

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 30th JUNE 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor B. Audley

Councillor C.R. Bright

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough JP

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, 18 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Revd. John Wood offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Before opening the Meeting for Public Participation, the Town Mayor announced that an item relating to the Household Recycling Centre had been inadvertently omitted from the Agenda, but the matter would be considered under Item 8 of the Agenda.

Public Participation Time

MR. J. JAMES referred to the on-street parking restrictions affecting camper vans and trade vehicles in the town.

MR. K. FISHER highlighted a planning issue that had been raised by Purbeck District Council relating to the beach café at Burlington Chine.

MR. I. MACKENZIE expressed grave concern regarding safety issues along Shore Road as the traffic lights in the vicinity of Battlegate have still not been activated.

MR. R. BRASHER expressed concern regarding vehicles circumventing the barriers to access the closed section of Shore Road.

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

11. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Gloyn-Cox and Suttle.

12. **MINUTES**

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 19th May 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.
- (b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 19th May 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.
- (c) Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 30th May 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.
- (d) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Audley, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 6th June be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to apologies from Councillor Bright being recorded for his inability to attend the Meeting.
- (e) Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 23rd June 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Councillor Bright wished it to be recorded that he had abstained from voting as he did not consider that he had had sufficient time to fully consider some Minutes which had been circulated at the Meeting.

13. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

- Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED:-
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee held on 28th May 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

14. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

The Town Mayor reported that he had recently attended the Annual General Meeting of the Wareham and Isle of Purbeck District Scout Council, at which it had been indicated that they would be inviting a representative from the Town Council to join their Committee.

16. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

The Town Clerk reported that under delegated authority, the Tourism Committee Chairman and himself had granted dispensation to the Swanage Tennis Club to advertise a reduced rate introduction fee to promote and encourage new membership. It was noted that a formal request be submitted for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.

17. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

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

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

(a) A Draft Countywide Homelessness Strategy was now available on the Purbeck District Council website www.purbeck-dc.gov.uk. The consultation period would continue until 25th July 2008, but as the strategy would be subject to regular review, any feedback received after that date would be considered.

(b) It was reported that the Purbeck Community Plan was currently under review, and responses to the issues and priorities highlighted were being invited.

It was AGREED:-

That the Town Mayor and Clerk be given delegated authority to compile a response on behalf of the Town Council.

(c) The Clerk updated those present on matters relating to the possible future withdrawal of the household recycling centre in Swanage. He referred to Minute No. 9 (b) of the Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 10th March 2008 at which it had been agreed to enter into formal discussions with Dorset County Council regarding the future management of the land south of the Caravan Park and Minute No. 4 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 27th June 2008. Having regard to the major priority to retain recycling facilities in the town, consideration had since been given to offer the land (currently valued at £175,000) as a contribution in kind towards the retention of the recycling facilities. A report was scheduled to be considered at a Cabinet Meeting of Dorset County Council on 16th July 2008, but this had now been deferred until September/October.

19. **LEGAL ISSUES**

There were no legal matters to report at the current time.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 p.m.
