

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 7th MARCH 2011 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor C.R. Bright
Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox
Councillor M. Hadley
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 14 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Presentation – Swanage Sea Rowing Club

The Town Mayor welcomed Mr. Martin Steedon, Mr. Bryan Taylor, Mr. George Wallace and Ms. Dee Barron from the Swanage Sea Rowing Club, and invited them to give a presentation on the history, aims and aspirations of the Club.

Each representative gave a short presentation, summarising the activities of the Club, including the pilot gig rowing competitions, fundraising events and the ambitious new boat house project.

Questions and comments were then invited from the audience. In the absence of any questions from members of the public, the Town Mayor acknowledged the benefits of the Sea Rowing Club to the community of Swanage, and thanked the representatives for their informative Presentation.

The Mayor opened the meeting for Public Participation.

Public Participation Time

MR. ALAN SMITH, expressed his concern at the state of Britain's economy, and, following a television documentary entitled 'Britain's Trillion Pound Horror Story', he had set up 'Swanage Centre for Fiscal Studies'.

MR. PETER CLARK referred to the recent review of the office accommodation provided for the Registrar in the Town Hall. He strongly supported the retention of this facility in Swanage and expressed concern that local families could not use the Swanage facility to register births and deaths that took place outside of Purbeck. The Town Mayor, in his capacity as County Councillor, agreed to discuss this matter further with Mr. Clark.

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

The Town Mayor then opened the Council Meeting at 7.20 p.m.

159. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Audley and Wiggins.

160. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 7th February 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 21st February 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

161. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 7th February 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the following recommendation contained in the Minutes:-

Request for Funding from Jurassic Coast Trust for 'Geology of the Jurassic Coast' – Isle of Purbeck Volume

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Town Council contributes the sum of £250 towards the cost of producing the 'Geology of the Jurassic Coast' publication.

162. **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 14th February 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations from the Committee for adoption by the Council.

163. **PLANS**

Councillor Mrs. Marsh did not vote on, or propose, or second any of the motions on the following planning applications, by reason of being a Member of the Purbeck District Council's Planning Board.

**Delegated
Applications**

6/2011/0080 **Mrs S Taylor**

Erect two storey rear extension and single storey side extension over existing garage. Raise roof level to facilitate loft conversion.

1 Morrison Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2011/0088 **Mr N Bagge**

Erect single storey rear extension and insert roof lights on east and west elevations.

Stonecroft, Sunnydale Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2011/0102 **Cluny Croft Residents Ltd**

Provide cock and hen Purbeck Stone finish to existing dwarf boundary walls.

19 Cluny Crescent, Swanage

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2011/0107 **Mr C Biffen**

Erect two storey rear extension. Insert dormer window in side elevation.

4B Sandpipers, Ulwell Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2011/0108 **Mr C Biffen**

Drop kerb and create off street parking.

4B Sandpipers, Ulwell Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2011/0110 **Mr J Lucas**

Convert existing conservatory to habitable room.

96A Kings Road West, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2011/0111 **Mr T Windsor**

Erect two storey rear extension with balcony.

85 Bay Crescent, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

The following application was submitted for information only.

6/2011/0077 **Mr D Tarner**

Access first floor flat roof via tilt and turn window/door to use as balcony – Certificate of Lawfulness Existing.

47 Queens Road, Swanage.

The following two applications were not discussed by virtue of the Town Council being the owner of the land included within the applications.

6/2011/0079 **Administrator to Swan Country Homes**

Insert ground floor window.
Plot 2 Newton Grange, Swanage.

6/2011/0082 **Mr A Rawlins**

Alterations to crazy golf course including the installation of dinosaur models.
Santa Fe Park, Recreation Ground, Mermond Place, Swanage.

The following two applications were not discussed by the Town Council as it was considered that a conflict of interest existed, given that the Council had retained the freehold of the Holiday Park.

6/2011/0090 **Mr N Hughes**

Erect timber decking.
Plot 280A, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Swanage.

6/2011/0106 **Mr I Shephard**

Erect timber decking.
Plot 40 Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Swanage.

164. **POTENTIAL RE-LOCATION OF SWANAGE POLICE STATION**

Councillor Mrs. Patrick reported on a recent meeting held with representatives from Dorset Police regarding efficiency savings and the potential for the re-location of Swanage Police Station to the Town Hall.

It was noted that the suggestion had been discussed in principle only and that further consideration would be given to the matter by the parties concerned.

165. **HM COASTGUARD – COASTGUARD MODERNISATION CONSULTATION**

Consideration was given to the Maritime Coastguard Agency's Modernisation Consultation document (copies of the Executive Summary had been circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting).

During the ensuing discussion, the Mayor reported that the matter had been discussed by the Dorset County Council's Cabinet on 2nd March 2011 and that a Report had been formulated, incorporating many valid points.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That Councillors Gloyn-Cox, Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Patrick be appointed to formulate a response on behalf of the Town Council based on the Report submitted by Dorset County Council and comments received from the local branch of the HM Coastguard Agency.

166. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) The Mayor welcomed Police Officer Tracey Baker, who had transferred from the Metropolitan Police to Dorset Police in 2009. She had recently been appointed to the position of Purbeck Neighbourhood Inspector, and would be responsible for the policing in the Swanage, Wareham and Upton areas of Dorset.

(b) The Mayor reported that he had attended the following civic events during the past month:-

- i) The Chairman of East Dorset District Council's Civic Day.
- ii) A Civic Reception hosted by the Chairman of Purbeck District Council.

167. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) It was reported that a well-attended meeting of the Swanage Town and Community Partnership had been held on Friday, 4th March 2011, at which a presentation had been given on the Purbeck Locality Review of publicly owned property assets.
It was noted that a follow-up meeting with representatives of Dorset County Council, Purbeck District Council, the police and health authority was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 8th March 2011.
- (b) An enquiry was made regarding a recent PACT meeting in relation to anti-social behaviour in the lower High Street, and concern was expressed that residents' views were not being appropriately addressed. The Deputy Mayor, a PACT representative, explained the investigative work that had been undertaken by the police and other agencies and extended an invitation to Councillor Hadley and the Town Mayor to attend a night shift in this vicinity.

168. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

There were no delegated matters to report at the present time.

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

- (a) A request to hold an event in June 2011 from Swanage Sea Rowing Club.
- (b) Broadband – Future Provision for Swanage.
Attention was drawn to workshops being organised by Dorset Public Sector Network Plus, to be held at Blandford on 16th March and Dorchester on 24th March 2011.
- (c) New Town Council website – Presentation by designers on Friday, 25th March 2011 at 9.30 a.m.
- (d) The Mayor reported on a complaint received from a visitor to the town regarding 'graffiti' on a groyne at North Beach, and requesting its removal. The writing had appeared as an expression of grief following the tragic death of a young local resident, and it was felt that the exceptional circumstances should be taken into consideration before any action is taken in its removal.
It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and **RESOLVED**, with ONE ABSTENTION:-
That the complainant be informed that, having regard to the exceptional circumstances, the Town Council would take no action to remove the 'graffiti'.

170. **LEGAL ISSUES**

- (a) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**
The Town Clerk updated those present on matters arising from the business sale agreement.

The meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.