

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor S. Poultney – Chairman

Councillor J.M. Bishop  
Councillor M.P. Bonfield  
Councillor Mrs. C. Finch  
Councillor Mrs. G. Green  
Councillor Mrs. A. Harris  
Councillor Mrs. A. Lejeune  
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh  
Councillor T.J. Morris  
Councillor G.M. Suttle  
Councillor W.S. Trite  
Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 5 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Councillor Poultney welcomed Canon John Wood, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

**Public Participation Time**

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Expenditure on planning training for Councillors.
- Approval of unbudgeted expenditure.
- Proposals for future gas drilling at California Quarry, the requirement for an emergency evacuation plan, and safety concerns in the event of a possible explosion.
- Request for ‘Proposed Gas Drilling at California Quarry’ to be reinstated on the monthly Council meeting agenda.
- Swanage Bay View Holiday Park – Concerns expressed regarding the withdrawal of facilities for public use and extension of decking.
- Possible increase in the use of Panorama Road by HGVs.

The Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7.20 p.m.

70. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies to report for inability to attend the Meeting.

71. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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.

72. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the  
Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be approved as a correct  
record and signed.

73. **GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Harris, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the General  
Operations Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be  
approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

74. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 was submitted for  
information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

75. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Green, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on  
Treasurer Nos. 4 and 4a, amounting to £222,016.67  
and £80,411.55 respectively be paid, and that cheques  
be drawn therefor.

76. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that he had attended the following events during the past  
month:-

- St. Mary's Parish Church Fete on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July.
- The Liberty Parade exercised by the 11<sup>th</sup> Signal Regiment on Saturday,  
25<sup>th</sup> July.
- Swanage Regatta & Carnival Procession on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July.
- A 'Farewell and Thank You' service at the Swanage Methodist Church  
to mark the retirement of Revd. Graham Shaw on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July.

77. **MAIN BEACH – PUNCH AND JUDY CONCESSION**

Further to Minute No. 45 of the Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015, the  
Clerk reported on matters relating to the retention of a Punch & Judy Show on  
Swanage beach.

It was noted that two local residents had expressed an interest in providing a  
Punch and Judy Show, and advice had been sought from the Punch and Judy  
Fellowship regarding the procurement process for this concession.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Green, seconded by  
Councillor Morris, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be given  
delegated authority to act in the matter.

78. **APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN AT HERSTON FIELDS**

It was reported that the application for the registration of a town or village green at Herston Fields, Swanage was scheduled to be considered by the Regulatory Committee of Dorset County Council on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

79. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Councillor Mrs. Green reported that she had attended a meeting of the Swanage Museum on 11<sup>th</sup> July. She had found the meeting to be very interesting and informative, and reported that it was hoped to expand the facilities of the Museum at some time in the future.  
On 23<sup>rd</sup> July, together with Councillor Morris, she had attended a meeting of 'The Link Visiting Scheme', the purpose of which was to set up a group of volunteers to visit elderly and lonely residents in the town.
- (b) Councillor Whitwam reported that, together with Councillor Harris, he had attended the monthly meeting of Pub Watch, at which some concerns had been raised regarding the consumption of alcohol by students attending Harrow House International Language School. No serious incidents had been reported to Dorset Police during the past month.
- (c) Councillor Mrs. Lejeune reported that she had attended a meeting of the Dorset Health Watch, a mediation service which helps to give local people a voice in the local hospital and care services.
- (d) Councillor Harris reported that she had attended a meeting of Swanage Fair Trade Committee, the Chairman of which was Councillor Mrs. Marsh. It was noted that the registration of Swanage as a 'Fair Trade Town' was due for renewal this year after a 10 year period.
- (e) Councillor Mrs. Marsh reported that the Swanage Pier Trust had been successful in the first round bid for Lottery Funding.  
She also reported that she would be attending a meeting of the DAPTC at Chickerell on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, and would give a report to the next meeting of the Council in August.

80. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

The Clerk reported that expenditure of £2,367.20 had been authorised for the installation of a hot water supply in the disabled toilets on Shore Road.

In endorsing this action, Members noted that it was a legal requirement to provide this facility.

81. **ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND MATTERS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDAS**

**Matters for Forthcoming Agendas**

- (a) Review of Town Council's communication procedure in respect of questions raised and the publicity/promotion of current issues.
- (b) 'Swanage in Bloom' – possible re-formation of Committee.
- (c) Provision of free WiFi in Swanage.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

That, under Standing Order No. 1) c), in the public interest, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under agenda items 13 (in relation to legal and contractual matters regarding

the Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Scheme) and 14 (in relation to legal matters regarding the indemnity clauses contained within the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park Business Sale Agreement).

82. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEME – ISSUING OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

The Clerk updated Members on legal and contractual matters relating to the Downs and Seafront Stabilisation Scheme.

Following discussion, it was AGREED:-

That, on determination of the outstanding matters, a full and detailed statement (including costs), be published in respect of the Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Scheme.

83. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**

Further to Minute No. 132 (b) of the Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014, the Clerk updated those present on legal matters regarding the indemnity clauses contained within the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park business sale agreement.

Following discussion, it was AGREED:-

That a Working Party be set up, comprising of the Mayor and Councillors Bishop, Suttle and Trite to consider matters relating to the business sale agreement of the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park.

It was further AGREED:-

That the Working Party be authorised to meet with representatives of the Holiday Park on a ‘without prejudice’ basis.

The meeting concluded at 8.25 p.m.

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