

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 27th OCTOBER, 2003 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor H.J.F. Agelink
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

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

74. **APOLOGIES**

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

75. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Agelink, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 29th September 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 10th October 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 20th October 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

76. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

That the notes on the Public Participation
Time held on 29th September 2003 be accepted.

77. **CARAVAN PARK BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan
Park Best Value Working Group held on
22nd October 2003 be approved as a correct
record and signed.

78. **SWANAGE SEA ROWING CLUB WORKING GROUP**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Swanage
Sea Rowing Club Working Group held on 23rd
October 2003 be approved as a correct record
and signed.

79. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

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

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| 30 th Sept. | A "Civic Day" in Wareham, hosted by the Chairman of Purbeck District Council. |
| 24 th Oct. | The "Swanage in Bloom" Presentation Evening, held at the Vista Complex, at which the Cup presented to Swanage as winner of the Southern Britain in Bloom - Small Seaside Resorts category, was proudly displayed. |

The Mayor then highlighted forthcoming public meetings, and, having regard to the importance of the matters to be discussed, requested that as many people as possible should attend.

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| 19 th Nov. | Proposal to recharge Swanage beach - Presentation by Purbeck District Council at St. Edwards Hall, Rempstone Road at 7.30 p.m. |
| 26 th Nov. | A Presentation on the Jurassic Coast by Mr. Alan Leeson (Town Clerk) and Mr. Malcolm Turnbull (Dorset County |

Council)atavenueyettobeagreed.

Finally,theMayorannouncedthatthewouldbeholdingaConcertatthe MowlemTheatre,inaidofhischosencharity“PlayinSwanage”,onSaturday,22ndNovember2003.

80. **TOURISMREPORT**

TheTouristInformationManagerreportedonthefollowingmatters:-

- (a) FootfallfiguresattheTouristInformationCentreduringOctoberhad alreadyexceededthefiguresforOctober2002by700.
- (b) Thegoodweatherwasencouragingsomelateholidaymakers,and some bravepeoplehadtakenadvantageofthe“3daysforthepriceof2” offers thathadbeenavailableonthebeachbungalows.
- (c) A half-pageofeditorialhadbeensecuredintheCoachDriversClub monthlymagazine,notonlypromotingSwanageandthenewmarket,but alsotheVistaComplexasavenueforcoachparties.
- (d) ThePurbeckFilmFestivalwasrunninguntil31stOctober2003,and programmesforthiswerestillavailableattheTouristInformationCentre.

(e) Finally,agoodselectionof“CardsforGoodCauses”CharityChristmasCards wereonsaleagainthisyearattheTouristInformationCentre.

81. **HOLIDAYPARKREPORT**

- (a) TheGeneralManagerreportedthattradingfiguresforSeptember/October attheHolidayParkwereapproximately100%uponthe corresponding periodin2002.Thegoodweatherhadencouragedaninfluxoflate holidaymakers,andthishadbeenreflectedintheoveralltradingfiguresat thePark.
- (b) TheGeneralManagerreportedthat, followingconsultationwithdesign consultants,plansfortherefurbishmentofthebarsandreceptionarea werenowavailableforpublicinspection

OntheconclusionoftheirReports,theTownMayorexpressedhis appreciationofthesterlingworkundertakenbytheInformationCentreManager andtheGeneralManagerattheHolidayParkduringtheverybusysummer season.

82. **JUSTICES’LICENCE**

ANoticeofApplicationforthetransferoftheJustices’Licenceinrespect

of the Victoria Club was submitted for consideration.

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

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

83. **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

A letter dated 24th September 2003 was submitted from Dorset County Council notifying Members of the proposal to set up Parish Maintenance Units as part of their continuing effort to improve the highway maintenance service.

The Units, consisting of two women in a fully equipped vehicle, were currently identifying and repairing any defects and dangerous potholes in the parishes, and it was hoped to instigate the second phase of the initiative, by introducing the Council's input to the service, with effect from 1st April 2004.

During a brief discussion, Members were appreciative of the information provided, and welcomed the introduction of the new proposals.

Councillors Mrs. O'Donovan and Bright referred to road traffic signs in Station Road and Shore Road, which were no longer considered necessary, and it was agreed that a request be forwarded to Dorset County Council seeking their removal.

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

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

85. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of September 2003 were submitted.

86. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

That the accounts specified in the Order on Treasurer Nos. 7, 7a, and 7b, amounting to £367,407.77, £57,253.73 and £109,490.59 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

87. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

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