Tourist Information Centre.
- (f) “Cards for Good Causes” Christmas Cards would again be sold at the Tourist Information Centre and would be available shortly.

69. **OPERATIONS REPORT**

There were no specific matters to report on outside works at the present time.

70. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

(a) **Durlston Advisory Panel**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Tyrer, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That Councillor Hadley be nominated to represent  
the Town Council on the Durlston Advisory Panel.

(b) **Older Persons Forum**

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

That Councillor Tyrer be nominated to represent the  
Town Council on the Older Persons Forum.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Mrs. Farrow be nominated to deputise  
for Councillor Tyrer on the Older Persons Forum, when  
necessary.

(c) **Swanage Bay Users Association**

Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That Councillor Hadley be nominated to represent the  
Town Council on the Swanage Bay Users Association.

71. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CORE STRATEGY**

Further to Minute No. 42 of the Council Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006, the Town Mayor reported that Purbeck District Council would shortly be publishing the Core Strategy Preferred Options document, Draft Proposals Map and Draft Sustainability Appraisal for public consultation. He stressed the importance of the document, as the “Local Development Framework” would replace the Local Plan, and once adopted, would set out the overarching policies for development within the District for the period 2006 – 2026.

There would be a period for formal consultation commencing 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006 until 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006, and information relating to this would be available shortly.

72. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of August 2006 were submitted for information.

73. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 6, 6a and 6b, amounting to £192,159.14, £58,154.60 and £26,653.28 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

Arising from the above, Councillor Bright requested that the costs of obtaining legal advice be referred to the Finance and Performance Management Working Group.

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

(a) **The Scarman Trust**

Councillor Hadley reported on information received from the “Scarman Trust”, a National Charity committed to helping local communities and their projects, and possible funding that may be available through the Trust.

(b) **Newton Grange Development Proposals**

The Clerk referred to an issue relating to the Newton Grange development proposals, and it was RESOLVED:-

That, having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be considered, the matter be deferred for consideration later in the Meeting, when the public and press had been excluded.

75. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, 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.

76. **PROPOSED BUILDING – NORTH BEACH CAR PARK**

Further to Minute No. 13 (b) of the Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2006, a letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> September 2006 was submitted from Messrs. Hartnell Taylor Cook outlining difficulties experienced in meeting the requirements for the siting of the proposed building, and enclosing amended plans for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Bright:-

That a suggestion be put forward to pursue an alternative site for the proposed coastguard building, possibly on the Industrial Estate at Victoria Avenue.

This Proposition failed to secure a seconder.

A lengthy discussion ensued, following which, it was proposed by Councillor Pratt and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh:-

That the Town Council re-affirms its continued support of the construction of the proposed new coastguard building, subject to no variation of the conditions imposed. i.e. the building to be sited 8m clearance from the top of the stream bank.

A named vote was requested and recorded as follows:-

**In favour of the Proposition:-**

Councillors Audley, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. Gainsborough, Hadley, Mrs. Marsh and Pratt.

**Against the Proposition:-**

Councillors Bright and Suttle.

The Proposition was declared CARRIED.

77. **CRB CHECKS**

Consideration was given to the issue of CRB checks for Councillors who perform a public duty and in the course of this would be in direct contact with young people. The Clerk reported that this matter was also being considered for staff employed by the Town Council, and enquiries had been made regarding the procedure for implementing the checks.

During the ensuing discussion, it was recognised that with appropriate training and practical experience, individuals should not place themselves in such a position as to leave themselves vulnerable to accusations. The cost of the CRB checks was also mooted, together with the extent of the personnel to which the checks should be applied. It was noted that Purbeck District Council would provide an agency service for the CRB checks, if it was decided to pursue this matter.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor and seconded by Councillor Pratt:-

That any Councillor appointed to a post as an outside representative that was likely to involve direct contact with children should be CRB checked (unless checks had already been carried out by that outside body or organisation).

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

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That a schedule be prepared, identifying the posts whereby the employee was most likely to come into contact with children, and referred for consideration at the next meeting of the Joint Staffing Working Group.

78. **CCTV – OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Further to Minute No. 8 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2006, consideration was again given to future operational arrangements for CCTV monitoring.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That a Working Group be set up to progress the matter.

It was FURTHER AGREED:-

That Councillors Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. Marsh and Pratt be appointed to serve on the Working Group.

79. **NEWTON GRANGE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

Further to Minute No. 74 (b) above, and a recent meeting with representatives of Swan Homes, the Town Mayor reported on an issue that had again been raised regarding access into Cow Lane from the High Street.

Following discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and RESOLVED:-

That the Town Council re-affirms its decision that vehicular access into Cow Lane from the High Street should be retained, and that traffic flow should be one-way in a southerly direction.

---