

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Swanage Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND PLANNING** matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER 2010** at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor B. Audley
Councillor C.R. Bright
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

(until 11 a.m.)

There was one member of the public present at the Meeting.

MR. D. FURMAGE referred to Agenda Item No. 5 and his request for the use of the beach for Powerkite flying. Having obtained permission from the Chairman, he demonstrated a 3 metre kite and explained his proposals for static flying. It was noted that the best time to fly on Swanage beach would be during the winter months on a low tide and easterly wind, and it was predicted that these conditions would only prevail approximately 4 to 6 times during the period end of October to the end of March. The preferred location for this activity was on the main beach between the beach chair storage hut and the jetty at the junction with Victoria Avenue.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Gloyn-Cox, Hadley, and Mrs. Patrick.

2. **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

6/2010/0536 **Wide Horizons Outdoor Education Trust**

Erect dormitory extension.

Townsend Environmental Study Centre, Cobblers Lane, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0542 **Miss K Churchill**

Erect two storey side/rear extension.

2 Holmes Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Defer for consideration at meeting to be held on 4th October 2010.

6/2010/0544 **Mr S Butler**

Erect two-storey rear extension, insert front dormer window, convert loft to bedrooms and erect covered way.

22 Prospect Crescent, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Defer for consideration at meeting to be held on 4th October 2010.

6/2010/0556 **Mr J Wooley**

Erect single storey roof extension and convert existing loft space to provide living accommodation, including dormer window and roof lights.

25 Bay Crescent, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0559 **Mr D Harrison**

Removal of condition 9 of PP 6/2008/0688 (Demolish existing bungalow and erect a block of 14 flats with underground garaging) which requires a replacement chimney.

6A Burlington Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Defer for consideration at meeting to be held on 4th October 2010.

6/2010/0562 **Mr B Keeping**

Demolish existing and erect two replacement garages.

5 De Moulham Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.

6/2010/0564 **Mr W Wright**

Erect rear conservatory extension.

40 Durberville Drive, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.

3. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 31st August 2010 was submitted for information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

4. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and
RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 6 and 6a, amounting to £154,038.69 and £62,801.69 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

5. **USE OF BEACH – PROPOSAL FOR POWERKITE FLYING**

Consideration was given to a request received for the use of the main beach for powerkite flying.

A comprehensive document detailing the proposals, risk assessments and

insurance had been circulated to all Members for information prior to the Meeting, and at the invitation of the Mayor, an impromptu demonstration had been given during public participation time.

During the ensuing discussion, Members acknowledged that kiting was increasing in popularity, and would be an additional out-of-season attraction for the town. However, some concerns were raised regarding safety issues, and it was agreed that the views of the emergency services be canvassed in this regard, with appropriate training if necessary.

It was proposed by Councillor Bright and seconded by Councillor Poultney:-

That permission for the use of a section of the main beach for static kite flying be granted for a trial period of six months commencing end of September 2010, subject to the following matters being agreed with the Council's Operations Manager:

- Health & Safety Checks
- Location
- Insurance

It was further proposed:-

That no commercial activities be permitted and that, in the event of unresolved problems, the permission be cancelled without notice.

Upon being put to the Meeting FIVE Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and TWO AGAINST, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

6. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the months of July and August 2010 were submitted for information.

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

(a) **October Council Meeting**

It was reported that a presentation would be given on the future of Primary Care Services in Swanage at 6.30 p.m. on 4th October 2010 prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting.

(b) **Events**

It was suggested that the timing of events and possible co-ordination of event organisers be considered at a future meeting of the Council.

(c) **Replacement of Play Equipment**

It was requested that the removal/replacement of children's play equipment at Day's Park be considered at a future meeting of the Council.

8. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, under Standing Orders Nos. 67 and 68, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest

that the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

9. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Lease – Swanage Town & Herston Football Club**

Further to Minute No.28 (c) of the Council meeting held on 7th June 2010, and a subsequent Report dated 14th July 2010 received from the Council's surveyor, consideration was given to the appointment of a Working Party in order to progress lease negotiations with the Swanage Town & Herston Football Club.

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the covenants appertaining to the land.

It was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Wiggins, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That a Working Party, consisting of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk and Councillors Bright and Pratt, be appointed to progress lease negotiations with the Swanage Town & Herston Football Club, and that details of any covenants applicable to the land/buildings be circulated to members of the Working Party prior to the meeting.

Councillor Whitwam left the Meeting at 11 a.m.

(b) **Land South of Holiday Park**

Further to Minute No. 57 (b) of the Council meeting held on 2nd August 2010, the Town Mayor updated Members on matters relating to the occupation of land south of the Holiday Park.

Discussion ensued, during which consideration was given to an e-mail dated 17th September 2010 received from Jacobs and Reeves, the Council's legal advisers.

It was proposed by Councillor Pratt and seconded by the Town Mayor:-

That, having regard to the current position, Jacobs and Reeves be instructed to take appropriate action in the matter.

Upon being put to the Meeting, SIX Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and there was ONE ABSTENTION, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

The Meeting concluded at 11.15 a.m.
