

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY,**
7th JULY 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs A. Patrick (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor M. Bonfield
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M. Pratt
Councillor W.S. Trite
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, approximately 19 members of the public attended the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Revd Andrew Corke, who offered a prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Concerns were re-iterated regarding the proposals for future gas drilling at California Quarry and the impact of industrial development on wild life in the area. Other concerns which were raised again included increased traffic movement along Panorama Road, possible future loss of AONB/World Heritage status, lack of consultation and whether an environmental impact assessment should have been carried out.
- Congratulations regarding the recent Civic Service and Parade.
- Approval given for the introduction of a 'Puffin' crossing on the A351 in the vicinity of The Swanage School.
- Enquiry regarding the future use of St. Mark's CE VA Primary School building and the Herston Reading Room.

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

41. **APOLOGIES**

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

42. **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.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion

43. **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 2nd June 2014 be approved as a
correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Council held to discuss policy and planning matters
on 23rd June 2014 be approved as a correct record
and signed.

44. **GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the General
Operations Committee held on 2nd July 2014 be
approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

45. **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**

6/2014/0318 **Mr D. Sayward**

Increase ridge height of roof and install dormer window.
Woody Hollow, 36 Durlston Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to adherence of the
recommendations of the Planning Officer.

Listed Building

6/2014/0319 **Mrs H. Gousseau**

Repair roof of rotunda.
Purbeck House Hotel, 91 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

Items for information only

6/2014/0320 **Mr Johnson**

Proposed non-material amendment to PP 6/2013/0361 – Erect
rear extension, convert loft to habitable accommodation & insert
dormer windows to front and side elevations and rooflights to side
elevations (to change rear gable finish from brick to cedar board).
16 Redcliffe Road, Swanage.

46. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Official Opening of the Purbeck Mineral and Mining Museum at Norden.
- Re-dedication of St. George's School, Langton Matravers.
- 'Freedom of the Town' – Bridport.
- Civic Service at Yeovil.
- Prizegiving for the Rowing Regatta.
- Armed Forces Day Flag Raising Ceremony at Purbeck District Council.
- 'Beating to Quarters' at Lulworth Camp.
- Civic Service at Wareham.
- Swanage's Civic Service and Parade at St. Mary's Parish Church.

47. **SWANAGE REGATTA AND CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION**

Consideration was given to a request received from the Swanage Regatta and Carnival Association for a financial contribution towards the cost of fireworks displays in 2014.

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

That the sum of £500 be donated towards the cost of the fireworks displays in 2014, in accordance with the Council's tourism powers under Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972.

48. **PLEASURE BOAT REGULATION ENFORCEMENT FOR SUMMER SEASON 2014**

There were no issues to consider under this item, the matter having been resolved by Purbeck District Council.

49. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

Further to Minute No. 7 of the Policy and Planning meeting held on 23rd June 2014, it was anticipated that the public conveniences would be open by mid-July and noted that the relocation of the War Memorial had been completed.

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

50. **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

(a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a meeting of 'Pub Watch' on 5th June 2014, at which it was reported that Dorset Police had attended 6 anti-social behaviour incidents in the town during the past month.

A meeting was scheduled to be held with Dorset Police on 9th July 2014 to consider arrangements for New Year's Eve.

(b) Councillor Bonfield reported that he had attended the AGM of the Swanage Town & Herston Football Club, and was pleased to learn that the Club hoped to field 15 teams for the start of the next season (including 3 female teams). The Town Mayor had also attended the meeting.

51. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

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

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.

53. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

There were no additional contractual matters arising from Minute No. 49.

54. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Lease – Sea Breeze Restaurant**

Further to Minute No. 14 (a) of the Policy and Planning meeting held on 23rd June 2014, and subsequent advice received from the Council’s legal advisers, consideration was given to a letter dated 6th June 2014 from solicitors acting on behalf of the lessee of the Sea Breeze Restaurant.

Concerns had been raised by the lessee that the seafront stabilisation works had adversely affected his business and consideration was given to steps that could be taken to mitigate the impact of the ongoing works during the summer season.

It was noted that the contractor’s compound would be re-aligned following the opening of the new toilet facilities, and steps would be taken to maximise public access along Shore Road during Carnival Week.

Detailed consideration was then given to other outstanding issues, and it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Clerk be authorised to obtain appropriate advice and that further consideration be given to the matter at the Council meeting scheduled to be held on 21st July 2014.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.
