

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 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 12 members of the public attended the Meeting.

In the absence of a clergyman, Councillor Poultney read a poem written by Mr. Geoff Hooper before the commencement of the Meeting.

**Public Participation Time**

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Favourable comments in respect of the new beach huts and the Seafront Stabilisation Scheme.
- Concerns again expressed regarding the proposals for future gas drilling at California Quarry. Other concerns which were raised included increased traffic movement along Panorama Road, and a request that householders' liability towards the cost of the road maintenance be removed.
- Risk assessment of Panorama Road.
- Reference to a public information event held by Infrastrata at the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park in June 2014, and concerns regarding the late publicity of the event.
- Reference to the Town Council's 'Mission Statement'.

The Town Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7.15 p.m.

101. **APOLOGIES**

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

102. **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.

103. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the  
Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 be approved  
as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Council held to discuss policy and planning matters  
on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 be approved as a correct record  
and signed.

104. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport  
Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 be approved  
as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

105. **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**

6/2014/0545 **Mr Andrew Cuthbert**

Install 16 no. solar photovoltaic panels on rear roof elevation.  
Mulberry Cottage, 199 High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2014/0546 **Mr Andrew Cuthbert**

**LISTED**

Application for Listed Building Consent

Install 16 no. solar photovoltaic panels on rear roof elevation.  
Mulberry Cottage, 199 High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2014/0553 **J. Hutchins & Partners**

Erect detached dwelling with vehicular access from Manor Road.  
Purbeck House Hotel, 91 High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** Defer. Members felt that as the application was a  
change from the original application for hotel use to residential  
dwellings, comments from residents of neighbouring properties should  
be taken into consideration before commenting on the application.

6/2014/0554 **J. Hutchins & Partners**

**LISTED**

Application for Listed Building Consent

Demolish a section of wall to form vehicular access to detached  
dwelling.

Purbeck House Hotel, 91 High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** Defer. Members felt that as the application was a change from the original application for hotel use to residential dwellings, comments from residents of neighbouring properties should be taken into consideration before commenting on the application.

### **Items for Information Only**

6/2014/0540 **Mr Gordon Wallis**

Insert glazing to front gable, form dormer windows on side and rear roof elevations to facilitate loft conversion to habitable accommodation.

9 Beach Gardens, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Trust.

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.

6/2014/0528 **Mr Green**

Erect decking.

Plot 114A, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

6/2014/0530 **Miss J. Salvidge**

Erect decking.

Plot 280, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

The following application was not discussed by the Town Council as it was considered that a conflict of interest existed, given that the Council was the owner of the land.

TEL/2014/0011 **Daly International (UK) Ltd**

Replacement of antenna set with a new antenna set; installation of 2 no. new equipment cabinets; plus ancillary work.

Days Park Football Ground, Swanage.

### 106. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- A presentation by Year 8 pupils at The Swanage School.
- Swanage Regatta & Carnival – Annual presentation of proceeds from 2014 Carnival.
- Swanage Railway's Grand Draw.

The Mayor was delighted to announce that Dr. Martin Ayres (Town Clerk) had become the proud father of a new baby boy, Samuel Ralph, a brother for Noah, and she sent congratulations and best wishes to the family on behalf of the Town Council.

The Mayor was also pleased to report that Mr. Andrew Fleming, the Town Crier, had been awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the National Town Criers' Championship, and wished to record her congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

Finally, the Mayor wished to record her appreciation of the sterling work undertaken by Mr. David Holman in reporting matters relating to the Town Council in The Gazette each month by way of his 'Through the Key Hole' article. Sadly, Mr. Holman no longer felt able to continue with this voluntary work.

107. **PROPOSED GAS DRILLING AT CALIFORNIA QUARRY**

Further to Minute No. 94 of the Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014, Minute No.58 of the Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014, Minute No. 70 of the Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and Minute No. 9 of the Special Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014, Members were again provided with the opportunity to comment on the proposed gas drilling at California Quarry.

Members were of the opinion that due consideration had been given to issues raised, and did not wish to comment further at the present time.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED with ONE ABSTENTION:-

That this matter be removed as a standard item from future agendas, but would be re-instated if deemed appropriate.

108. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

There were no further matters to report on the Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Schemes at the present time.

109. **CEILINGS – TOWN HALL**

It was reported that a structural survey had been carried out on the Town Hall ceilings, and a detailed specification was being prepared in readiness for the tender process.

110. **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

(a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended the monthly meeting of 'Pub Watch' in October, at which it was reported that Dorset Police had not been required to attend any incidents of anti-social behaviour during the past month in Swanage.

A statement had been issued regarding the closure of the Lower High Street on New Year's Eve.

(b) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a meeting at Wareham Town Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014, at which an update had been given on the amended winter timetable for the No.40 bus service (Poole to Swanage).

111. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

**Items of Information**

(a) Formal notice of the Application for the Registration of Land as a Town or Village Green (Herston Fields) received from Dorset County Council.

(b) Citizens' Advice Bureau – Proposal to change Friday morning sessions to Monday mornings.

(c) Letter of thanks for donation to Swanage Blues & Roots Festival.

(d) Letter of thanks for donation to 2185 (Swanage) Detached Flight Air Cadets.

(e) Commission (switch on) of new 'puffin crossing' on the A351 at Herston.

**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.

113. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

Further to Minute No. 12 of the Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014, and the site meeting held with the contractors and Contract Administrators on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014, the Operations Manager updated Members on matters relating to completion of the seafront stabilisation scheme.

Concerns were again expressed regarding outstanding issues and overall completion of the scheme.

The meeting concluded at 7.50 p.m.

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