

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY,**
2nd JUNE 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor S. Poultney – Chairman

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

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, approximately 15 members of the public attended the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Canon John Wood, who offered a prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Enquiry regarding the possibility of extending dog byelaw to include beaches in private ownership at North Beach.
- Concerns expressed regarding the application for a premises licence in respect of the Beach Café off Burlington Road.
- Concerns expressed regarding the proposals for future gas drilling at California Quarry and the impact of industrial development on wild life in the area. Other concerns raised included increased traffic movement along Panorama Road, possible future loss of AONB status, lack of consultation and whether an environmental impact assessment should have been carried out.
- Acceptance by Dorset County Council of ‘Village Green’ application in respect of Herston Fields.

Councillor Poultney opened the Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

28. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for her inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Mrs. Patrick (Town Mayor).

29. **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

30. **MINUTES**

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 12th May 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 19th May 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (c) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Brown, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 28th May 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

31. **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 21st May 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

32. **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

6/2014/0235 **Mr & Mrs Craigmyle**

Remodel and extend existing dwelling to form sunroom with patio area. Form two dormer windows on west elevation.
Cuckmere, 21d Park Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2014/0251 **Mr Richard Magnier**

Demolish garage and erect two-storey side extension; reposition garden steps to rear entrance.
168 Kings Road West, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2014/0254 **Marion Linda Bond SIPP**

Installation of doorway and door to front elevation.
52-54 Station Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, although concern was expressed that this was a retrospective application.

6/2014/0257 **Mrs Carol Knowles**
Erect timber decking.
Plot 47, Ulwell Farm Caravan Park, Ulwell Road, 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 interested, given that the Council had retained the freehold of the Holiday Park.

6/2014/0255 **Mr Green**
Erect decking.
Plot 114A, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road,
Swanage.

6/2014/0256 **Mr Adrian Cave**
Erect vinyl decking.
Plot 315, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

33. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In the absence of the Town Mayor, there were no matters to report at the present time.

34. **APPLICATIONS FOR PREMISES LICENCE**

(a) **Beach Café off Burlington Road**

Consideration was given to an application submitted for a Premises Licence in respect of the Beach Café off Burlington Road.

During the ensuing discussion, it was considered that a licence for these premises would be inappropriate as there was no lighting, no CCTV coverage and no toilet facilities available during the evening in this location. Members felt that the licensing objectives could not be met, and expressed concerns regarding public safety, the possibility of crime and disorder and public nuisance.

It was proposed by Councillor Bonfield and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh:-

To recommend that the application for a Premises
Licence in respect of the Beach Café off Burlington
Road be refused.

Upon being put to the Meeting, FIVE Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition, THREE Members voted AGAINST and there were TWO ABSTENTIONS, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

(b) **The Hungry Shark, Recreation Ground**

An application for a Premises Licence in respect of the Hungry Shark, Recreation Ground was submitted for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Town Council does not consider the
application for a Premises Licence in respect of
the Hungry Shark by reason of being the owner
of the premises.

35. **INFORMATION BOARDS**

Consideration was given to the purchase of re-useable information boards, which could be sited in strategic locations, to raise awareness on matters of public interest.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Wiggins and seconded by Councillor Suttle:-

That the purchase of three re-useable display boards be approved.

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

36. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

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

37. **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he would be attending a meeting of 'Pub Watch' on Wednesday, 5th June 2014.
- (b) Councillor Mrs. Marsh presented a comprehensive Report on a meeting of the Dorset Coast Forum held at Weymouth on 15th May 2014.
- (c) Councillor Mrs. Bartlett reported on a very successful live music concert held at the Mowlem Theatre in aid of 'Switch on Swanage'.

38. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

- (a) Concerns regarding congestion caused by indiscriminate parking in Lower High Street.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Brown, 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.

40. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

Consideration was given to a formal request for an extension of time in respect of the Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Schemes, received from Raymond Brown Construction Ltd. The request was for a 17 week extension from the original contract completion date of 4th June 2014 to 2nd October 2014. The ensuing discussion was informed by a report from Morgan Carey Architects as contract administrators assessing the validity of the request in the context of the terms of the contract. Further information was also provided in an e-mail from Morgan Carey Architects dated 3rd May 2014. The conclusion of the contract administrators was that the contractor had presented a legitimate application for an extension of time to the contract and that they had used their best endeavours to mitigate the delay.

Lengthy and detailed consideration was given to the request and reports from the Council's professional advisers. During the debate, a number of concerns were raised. However, in light of the professional advice received, it was proposed by Councillor Suttle, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED:-

That approval be given to the request for a 17 week extension to 2nd October 2014.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That a meeting of the Seafront Stabilisation Working Party be held to consider the concerns raised and recommend the next steps to a forthcoming Council meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.50 p.m.
