

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 18th JANUARY 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor S. Poultney (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor J.M. Bishop (from 7.25 p.m.)

Councillor M. Bonfield

Councillor C. Finch

Councillor G. Green

Councillor G.A. Marsh

Councillor T.J. Morris

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 3 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

The following matter was raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Future of Youth Services in Swanage.

The Council meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

189. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Harris, Lejeune and Suttle.

190. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members were invited to declare their interest under the Code of Conduct as defined by regulations made under section 30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011, and requests for Grants of Dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

191. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2016/17 to 2018/19**

Consideration was given to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2016/17 to 2018/19.

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

To receive and adopt the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2016/17 to 2018/19.

192. **SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2016/17**

Further to Minute No. 4 (f) of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee meeting held on 9th December 2015, consideration was given to the proposed Scale of Fees and Charges for 2016/17.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Scale of Fees and Charges for 2016/17

be approved and adopted.

(A copy attached at end of these Minutes).

Councillor Bishop joined the meeting at 7.25 p.m.

193. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME PRIORITY SCHEMES 2016/17**

(a) **Estimated Expenditure 2016/19**

Further to Minute No. 4 (c) of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee meeting held on 9th December 2015, consideration was given to the Schedule of Estimated Capital Expenditure for the years 2016/17 to 2018/19.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Green, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the revised Schedule of Estimated Capital Expenditure 2016/2017 to 2018/19 be approved and adopted.

(b) **Priority Capital Programme 2016/17**

Further to Minute No. 4 (c) of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee meeting held on 9th December 2015, consideration was given to the Priority Capital Programme 2016/17.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the revised Priority Capital Programme 2016/17 be approved and adopted.

194. **ESTIMATES BOOK AND PRECEPT 2016/17**

Further to Minute No. 4 (a) of the Policy, Finance and Performance Management Committee meeting held on 9th December 2015, detailed consideration was given to the Budget Report, Estimates Book and level of precept to be set for 2016/17.

In light of the Council's extensive capital programme and the likely devolution of services to the Town Council, such as Swanage Youth Centre, it was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Trite, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Estimates Book be approved and the level of precept to be levied for 2016/17 be increased by 6.08% to £687,480 (a 5% increase upon household bills).

195. **GRANTS AND DONATIONS 2015/16**

Consideration was given to the following requests received for grants and donations under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

S. Darrington – Blues & Roots Festival (October 2016)

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

That the sum of £300 (approx.) be donated towards the costs of the Swanage Blues & Roots Festival.

S. Darrington – Blues Festival (March 2017)

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

That the sum of £300 (approx.) be donated towards the costs of the Swanage Blues Festival.

Dorset County Council – School Crossing Patrol

It was noted that the Council had approved a request received from Dorset County Council seeking a contribution towards the wages costs of providing the Mount Scar school crossing patrol in 2016/17 (Minute No. 163 of the Council meeting held on 23rd November 2015 refers).

A letter of appreciation of this financial support was submitted from the Headteacher of the school.

The meeting concluded at 7.50 p.m.
