

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND RESOURCES**
matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 17th**
FEBRUARY 2003 at 9.30 a.m. .

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor Mrs. C.A. Bartlett

Councillor G.A. Baume (Left at 11.45 a.m.)

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow (Left at 12.15 p.m.)

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor J. Roscoe

Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. O'Donovan, Suttle, Trite and Woolley.

2. **BUDGET REVIEW**

The Clerk submitted a statement of seasonal income to date, and the position was noted.

Details of income received to date at the Holiday Park was also submitted for information.

Following a brief budget review, the Town Mayor welcomed Mrs. Sue Bryant to the Meeting, and invited her comments and suggestions on the proposals for the type and design of play equipment to be installed on the Recreation Ground. Further to Minute No.136 of the Council Meeting held on 27th January 2003, quotations had been obtained from two different companies for the supply and installation of certain items of equipment. Mrs. Bryant submitted further information from a third company.

After detailed consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Operations Manager be requested to negotiate with Company 2 for the purchase of a "Multi-Seesaw" and a "You & Me" for the sum of £5,000. Pending the outcome of the negotiations, a "Multi-Seesaw" only be purchased at the present time, and the purchase of a Huck Spiral Spinning Top from Company 3 be deferred.

3. **PRINCE ALBERT GARDENS**

A letter dated 5th February 2003 was submitted on behalf of A.C.T.S., informing Members of the intention to hold the annual "March of Witness" through the town on the morning of Good Friday, 18th April 2003, and requesting the use of Prince Albert Gardens for a short ecumenical service after the procession.

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

That permission be granted.

4. **SWANAGE METHODIST CHURCH**

A letter dated 28th January 2003 was submitted on behalf of the Swanage Methodist Church requesting permission to hold a procession through the town on 15th June 2003 to mark the 300th anniversary of the death of John Wesley.

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

That permission be granted.

5. **USE OF SHORE ROAD**

(a) A letter dated 9th February 2003 was submitted from the Chairman of the Wessex Rod and Custom Car Club requesting permission to display their vehicles on Shore Road during the afternoon of Saturday, 21st June 2003.

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

That permission be granted.

(b) A letter dated 24th January 2003 was submitted from the Secretary of the Yeovil Car Club requesting permission to display their vehicles on Shore Road during the afternoon of Sunday, 29th June 2003.

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

That permission be granted.

(c) A letter dated 22nd January 2003 was submitted on behalf of the Weymouth Vehicle Preservation Society requesting a site on which to display their vehicles for approximately two hours during their "Dorset Tour" on Sunday, 6th July 2003.

During the ensuing discussion concern was expressed at the number of cars to be accommodated, and the use of North Beach Car Park was mooted.

After due consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Baume, and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon:-

That permission be granted for the use of Shore Road, with any excess cars being accommodated in Main Beach Car Park.

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

6. **SANDPIT FIELD**

A letter dated 29th January 2003 was submitted from the Organiser of the Swanage Triathlon, requesting the use of Sandpit Field for the event on Sunday, 10th August 2003.

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

That permission be granted.

7. **REQUESTS FOR SITES**

(a)

St. John Ambulance

A letter dated 27th January 2003 was submitted from St. John Ambulance requesting a site from which to conduct a recruitment campaign during the spring or autumn 2003.

During the ensuing discussion, consideration was given to the use of the grassed area in the vicinity of the Tourist Information Centre, and it was RESOLVED:-

That the matter be deferred, pending further information regarding the size of the marquee etc.

(b)

RAC Motoring Services

A letter dated 27th January 2003 was submitted from Mr. S. Draper of the RAC, seeking a venue from which to promote RAC membership.

Following discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a site be offered in Main Beach Car Park, subject to payment of an appropriate fee.

(c)

Boat Ticket Kiosk

A letter dated 7th February 2003 was submitted from Mr. P. Lamb of Croson Ltd. requesting a site on Shore Road on which to erect a ticket booth.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Roscoe, and RESOLVED:-

That the request be not granted, as there was no suitable site available in the vicinity requested.

8. **BOAT PARK**

A letter was submitted from Mr. I. Carruthers, outlining the activities of the Halsewell Archeological Group, and requesting free launching of their boats and an allocated space in the Boat Park to assist their project.

