

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 2003 at 7.15 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

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

101. **APOLOGIES**

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

102. **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 24th November 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 28th November 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to it being recorded that Councillor Mrs. O’Donovan had presented an apology for her inability to attend the Meeting.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the

Council held to discuss policy and resources
matters on 4th December 2003 be approved
as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Council held to discuss Estimates and seasonal
charges on 8th December 2003, be approved as
a correct record and signed.

103. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor
Bright, and RESOLVED:-

That the notes on the Public Participation
Time held on 24th November 2003 be accepted.

104. **BOAT PARK COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Boat
Park Committee held on 24th November 2003
be approved as a correct record and signed.

105. **TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism
and Environmental Committee held on 1st
December 2003 be approved as a correct record
and signed.

106. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Mayor reported on the sterling work of the Swanage Lights
Committee, which had culminated in the successful "Switching On" of the
Christmas Lights on Saturday, 29th November. A "Street Fayre" had been held
earlier in the day, with decorated beach huts being erected on Station Road. The
Mayor wished to record his appreciation of the work undertaken by the volunteer
Committee members, with particular mention of Mike Dimarco, Dave Barrow,
David Pike, Rufus Stimpson, Alan Leeson (Town Clerk) and members of the
Swanage Regatta and Carnival Committee.

The Mayor then reported on the following events she had attended during

thepastmonth:-

13thDec. ACivicCarolServiceatBlandfordForum.

14thDec. ACivicReceptionatVerwood.

14thDec. ACivicCarolServiceatWeymouth.

Healsogaveanupdateonthefollowingmatters:-

- (a) Earlierintheday,theCouncilre-affirmeditsdecisionthatthemarket shouldoperatefor52weeksduringitsfirstyearofoperation.
- (b) PlanningpermissionhadbeengrantedforanewpavilioninKingGeorge's Field,andconsultationwouldbeundertakentoidentifythepossibleuse andrequirementsofvariousgroups/organisationsinthetown.

107. **TOURISMREPORT**

TheTouristInformationManagerreportedonthefollowingmatters:-

- (a) Approximately900peoplehadalreadyvisitedtheTouristInformation CentreduringDecembertodate,anditwasexpectedthatfootfallfigures wouldexceedthoseforDecember2002.
- (b) "CardsforGoodCauses"CharityChristmasCardshadsoldwell,andwere scheduledtofinishonMonday,22ndDecember2003.

(c) Copiesofthe2004SwanageandPurbeckHolidayGuidewereavailableatthe TouristInformationCentre,andapproximately800Guidesperdaywere beingdespatchedinresponsetoenquiriesfrommembersofthepublic.

108. **HOLIDAYPARKREPORT**

TheGeneralManagerreportedthat,asexpectedwiththeapproachofthe winterseason,tradingattheCaravanParkwasfairlyquiet,althoughsome entertainmenteveningsattheVistaBarhadprovedpopular.

109. **SEAFRONTSTABILISATION**

ThismatterhadbeenconsideredatSpecialMeetingoftheCouncilheld earlierintheday.

110. **TEMPORARYROADCLOSURE**

Aletterdated9thDecember2003wassubmittedfromDorsetCounty CouncilinformingMembersofanapplicationforthetemporaryclosureofa sectionoftheHighStreettoenableessentialservicestobeconnectedtothe formerSwanageAquarium(65HighStreet).Theworkwasscheduledto commenceon5thJanuary2004,andwouldnecessitatetheroadclosurefora maximumperiodofsixdays.

The information was noted.

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

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

112. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of November 2003 were submitted for information.

113. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

That the accounts specified in the Order on
Treasurer Nos. 9, 9a, and 9b, amounting to
£77,333.86, £31,195.11 and £29,986.72
respectively be paid, and that cheques be
drawn therefor.

114. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 30th November
2003 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of
these Minutes.
