

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 18th AUGUST 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor M.W. Pratt (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor B. Audley

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough JP

Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox

Councillor M. Hadley

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick

Councillor S. Poultney

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 11 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

MS. JANE LOWSON referred to a previous request for a foot shower to be installed on Shore Road in the vicinity of the Mowlem and enquired why this matter had not been progressed.

MR. IAN SAUNDERS expressed concern at the obstruction caused by the proliferation of advertising boards, tables, chairs, display racks etc. that are being placed on the pavements by traders in the town, and requested that the matter be referred to Dorset County Council with a view to enforcement action being taken.

Mr. John Barry, from the United Reformed Church, offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

34. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Bright and Suttle.

35. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 28th July 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 1st August 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 11th August 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

The Town Clerk referred to an act of vandalism that had been carried out at Godlingston Cemetery (Minute No. 7 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 21st July 2008 refers) and reported that a written apology had been received from an 11-year old boy who had been responsible for causing the damage.

36. **GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Operations Committee held on 23rd July 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Arising therefrom, it was proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-
That the following recommendation be adopted:-
That the Town Council's Asset Management Plan should incorporate an assessment of the income potential, associated risk and maintenance requirements of all council-owned property and be referred for further consideration to the next meeting of the General Operations Committee.

37. **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 4th August 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

38. **CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE**

- Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Committee held on 8th August 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Arising therefrom, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-
That the following recommendation be adopted:-
That the Town Council temporarily suspends the enforcement of the "three year rule".

39. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor had no specific announcements to make at the present time.

40. **OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT**

Further to the Meeting of the General Operations Committee held on 23rd July 2008, there were no additional matters to report from the Operations Department.

41. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

There were no matters to report from Council representatives on outside organisations.

42. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

The Town Clerk updated Members on a legal dispute relating to the sale of a caravan and reported that a settlement had now been agreed in the sum of £5,000.

43. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of July 2008 were submitted for information.

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

- (a) Caravan Park Committee – Revised date for meeting – 19th September 2008 at 2.15 p.m.
- (b) STRATA Arts Project – Update.
- (c) Petition re Retention of Recycling Facilities.
- (d) Enforcement of 5 knot speed limit in Swanage Bay, and appropriate signage at Boat Park and Peveril Point.
- (e) Publication of “Swanage Matters”.
- (f) Updating of Website.
- (g) Temporary Road Closure – High Street between junction with Cow Lane and Newton Manor Close during the period 6th to 19th October 2008.
It was noted that this proposed closure coincided with the temporary withdrawal of the Sandbanks/Shell Bay ferry service and additional traffic would be using the High Street as the main access/exit route for Swanage. Concern was expressed that congestion would be caused through additional traffic using the suggested diversion route, and it was AGREED:-
That these concerns be conveyed to the Highways Department of Dorset County Council.
- (h) Swanage Sea Rowing Club – Boathouse Proposals. Update of meeting held with representatives of the Club earlier that evening.

45. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and RESOLVED:-

That, under Standing Order No.67, it is envisaged that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

46. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Options Appraisal**

The Clerk referred to the Briefing Note (circulated prior to the Meeting) concerning the addition to the Register of Electors of two individuals claiming qualification of residency by reason of occupying a holiday caravan at Swanage Bay View Holiday Park.

In consideration of paragraph 7.5.4 of the Supplementary Options Appraisal Report highlighting the commercial effect, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by the Town Mayor, and RESOLVED:-

That a formal objection be submitted in respect of current and future applications for electoral registration of individuals claiming to be resident at Swanage Bay View Holiday Park.

It was FURTHER AGREED:-

That Councillor Mrs. Patrick, being a qualified objector, represent the Council and supported by the Council's legal advisers.

(b) **Newton Grange/Cow Lane**

Further to Minute No. 33 (a) of the Council Meeting held on 28th July 2008, the Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the Newton Grange development.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.
