

Minutes of the Meeting of the **SEAFRONT STABILISATION WORKING GROUP** held at the Town Hall, Swanage on

MONDAY, 28th JULY 2003 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor A. H. Miller (Town Mayor)

Councillor Mrs C. Gainsborough J. P.

Councillor M. W. Pratt

1. **APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

2. **SEAFRONT STABILISATION**

The Clerk outlined the historic background of the Council's decision (Minute No. 4) of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 23rd June 2003 (refers). The Clerk then outlined the role of the Working Group in assessing the scope of work and to make recommendations concerning either the commissioning of consultants or in-house management of the project. The need to carry out surveys on site investigations in the areas of Recreation Ground, Sandpit Field, Weather Station Field and Spa Village along Shore Road, was identified.

Detailed consideration was given to the recommendations contained in the Consultant's Preliminary Site Survey Report dated 2nd October 2000.

Discussion also ensued regarding issues relating to the scope of works and the phasing that would be required, due to possible budgetary constraints. It was noted that a significant number of the issues identified had already been addressed within both routine repairs and maintenance and the works undertaken at Sandpit Field during the spring of 2003.

It was further noted that the most urgent part of the works now necessary involved commissioning a detailed geotechnical report to assess the site conditions in the area behind the White House, Fishermen's Catch, Public Conveniences and Shore Road bungalows.

After a lengthy debate, it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that:-

i) The Council self-manage the project and commission Graham Thorne & Partners, the Council's approved surveyor, to instigate the geo-technical and topographical site surveys necessary to assess the scope of future works in the area of the Recreation Ground, Sandpit Field and Weather Station Field.

ii) To instruct the Operations Manager to carry out a structural assessment and a drainage survey of the Spa Village site.