After due consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by the Town Mayor, and RESOLVED:-

That, having regard to the facilities already afforded to the RNLI, and the numerous requests received, no further concessions could be made available.

9. **RECYCLING FACILITIES**

The Clerk explained the changes that were shortly to be introduced to the kerbside recycling collections, whereby glass bottles and jars, and also textiles, could be collected via the kerbside scheme. Plastic bottles would no longer be collected from the kerbside, and a request had been submitted from Purbeck District Council to place a new recycling container for this purpose in North Beach Car Park.

It was proposed by the town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED:-

That permission be granted.

10. **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

A letter dated 14th February 2003 was submitted from the Branch Secretary of the Royal British Legion, outlining the proposals for fundraising for

the “Poppy Appeal”, and requesting a site on which to display a car that is being raffled.

It was proposed by Councillor Baume, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a site be made available at the Station approach, in the vicinity of the Town Map.

11. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

That, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

12. **SWANAGE TOWN AND HERSTON FOOTBALL CLUB**

The Clerk reported on discussions held with representatives of the Swanage Town & Herston Football Club regarding future proposals, and the possible siting, of new sports facilities.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Baume, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Town Council commence negotiations with Dorset County Council regarding the purchase of land at the former Grammar School site.

13. **USE OF FORRES FIELD**

A letter dated 13th February 2003 was submitted from Harrow House indicating their interest in a long-term rental agreement for the use of Forres Field for their football and training programme.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That the request be not granted, as the land was purchased to provide general sports facilities for the town as a whole.

It was FURTHER AGREED:-

That the Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and the Town Clerk meet with representatives from Harrow House to explain the Council’s strategy for the future use and development of Days Park and to enter into negotiations, as appropriate.

14. **USE OF JOURNEYS END**

The Clerk reported on a request received from the Allnatt Centre requesting the use of Journeys End for an “orienteeing course”.

It was RESOLVED:-

That the request be approved, and that a meeting be arranged with representatives from the Allnatt Centre to explain the future proposals for sports facilities at Days Park.

15. **SWANAGE BAY VIEW HOLIDAY PARK**
Vista Complex Refurbishment

(a)

The General Manager updated Members on progress of the refurbishment of the Vista Complex, and the proposals for seating in the Vista Hall.

(b) **Lease - Shop**

Further to Minute No. 143 of the Council Meeting held on 27th January 2003, the General Manager updated Members on a proposal received for the lease of the shop. The lease had been advertised, and local traders notified of the availability of the lease.

It was RESOLVED:-

That delegated powers be given to the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk and General Manager to act on the matter, when responses had been received.

16. **INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE**

A letter dated 20th January 2003 was submitted from the Internal Services Manager of Purbeck District Council reminding the Council that the present four year contract for the provision of internal audit services expires on the 31st March 2003, and offering to undertake a new four-year contract in accordance with CIPFA and Auditing Practices Board Guidelines.

Following a brief discussion, it was RESOLVED:-

To enter into a new four-year contract for the provision of internal audit services, on the terms stated.

Councillors Mrs. Wheeldon and Roscoe declared a prejudicial interest in the following matter under the Model Code of Conduct, by reason of being members of the Purbeck District Council Planning Committee, and left the Meeting during the discussion.

17. **UNAUTHORISED JETTY AND SLIPWAY**

A letter dated 21st January 2003 was submitted from Purbeck District Council regarding possible future enforcement action on the unauthorised jetty and slipway at Coastguard Cottages.

The position was noted.

18. **COMMUNICATIONS MAST**

A letter dated 22nd January 2003 was submitted from LCC Uk seeking the Council's approval, as Landlord, for shared facilities of the Vodafone Site in Victoria Avenue Car Park.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow:-

That the request be approved.

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

19. **STATION BUILDINGS**

The Clerk reported on matters that had been highlighted as being in need of urgent remedial action, following a report on the condition of the Station

buildings, submitted by the Council's Valuer.

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED:-

That the Council's Operations Manager investigate the matter, and report back to a future Meeting with estimated costs of repairs.

20. **LEASE – FISHERMAN'S CATCH**

Further to Minute No. 10 (b) of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 20th January 2003, consideration was given to revised plans submitted from the lessee of the Fisherman's Catch.

Following discussion, during which concern was again expressed regarding the stability of the retaining wall at the rear of the premises, it was RESOLVED:-

That the revised plans be not accepted.
