

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council, held at the Town Hall, Swanage, on  
**MONDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2002** at 7.50p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor G.A. Baume

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor A.H. Miller

Councillor Mrs. H.O' Donovan

Councillor J. Roscoe

Councillor C.R. Sutton

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M.R. Woolley

Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon

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

141. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies to report for inability to attend the Meeting.

142. **MINUTES**

(a) The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed, subject to the Resolution in Minute No. 3 being amended to read:-

“The Town Council supports the re-opening of the path and wishes to fully support the views and concerns expressed by the Town Clerk concerning health and safety to be considered in reaching a decision.

In the event that the footpath is to be included on the Definitive Map, the Town Council wishes that it remains un-signed.”

(c) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.

143. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

It was RESOLVED:-

That the notes on the Public Participation Time held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2002 be accepted.

144. **CARPARKINGBESTVALUEWORKINGGROUP**

(a) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Car Parking Best Value Working Group held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Car Parking Best Value Working Group held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Car Parking Best Value Working Group held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed. Arising from Minute No.5, Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough wished to record her concern at the lack of drainage and running water at the proposed site for the catering concession.

145. **PUBLICBUILDINGSBESTVALUEWORKINGGROUP**

(a) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Buildings Best Value Working Group held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Buildings Best Value Working Group held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Buildings Best Value Working Group held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.

146. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) The Mayor reported on a request received from a company wishing to film on Swanage beach. The location had been chosen for a documentary on famous "Ladies in History" and would be screened on ITV.

(b) The Mayor reported that the "Neighbourhood Warden" scheme was scheduled to be launched by Purbeck District Council on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2002, and interviews for the post would be held shortly.

147. **LICENCES**

(a) **Public Entertainment/Community Premises Licences**

A letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2002 was submitted from the Administrative Services Manager of Purbeck District Council seeking the Council's views on the renewal of Public Entertainment/Community Premises Licences in respect of the following premises:-

Durlston Castle, The Gillan Hotel, Grand Hotel, Harrow House International School, Kings Bar, Mowlem Theatre, Peveril Inn, Pines Hotel, Purbeck House Hotel, Royal British Legion, Swanage Middle School, Victoria Club, Vista Bar/Hall and the White Horse Inn.

It was RESOLVED:-

That no objection be raised to the renewal of the licences.

(b) **Justices Licence - The Globe**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices Licence in respect of The Globe was submitted for consideration.

It was RESOLVED:-

That no objection be raised to the transfer of the licence.

148. **LEA SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT**

A letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> February 2002 was submitted from Dorset County Council Education Department giving notification of a vacancy for a LEA Governor at Swanage First School, and inviting nominations for the post.

Following a brief discussion, it was RESOLVED:-

That a letter be sent to Dorset County Council informing them that no nominations would be submitted for this LEA Governor appointment, all Councillors being fully committed to other organisations at the present time.

149. **THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE**

Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon informed the Meeting that an order had now been placed for the purchase of commemorative mugs to be presented to the local school children. She also stated that it was intended to decorate the Town Hall, and other public buildings, and requested that budget provision be made for the purchase of additional bunting for this purpose.

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

That up to £500 be made available for the purchase of bunting.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough enquired whether the Swanage Regatta & Carnival Committee had bunting available that could be erected for the Golden Jubilee, and the Town Mayor suggested that the Council should liaise with the Committee for a joint enterprise.

An AMENDMENT was moved by the Town Mayor, and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough:-

That the sum of £250 be made available for the purchase of additional bunting, which would be donated to the Swanage Regatta & Carnival Committee to decorate the town. An additional £100 should be made available for bunting etc. to decorate the Pier, if required.

Following a brief discussion, Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon withdrew her Proposition.

The AMENDMENT was then put as a SUBSTANTIVE MOTION, and declared CARRIED, with TEN Members voting IN FAVOUR of the Motion.

150. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
**Swanage Folk Festival 2002**

A letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2002 was submitted from the Organisers of the Swanage Folk Festival, outlining the proposals and estimated expenses for the 2002 Festival, and seeking a financial contribution from

the Council.

During the ensuing discussion, Members acknowledged the sterling work undertaken by the Festival Committee and the growing popularity of the event, and it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED:-

That a contribution of £500 be donated towards the expenses of the 2002 Folk Festival.

(b)

### **Swanage Regatta and Carnival**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs. Wheeler declared her interest and left the Meeting during the discussion.

A letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2002 was submitted from the Chairman of the Swanage Regatta and Carnival Committee, informing the Council that the "Notting Hill Carnival" road show would be joining the Carnival procession in Swanage this summer, and seeking a financial contribution towards the expenses that would be incurred.

Discussion ensued, during which the sterling work of the Committee was acknowledged, but Members felt unable to offer a donation due to the limited resources available.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That no financial contribution be made, but the services of the Tourist Information Centre, together with the postal facilities, as previously provided, be continued.

(c)

### **Purbeck Citizens' Advice Bureau**

A letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2002 was submitted from the Manager of the Purbeck Citizens' Advice Bureau seeking a financial contribution towards the travelling expenses of the staff.

It was proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED:-

To confirm the support of the Bureau by continuing to provide the office accommodation, electricity, telephone and photocopying facilities at the Town Hall, free of charge. No additional financial contribution could be made due to the Council's limited resources.

### 151. **AREA OF FORMER SHELTER, SHORE ROAD**

As a schedule listing request to operate Teddy Bear and other stalls in the area of the former Shelter on Shore Road during the 2002 season was submitted.

It was RESOLVED:-

That the requests be granted.

### 152. **RNLI - USE OF BEACH**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs. Marsh declared her interest in the matter and left the Meeting during the discussion.

A letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2002 was submitted on behalf of the RNLI - Swanage Branch outlining their proposals for the "RNLI Flag Week 2002" and requesting the use of the beach for a Raft Race on the evening of Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>

th

July 2002.

It was RESOLVED:-

That permission be granted.

153. **USE OF VICTORIA AVENUE CAR PARK**

A letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2002 was submitted from Mrs. J. Lazenbury requesting permission to hold her 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Display and Charity Day in Victoria Avenue Car Park on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2003.

It was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That permission be granted.

154. **USE OF FORRESFIELD**

Consideration was given to a request received for the use of Forres Field for the "Heartbeat Exercise Track Project".

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Roscoe, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the request be granted.

155. **SITE FOR SHOW TRAILER**

A letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2002 was submitted from Mr. R. W. Smith of Harmans Cross requesting permission to site a show trailer on Council-owned land for the purpose of selling therapeutic beds and chairs to the public.

Following a brief discussion, it was RESOLVED:-

That no action be taken in the matter.

156. **ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

157. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of January 2002 were submitted.

158. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

That the accounts specified in the Order on Treasurer

Nos. 11 and 11a, amounting to £100,119.22 and £31,934.84 respectively, be paid and that cheques be drawn therefor.

159. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2002 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.