

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 24th NOVEMBER, 2003 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor A. H. Miller (Town Mayor) – Chairman.

Councillor C. R. Bright
Councillor Mrs. J. A. Farrow
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough
Councillor Mrs. H. O' Donovan
Councillor M. W. Pratt
Councillor M. A. Tyrer
Councillor Mrs. J. D. Wheeldon

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

88. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Agelink, Mrs. Bartlett, Suttle and Trite.

89. **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 27th October 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. O' Donovan, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 7th November 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed

(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 17th November 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

90. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

That the notes on the Public Participation
Time held on 27th October 2003 be accepted.

91. **BOAT PARK COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Tyrer, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Boat
Park Committee held on 3rd November 2003
be approved as a correct record and signed.

92. **SEAFRONT STABILISATION WORKING GROUP**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Seafront
Stabilisation Working Group held on 7th
November 2003 be approved as a correct record
and signed.

93. **CAR PARKS BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Car
Parks Best Value Working Group held on
11th November 2003 be approved as a
correct record and signed.

94. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Mayor drew attention to the Exhibition that was on show in the Council Chamber, staged by the Town Partnership. The Exhibition highlighted the many projects in the town that were progressing, and members of the public were invited to add their comments on any of the proposals. Since its inauguration, approximately 18 months ago, the Town Partnership had moved forward in all respects, and the next Public Meeting was due to be held at the Mowlem Committee Room on Wednesday, 26th November 2003 at 7.15 p.m. at which a presentation would be given by the Town Clerk and Mr Malcolm Turnbull (Dorset County Council) on proposals relating to the Jurassic Coast.

The Mayor then reported on the following events she had attended during the past month:-

- 3rdNov. A meeting with the Swanage Town and Herston Football Club to progress proposals for sports facilities, in conjunction with the Town Partnership.
- 9thNov. The Remembrance Service at St. Mary's Parish Church, Swanage.
- 11thNov. The War Memorial on the Recreation Ground to observe the "One Minute Silence".
- 19thNov. A presentation of the proposals for the "Beach Recharge" scheme, staged by Purbeck District Council at St. Edwards Hall, Swanage.
- 21stNov. A Concert presented by Swanage Town Band at the Methodist Church.
- 22ndNov. The Mayor's Charity Concert, held at the Mowlem Theatre in aid of his chosen charity – "Play in Swanage".

TOURISM REPORT

The Tourist Information Manager reported on the following matters:-

- (a) Footfall figures at the Tourist Information Centre during November had already exceeded the figures for November 2002.
- (b) In accordance with Council policy, bookings for beach bungalows for the 2004 season had commenced on 1st November. Over 300 bookings had already been received, and Carnival Week was fully booked.
- (c) The Swanage and Purbeck Holiday Guide 2004 was currently being prepared, and should be ready to go to print at the beginning of December. This year, the print run had been extended to 105,000 copies, and deliveries were expected in mid December.

(d) As part of the "Welcome to Excellence" group of training courses, the Tourist Board had included a new course "Welcome Jurassic Host", and this had been attended by Information Centre staff.

(e) Finally, a good selection of "Cards for Good Causes" Charity Christmas Cards were on sale again this year at the Tourist Information Centre, together with a wide selection of books for adults and children alike.

96. JUSTICES' LICENCE

A Notice of Application for a Justices' Licence in respect of "Grace Gardens Guest House, 28 Victoria Road, Swanage, was submitted for consideration.

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

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

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

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

98. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

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

99. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Bright, and

RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Order on Treasurer Nos. 8, 8a, and 8b, amounting to £134,875.91, £37,872.16 and £56,324.76 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

100. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 31st October 2003 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.
