

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY 2014** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick (Mayor) – Chairman

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

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 18 members of the public attended the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed a representative from the Quakers, and those present joined him in silent prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Concerns regarding the anticipated increase in HGV traffic on the access road to California Quarry directly associated with the construction of a well site at the Quarry. A request for consideration to be given to the introduction of a footpath and appropriate crossing for the safety of pedestrians was put forward.
- Planning application for wind turbine.
- Dog fouling and enforcement action.
- Access to Lower Grammar School Field.
- Introduction of a 'Puffin Crossing' on the High Street between Herston Cross and the Swanage School site.
- Proposed reduction in bus services on Route 50.

The Town Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

124. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Bartlett and Wiggins.

125. **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 – Councillor Poultney declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct in planning application No. 6/2014/0038 by reason of being a friend of the applicant.

125. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 6th January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters and Annual Estimates on 20th January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

126. **FINANCE & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Performance Management Committee held on 15th January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

127. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee held on 22nd January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

Traffic Calming Measures – Cow Lane

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

That the Town Council commissions Dorset County Council at a cost of approximately £200 to lay cables at the lower end of Cow Lane to monitor the volume and speed of traffic.

Proposed Diversion of Footpath 46

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

That the Town Council gives its full support to the proposed re-routing of Footpath 46 through Swanage Bay View Holiday Park and makes a one-off contribution of up to £1,000 towards the related costs.

128. **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.

Delegated Applications

6/2014/0019 **Goadsby & Harding (Residential) Ltd.**

Install drop down acrylic fabric awning suspended from existing canopy.
Goadsby, 12 Station Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2014/0020 **Mr Wells**

Erect front conservatory.
12 Ballard Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2014/0028 **Shorefields Holidays**

Change of use of land for the siting of one residential wardens caravan.
Swanage Coastal Caravan Park, Priests Way, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

Further to his declaration of interest under Minute No. 2, Councillor Poultney remained in the Meeting during consideration of the following item, but took no part in the discussion and did not vote on the application.

6/2014/0038 **Mr & Mrs Cherry-Daniels**

Erect detached wooden outbuilding on existing hard standing in rear garden.

2 Plantation Close, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

Items for Information Only

The following applications were not discussed by the Town Council as it was considered that a conflict of interest existed, given that the Council had retained the freehold of the Holiday Park.

6/2014/0015 **Mr M Meir**

Erect vinyl decking.

Plot 132, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

6/2014/0016 **Mr Pike**

Erect vinyl decking.

Plot 301, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

6/2014/0017 **Miss P Ogden**

Erect vinyl decking.

Plot 110, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

6/2014/0018 **Mr C Bailey**

Erect vinyl decking.

Plot 198, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

129. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that, due to pressing work commitments, she had not attended any civic events during the past month.

130. **SWANAGE PIER TRUST**

Following a detailed Presentation from representatives of the Swanage Pier Trust on the proposals for the restoration, regeneration and enhancement of Swanage Pier, consideration was given to a request for funding towards the project.

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

That under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the sum of £2,000 be donated in 2013/14 and £2,000 in 2014/15.

131. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

The Town Clerk updated those present on matters relating to the Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Schemes.

It was noted that, due to unforeseen circumstances i.e. the discovery of previously undetected gas mains and the extreme prolonged wet weather (the wettest December and January on record in Swanage in the last 40 years) progression of the scheme had been hampered. A further site meeting was scheduled to be held with the contractors on 11th February 2014.

132. **SWANAGE MUSEUM**

A letter dated 17th December 2013 was submitted on behalf of the Swanage Museum requesting permission to reproduce images of paintings that are in the collection of the Town Council.

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

That permission be granted for the Swanage Museum to reproduce images of paintings that are in the Town Council's collection.

133. **PRINCE ALBERT GARDENS**

A letter dated 2nd January 2014 was submitted from the Swanage & Isle of Purbeck Chamber of Trade and Commerce requesting permission to plant a commemorative tree on Prince Albert Gardens.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Ms. Harris, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the request be granted, subject to suitable siting to be agreed with the Council's Operations Manager.

134. **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

(a) **Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Mineral Sites Plan**

(b) **Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan**

Further to Minute Nos. 14 (a) and (b) of the Council meeting held on 20th January 2014, it was reported that, having attended a public exhibition and given due consideration to the documents, Members considered the Plans to be comprehensive and positive.

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

(a) **Swanage Pub Watch**

Councillor Whitwam reported that he and Councillor Bonfield had attended a recent meeting of 'Pub Watch' at which it was reported that no major incidents had occurred in Swanage on New Year's Eve.

136. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

There were no delegated matters to report at the present time.

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

(a) **Items of Information**

No further information had yet been received from central government regarding the Council Tax Referendum Principles for 2014/15.

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.

138. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

Further to Minute No. 131, the Clerk reported on contractual matters relating to the Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Schemes.

As a result of the prolonged and extreme wet weather conditions, additional stabilisation works were required (at an estimated cost of approximately £160,000), and consideration was given to the contractual implications of these additional works.

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

That the additional stabilisation works be approved, initially up to the value of £129,625.00, which in accordance with the advice of the Contract Administrators is to be dealt with independently of the contingency sum allowed for in the contract.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That upon receipt of clarification of the full cost of the additional works delegated authority be given to the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Bonfield to act in the matter and to authorise expenditure to ensure timely progression of the contract.

139. **VALUATION AND SURVEYORS' ADVICE**

Following an informal tender exercise, consideration was given to the provision of valuation and surveyors' advice for future projects.

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

That valuation and surveyors' advice be obtained from Goadsbys in respect of new projects for a trial period of six months.

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

140. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park – Business Sale Agreement**

There were no additional matters to report on issues relating to the business sale agreement of the Holiday Park at the present time.

(b) **Lease - Swanage Railway**

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the Swanage Railway lease. It was agreed that the outstanding issues be referred for consideration by the Swanage Railway Working Party and submitted to a future meeting of the Council for determination.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.
