

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY,**  
**4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2014** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs A. Patrick (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett  
Councillor M. Bonfield  
Councillor I. Brown  
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh  
Councillor S. Poultney  
Councillor M. Pratt  
Councillor W.S. Trite  
Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, approximately 20 members of the public attended the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Revd Graham Shaw, from the Methodist Church, who offered a prayer before the commencement of the Meeting. Two minutes silence were observed in recognition of the centenary of the commencement of World War 1.

**Public Participation Time**

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Beach Gardens – Tennis Coach Court Fees.
- Update requested regarding proposed reduction in bus services on Routes 40 and 50.
- Concerns were re-iterated regarding the proposals for future gas drilling at California Quarry. Other concerns which were raised again included increased traffic movement along Panorama Road, responsibilities of homeowners in Plantation Close towards the road maintenance, and access rights granted by the Town Council to the proprietor of Suttles' Quarries.

The Town Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7.25 p.m.

55. **APOLOGIES**

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

56. **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.

**Agenda Item No. 5** – The Town Mayor declared a pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct in Planning Application Nos. 6/2014/0359 and 6/2014/0368 by reason of a business connection with the applicant.

57. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the  
Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014 be approved as a  
correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Council held to discuss policy and planning matters  
on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 be approved as a correct record  
and signed.

58. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism  
Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 be approved as  
a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the following recommendation contained in the  
Minutes:-

**Beach Gardens – Tennis Coach Court Fees**

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That tennis court fees for the coaching of under  
18 year olds be waived for a 12 month pilot period.

59. **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance  
and Performance Management Committee held  
on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014 be approved as a correct record  
and signed.

60. **PLANS**

Councillor Mrs. Marsh did not vote on, or propose, or second any of the  
motions on the following planning applications, by reason of being a Member of the  
Purbeck District Council's Planning Board.

Further to her declaration of interest under Minute No. 2, the Town Mayor left the  
Meeting during consideration of planning applications Nos. 6/2014/0359 and  
6/2014/0368.

Councillor Poultney assumed the Chair.

**Delegated  
Applications**

6/2014/0359 **Mr and Mrs Shakespeare**

**Listed** The partial removal of the perimeter wall on Marshall Row to allow  
continued vehicular access.

Land to rear of White Horse, Marshall Row, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection, subject to no overlooking of neighbouring properties.

6/2014/0368 **Mr and Mrs Shakespeare**

Erect single storey one bedroom dwelling, modify vehicular access.  
Land to rear of White Horse, Marshall Row, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection, subject to no overlooking of neighbouring properties.

The Town Mayor returned to the Meeting and re-assumed the Chair.

6/2014/0366 **Lightbown Partnership**

Erect a demountable structure for deck chair and boat storage and to use the decking area for refreshment purposes.  
Ocean Bay (1-7), 2 Ulwell Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection, subject to any permission granted being limited to three years.

6/2014/0369 **Mr J Puddepha**

Cliff stabilisation scheme to include construction of a soil nailed wall; regrading of slopes and surface water drainage measures.  
Pines Hotel, 34-36 Burlington Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2014/0371 **Dorset County Council**

Demolition of a section of sea wall bounding the Durlston Registered Park and its replacement with glazed vision panels to give disabled visitors a better view onto the cliffs below and out to sea.  
Durlston Country Park, Lighthouse Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

**Items for information only**

6/2014/0380 **Mr N Wright**

Proposed non-material amendment to PP 6/2013/0660 (Sever land and erect detached dwelling) to install additional rooflight, lower kitchen floor and remove stone mullions from doors and window.

Newton Manor House, 170 High Street, Swanage.

61. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Isle of Purbeck Scouts Annual General Meeting.
- Civic Service at Ferndown.
- Civic Service at Weymouth.
- Unveiling of a memorial to Swanage Grammar School at Day's Park.
- Lunch Club at the Emmanuel Baptist Church.
- Swanage Regatta and Carnival events throughout the week.

