

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2014** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick (Mayor) – Chairman

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

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 9 members of the public attended the Meeting.

The Town Mayor welcomed Revd. Simon Franklin, from the United Reformed Church, who offered a prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

#### **Public Participation Time**

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- ‘Community Living’ – suggestion that local authorities in Dorset connect with each other regarding the delivery of services.
- Construction of a wind turbine at Knitson.
- Proposed reduction in bus services on Route 50.
- Public consultation regarding the possible introduction of a ‘Puffin Crossing’ on the High Street between Herston Cross and the Swanage School site.
- Concerns expressed regarding the urgent need for re-surfacing of Shore Road.

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

141. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for her inability to attend the meeting was received from Councillor Miss Harris.

142. **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.

143. **MINUTES**

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and  
**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**  
That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the  
Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 be approved as  
a correct record and signed.
- (b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and  
**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**  
That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of  
the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 be  
approved as a correct record and signed.
- (c) Proposed by Councillor Brown, 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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 be approved as a correct  
record and signed.

144. **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**

6/2014/0077 **Mr A Mailling**

Sever plot and change of use of former staff accommodation to self-contained dwelling.

The Stables, 5D Highcliffe Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2014/0081 **Ms A Jones**

Erect two-storey rear extension.

8 Argyle Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2014/0082 **AMB Developments**

Minor material amendment to PP 6/2013/0518 (Erect two detached houses with associated landscaping) to allow amendments/removal of some of the windows, change of material from render to timber to part of two elevations and the addition of roof/carport to hard standing and parking.

Site adj. Rotary Cottage, Cobblers Lane, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2014/0090 **Mr & Mrs S Cameron**

Form new opening and enlarge basement to create garage and utility with ground floor patio over. Construct first floor balcony.

1 Exter Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

- 6/2014/0092 **Mr D Griffiths-Gay**  
 Create first floor balcony and construct external staircase to first floor bedroom French doors.  
 22 Burlington Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection, subject to no overlooking of neighbouring properties.
- 6/2014/0093 **Miss S Robinson**  
 Drop kerb and create off road parking area.  
 Flat 1, Sutton Place, 11A Victoria Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection, although some concerns expressed at the possible setting of a precedent.
- 6/2014/0095 **AJS Developments Ltd.**  
 Variation of condition 2 of PP 6/2011/0029 (Demolish existing garage and erect two dwellings) to allow amendments to floor layouts and elevations.  
 4 Hill Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

### **Items for Information Only**

The following application was 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.

- 6/2014/0073 **Mr A Fosket**  
 Create hardstanding and site new caravan between plots 311 & 312.  
 Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.
- 6/2014/0096 **Mr & Mrs Hunt**  
 Increase width of existing dormer window at rear and replace existing lean-to side extension with conservatory.  
 51 De Moulham Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.

This application has been revalidated after the receipt of a missing tree report.

- 6/2013/0587 **Mr D Hernandez**  
 Erect single storey garage and carport side extension. Modify vehicular access.  
 13 Bon Accord Road, Swanage.

### 145. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- The Official Re-opening of the Storm Damaged Section & the South Landing Stage of Swanage Pier on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
- Purbeck Fair Trade concert at the Emmanuel Church on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

146. **ST. MARK'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Further to Minute No. 11 of the Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014, consideration was again given to the Notice of the County Council's intention to make application under Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act to the Secretary of State for Education to dispose of the St Mark's CE VA Primary School playing field.

During the ensuing discussion, Members were informed that future options for the site were being explored by Dorset County Council, and concern was expressed at the possible loss of a 'green open space' in a residential area.

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

That the Town Council formulates a robust objection to the disposal of the land for development.

147. **GENERAL OPERATIONS - MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Operations Manager submitted a comprehensive Report on damage caused by the storms in recent months, and the emergency responses undertaken by the Town Council's workforce (and other agencies) to alleviate the problems.

In noting the Report, Members expressed their appreciation of the sterling work undertaken by the Operations Manager and the Council's workforce.

148. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

Further to Minute No. 13 of the Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014, the Town Clerk updated those present on matters relating to the Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Schemes.

It was noted that the continued wet weather had had a serious detrimental impact on the stabilisation scheme, and a variation on the original proposals may be necessary.

A site visit by the Seafront Stabilisation Scheme Working Party was scheduled.

149. **DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES ORDER (DPPO) FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN SWANAGE**

A letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014 was submitted from the Community Safety Officer of Purbeck District Council seeking the Town Council's views on the effectiveness of the zones covered by the Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) for the purposes of alcohol consumption in Swanage which was introduced in June 2009.

During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill was expected to receive royal ascent by the end of the year, and it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That no amendments to the zones covered by the Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) for the purposes of alcohol consumption in Swanage be proposed at the present time, but that the matter be reviewed to meet the requirements of the new Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill at the appropriate time.

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

(a) **Swanage Pub Watch**

Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended the Annual General Meeting of 'Pub Watch'.

(b) **Swanage Pier Trust**

Councillor Mrs. Marsh reported that she had attended the Official Re-opening of the Storm Damaged Section & the South Landing Stage of Swanage Pier on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

151. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

(a) **Items of Information**

**'Chalk & Cheese'** – An Information Evening was being held at Harmans Cross Village Hall on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 6 p.m.

**Town Hall** – Appreciation was expressed of the urgent action taken by Town Hall staff in the re-location of office accommodation within the building.

**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.

153. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

Further to Minute No. 148, the Clerk reported on contractual matters relating to the Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Schemes.

He then explained the tender process being undertaken by agents in marketing the seafront kiosk.

Following discussion, it was AGREED:-

To approve expenditure up to the sum of £734 plus VAT for the insertion of advertisements in respect of the seafront kiosk in appropriate national magazines.

154. **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 reported that a meeting of the Swanage Railway Working Party was scheduled to be held the following week in order to determine the outstanding issues.

The meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.