

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2003** at 7.10 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor A. H. Miller (Town Mayor) – Chairman.

Councillor H. J. F. Agelink  
Councillor Mrs. C. A. Bartlett  
Councillor C. R. Bright  
Councillor Mrs. J. A. Farrow  
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough  
Councillor Mrs. H. O’Donovan  
Councillor M. W. Pratt  
Councillor W. S. Trite  
Councillor M. A. Tyrer  
Councillor Mrs. J. D. Wheeldon

In the absence of a clergyman, Councillor Bright offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

43. **APOLOGIES**

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

44. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed

(c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the

Councilheldtodiscusspolicyandresources  
matterson18<sup>th</sup>August2003beapprovedasa  
correctrecordandsigned.

- (d) ProposedbyCouncillorMrs.O,Donovan,secondedbyCouncillorMrs.  
Wheeldon,andRESOLVED:-

ThattheMinutesoftheSpecialMeetingofthe  
Councilheldtodiscusspolicyandresources  
matterson28<sup>th</sup>August2003beapprovedasa  
correctrecordandsigned.

45. **PUBLICPARTICIPATION**

ItwasproposedbyCouncillorMrs.Gainsborough,secondedby  
CouncillorMrs.Bartlett,andRESOLVED:-

ThatthenotesonthePublicParticipation  
Timeheldon28<sup>th</sup>July2003beaccepted.

46. **SEAFRONTSTABILISATIONWORKINGGROUP**

ItwasproposedbyCouncillorPratt,secondedbyCouncillorMrs.  
O'Donovan,andRESOLVED:-

ThattheMinutesoftheMeetingoftheSeafront  
StabilisationWorkingGroupheldon28<sup>th</sup>July  
2003beapprovedasacorrectrecordand  
signed.

47. **CARAVANPARKBESTVALUEWORKINGGROUP**

ItwasproposedbyCouncillorBright,secondedbyCouncillorTrite,and  
RESOLVED:-

ThattheMinutesoftheMeetingoftheCaravanPark  
BestValueWorkingGroupheldon30<sup>th</sup>July2003  
beapprovedasacorrectrecordandsigned.

48. **BEACHESANDFORESHOREBESTVALUEWORKINGGROUP**

ItwasproposedbyCouncillorBright,secondedbyCouncillorMrs.  
Wheeldon,andRESOLVED:-

ThattheMinutesoftheMeetingoftheBeaches  
andForeshoreBestValueWorkingGroupheld  
on4<sup>th</sup>August2003beapprovedasacorrect  
recordandsigned.

Atthemeting,CouncillorBrighthadreferredtoabeachrescueinitiative  
runbytheRNLI,buthadnoinformationonthescheme.Hehadsincemade  
furtherenquiries,andcirculatedcopiesofthe“BetweentheFlags”RNLIBeach  
Rescuenewsletter,forinformation.Initialsiteswerecurrentlybeingoperatedat

Poole/Bournemouth and Weymouth, and here requested that the possibility of operating such a scheme in Swanage be investigated.

49. **CARPARKS BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Car Parks Best Value Working Group held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

50. **ALLOTMENTS BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Allotments Best Value Working Group be approved as a correct record and signed.

51. **CONSULTATIVE MEETING – SWANAGE BEACH RECHARGE SCHEME**

It was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED:-

That the Notes of the Consultative Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2003 be accepted.

52. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

(a) The Mayor was delighted to report that Swanage had won the Small Coastal Towns category of the Southern England in Bloom competition for the 3rd year running. He acknowledged the sterling work undertaken by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough and the "Swanage in Bloom" Committee, and Mr. Geoff Brookes and the Council's workforce. His comments were endorsed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon.

(b) The Mayor was pleased to report that the new equipment had now been installed at the Skate Park in King George's Field, and was proving popular with the users.

(c) The Mayor reported that he would be hosting a "Civic Day to Remember" on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2003, to which civic dignitaries from neighbouring authorities in Dorset had been invited.

(d) The Mayor then reported on the following events that he had attended

during the past month:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> August "Beating the Retreat" on Sandpit Field (organised by the Swanage Regatta and Carnival Committee).
- 8<sup>th</sup> August A "Civic Day" in Wareham.
- 10<sup>th</sup> August The RNL Service at the Stone Quay.
- 20<sup>th</sup> August A "Big Band Concert" by invitation of the Mayor of Ferndown.
- 28<sup>th</sup> August Annual General Meeting of the Swanage Town and Herston Football Club
- 30<sup>th</sup> August The naming ceremony and service of dedication of the Swanage Lifeboat "Jack Cleare" at Swanage Lifeboat Station.
- 30<sup>th</sup> August An open air concert at Prince Albert Gardens in aid of the "Switch on Swanage" Lights Appeal, at which the sum of approximately £950 had been raised.

53. **TOURISM REPORT**

The Tourist Information Manager reported on the following matters:-

- (a) August had been a particularly busy month, with all accommodation in Swanage and the Isle of Purbeck fully booked every weekend. Visitor figures at the Tourist Information Centre were approximately 8,900 upon the corresponding period in 2002, helped, of course, by the extremely good weather.

(b) The Swanage Folk Festival was due to be held during the coming weekend (5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September), and programmes and tickets were on sale at the TIC. It is always a very popular event with residents and visitors alike, and another busy weekend is expected.

- (c) The paddle steamer Waverley would again be visiting Swanage, and various cruises would be operating during the period 5<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September.

- (d) A Rock n Roll Night was being held at the Vista Complex on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2003, with all proceeds going to the "Switch on Swanage" Lights Appeal.

**54. HOLIDAY PARK REPORT**

The General Manager reported that August had been an extremely busy month at the Holiday Park, with all caravans fully booked throughout the month.

Enquiries and bookings for caravans were still being received, and it was anticipated that September would also be a good month.

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

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

**56. METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of July 2003 were submitted.

**57. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

That the accounts specified in the Order on Treasurer Nos. 5, 5a, and 5b, amounting to £183,731.93, £51,220.06 and £35,000.15 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

**58. STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2003 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.

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