- Poole Civic Service to commemorate the Centenary of the Start of World War One.
- Finally, the Mayor expressed her appreciation of the sterling work undertaken by the Swanage Regatta and Carnival Committee which had once again resulted in a very successful week of events.

62. **FLY A FLAG FOR THE COMMONWEALTH**

Consideration was given to a letter submitted from the National Association of Local Councils encouraging the Council to participate in the ‘Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth’ event on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

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

That the Town Council registers its interest in taking part in the ‘Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth’ event on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015, and purchases the Commonwealth Flag and CD (as recommended).

63. **ST. MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

(a) **Request for Parking Permits**

Consideration was given to a request received for parking permits to be issued to parents dropping off/collecting school children in North Beach car park between 8.20 a.m. to 9.20 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. during term-time.

During the ensuing discussion, Members felt that it would be difficult to monitor the use of permits and it would be time consuming for the Council’s limited staffing resources to issue them.

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

That permits be not issued, but no enforcement action would be taken against motorists dropping off/collecting children in North Beach car park during term-time between 8.20 a.m. to 9.20 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on school days.

(b) **Footpath between North Beach car park and Journey’s End**

Arising from the above, and having regard to the safety of the school children, consideration was given to a request from St. Mary’s School for permission to construct a footpath from North Beach car park around the perimeter of Journey’s End to join with the existing footpath in Day’s Park.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bonfield and seconded by the Town Mayor:-

That permission be granted for the construction of a footpath from North Beach car park around the perimeter of Journey’s End to Day’s Park subject to construction and future maintenance costs being borne by St. Mary’s School, and suitable siting to be agreed with the Council’s Operations Manager.

Upon being put to the Meeting, EIGHT Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and there was ONE ABSTENTION, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

64. **ST. MARK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS**

Further to Minute No. 10 of the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014, and a subsequent meeting of the Swanage Local Plan Working Party, the Clerk updated

Members on matters relating to the disposal of St. Mark's Primary School playing fields.

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

That every effort be made to retain the St. Mark's Primary School playing fields as an open space, and that the Town Council pursues options to acquire the land.

65. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

Further to Minute No. 49 of the Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014, the Clerk reported that the new public conveniences had been completed on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014, and although there were some outstanding issues to be resolved, the facilities had been opened to the public in time for the main holiday season.

There were no further matters to report on the Schemes at the present time.

66. **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a meeting of 'Pub Watch' on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014, at which consideration had been given to arrangements for New Year's Eve.
- (b) Councillor Bonfield reported that he had attended a meeting of stakeholders of Swanage Pier held at Durlston Castle on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014..
- (c) Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, on behalf of 'Switch on Swanage' Lights Committee, thanked the Town Council for the use of Prince Albert Gardens during Carnival Week.

67. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

The Clerk was pleased to report that agreement had been reached with St. Mary's Primary School regarding access from the school grounds onto the lower grammar school field for vehicles/equipment to enable mowing/maintenance work to be carried out.

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

**Items of Information**

- (a) Update regarding changes as to how maritime and coastal search and rescue co-ordination in Sussex, Hampshire, Dorset and Devon is delivered.
- (b) Members wished to record their appreciation of the hard work undertaken by the Town Council's workforce and the Dorset Waste Partnership in dealing with the litter generated at this very busy time of year.

**Matters for Forthcoming Agendas**

- (a) Gas drilling/increased traffic movement along Panorama Road.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

That, under Standing Orders Nos. 67 and 68, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

69. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

The Clerk reported that a meeting of the Seafront Stabilisation Working Party was to be held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

70. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Lease – Sea Breeze Restaurant**

Further to Minute No. 18 (a) of the policy and planning meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014, the Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the lease of the Sea Breeze Restaurant.

In accordance with the above Minute, it was noted that a letter had been sent to solicitors acting on behalf of the tenants, but, as yet, no response had been received.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

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

The meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.

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