

NOTES on the **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
TIME held on **MONDAY, 30th JUNE 2003**
in the Town Hall, Swanage at 7 o'clock p.m.

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

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

MRS. M. DIGHT referred to the recycling facilities that had recently been moved from Main Beach Car Park to the North Beach Car Park. She felt this location was too far from the town centre and would deter residents from using the facilities. She then enquired whether there-siting had been advertised in the local press.

The **TOWN CLERK** explained that recent changes to the kerbside collection, introduced by the Purbeck District Council, meant that plastic bottles etc. were no longer collected in this way. Glass bottles, however, could now be recycled through the household collection system. After careful consideration, the Town Council had agreed to re-site the containers in North Beach Car Park, and although this had not been advertised in the press, notices indicating the change of venue had been displayed.

MR. MCCROW, a resident of Seaward Court, felt that the new location was too close to residential properties. He complained that the containers were unsightly, and of the additional noise and commercial traffic that was generated by users of the facilities.

MRS. P. BIZLEY wished to record her disappointment at the election of Councillors to various Council Committees. Whilst acknowledging that this was part of the democratic process, she was disappointed that two Councillors had been excluded from most Committees.

MRS. V. FAWKE referred to the Council's decision to dispose of its existing beach hut stock, and enquired whether Purbeck District Council was going to commission a survey on the beach erosion, with a possible view to re-seeding the beach. The **TOWN MAYOR** explained that since this was first mooted, government legislation had changed and funding for a survey was no longer available. The cost of re-seeding the beach with sand was prohibitive – approximately £600,000 every 5 years.

MR. I. SAUNDERS reported that jetskis were being launched from the slipway at Ocean Bay. There were no marker buoys defining the corridor for launching water-borne craft, and he expressed his concern for the safety of swimmers in the area.

MRS. BRIGHT drew attention to a bank of stones that had accumulated at the bottom of the Ocean Bay slipway, and enquired whether these could be removed on the grounds of health and safety. She was informed by the **TOWN CLERK** that this natural process had been risk assessed, and did not warrant the costs involved for removal.
