

NOTES on the **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
TIME held on **MONDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER**
2003 in the Town Hall, Swanage at 7 o'clock p.m.

In addition to Members of the Council and officers,
17 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Councillor Miller (Town Mayor) welcomed those present, and invited questions from the audience.

MR. ROBERTS referred to the reduction in the Council's debt, and whilst acknowledging the good management of the Council's finances, felt that this had been achieved at the detriment of some of the essential services. He made particular mention of street cleaning and toilet facilities. In reply, the **MAYOR** explained that street cleaning and litter collection in the town was the responsibility of Purbeck District Council, but regular meetings were held with representatives from that authority and their contractors, SITA, in order to improve the service where possible, and address any specific issues that may arise. The toilet facilities were provided and maintained by the Town Council, and the Mayor explained the proposals for the toilets at Day's Park (which would be converted to 1 unisex facility) and other capital projects. He suggested that Mr. Roberts remain in the meeting to observe an agenda item related to this matter.

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MR. B. KNOWLES drew attention to the waste gases that were burnt at the Civic Amenity Site, and enquired whether these could be utilized to heat the swimming pool at the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park. The **TOWN MAYOR** expressed the view that the gas referred to had a water content, and the cost of extracting this would prove prohibitive.

MRS. M. DIGHT expressed concern at the overhanging hedges and shrubs, particularly in Northbrook Road, Ulwell Road, and the junction of Court Road and Kings Road, and requested that the matter be referred to Dorset County Council for attention. In conclusion, she complimented the Council on the neat appearance of the hedge at Beach Gardens, and felt that this was a good example for all to follow!
