

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Swanage Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND PLANNING** matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 19th MARCH 2012** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett
Councillor I. Brown
Councillor Miss C. Harris
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, approximately 40 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Licensing Issues

The Town Mayor welcomed Mr. Steve Mackenzie, Chief Executive of Purbeck District Council, and Inspector Tracey Baker, Dorset Police, to the meeting and invited them to make a presentation on licensing issues prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting.

Ms. Claire Stratford, Licensing Officer at Purbeck District Council, was also in attendance.

Mr. Mackenzie explained the role of Purbeck District Council as licensing authority for the area, and outlined the main objectives and criteria that were considered when licences were issued in an endeavour to provide a safe and pleasant environment for all to enjoy.

Inspector Baker then gave an overview of the enforcement role of Dorset Police. She acknowledged the importance of the licensed trade to the night time economy in Swanage, particularly in the Lower High Street, and explained the importance of adherence to the licensing laws in order to maintain a safe and secure environment. She reported that some concerns had been raised regarding acts of anti-social behaviour in the Lower High Street area, mainly as a result of intoxication, and explained the need for enforcement action to be taken to deter this behaviour.

Before inviting comments from the audience, the Town Mayor thanked Mr. Mackenzie and Inspector Baker for their informative presentation, and highlighted the importance of working together with Purbeck District Council and Dorset Police to provide a safe and pleasant environment.

Members of the audience were invited to refer questions on licensing issues to Claire Stratford, Licensing Officer at Purbeck District Council (Tel: 01929 557220).

Public Participation Time

MR. JAMES referred to the proposal by Dorset County Council to introduce 'Pay and Display' parking restrictions on Shore Road. He acknowledged that the scheme would

prohibit the parking of camper vans (with the exception of Blue Badge holders vehicles), but it would detract from the sea vista once the parking meters were installed.

MS. L. KENNEDY was disappointed that the majority of the audience had left at the end of the presentation on licensing issues, and had not remained for the following Council meeting.

MR. S. FOOTE referred to the planning application submitted by Eneco Round 3 Development Ltd seeking permission to construct a meteorological mast for the Navitus Bay Wind Park, and endorsed the comments of Worth Parish Council that ‘the proposed site of the mast is well outside the Crown Estates allocated development area for future consideration of a wind farm’.

The Mayor opened the Council meeting at 7.50 p.m.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Bonfield and Suttle.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members were invited to declare their interest as per the Parish Councils Model Code of Conduct Order 2007 Number 1159.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Councillor Poultney declared a personal and prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct in Planning Application Nos. 6/2012/0147 by reason of being a neighbour of the applicant.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Councillor Mrs. Bartlett declared a personal and prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct in Planning Application No. 6/2012/0141 by reason of being a friend of the applicant.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Councillor Brown declared a personal and prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a friend of a resident in Garwoods.

Agenda Item No. 11 (a) – Councillor Brown declared a personal and prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being an employee of Dorset Police.

3. **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.

Non-Delegated Applications

6/2012/0127 **Eneco Round 3 Development Ltd.**

Construction of meteorological mast (100 metres high above mean sea level). Consultation by the marine Management Organisation Ref – MLA/2012/0058

Navitus Bay Wind Park, Isle of Wight.

OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal. The Town Council strongly objects to the construction of the meteorological mast as the proposed site is well outside the Crown Estates allocated development area for

future consideration of a wind farm, and the location would have an adverse visual impact in Swanage Bay.

Delegated Applications

6/2012/0129 **Mr & Mrs D Cunningham**
Erect rear two storey extension. Erect detached garage with room over.
21 Argyle Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

Further to her declaration of interest under Minute No. 2, Councillor Mrs. Bartlett left the Meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

6/2012/0141 **Mr P Marsh**
Erect single storey rear extension.
7 Purbeck View, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0153 **Mr D Kerley**
Amendments to PP 6/2008/0752 (Demolish building at rear of 35 High Street and erect 1 cottage, 2 flats and retail storage area) to allow variation of door, window and railing details and request to increase height of stone boundary wall.
35 High Street, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Application not considered as notification received from PDC that plans are invalid.

6/2012/0158 **Mr T Winsor**
Erect rear extensions with balcony. (Revised scheme to PP 6/2011/0111).
85 Bay Crescent, 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 property was in the ownership of the Council.

6/2012/0121 **Dorset Police**
LISTED Alteration to pipework on rear elevation and install electronic key reader on rear door.
Town Hall, High Street, Swanage.

6/2012/0132 **Mrs J Benwall**
Proposed non-material amendment to PP 6/2011/0458 (Erect two storey rear extension) to alter roof tile to Redland Stonewold grey on both the proposed extension and the existing building.
73 Ulwell Road, Swanage.

6/2012/0147 **Mr Dowds**
Construct dormer windows on front, rear and side roof elevations.
22 Rabling Road, Swanage.

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

4. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 29th February 2012 was submitted for information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

5. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 12 and 12a, amounting to £3,266,309.64 and £36,559.22 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

6. **'PAY AND DISPLAY' PARKING – SHORE ROAD AND STATION ROAD**

Further to Minute No. 18 of the Council meeting held on 6th June 2011, and subsequent public consultation undertaken through 'Swanage Matters' and the Council's website, consideration was given to the proposals by Dorset County Council for the introduction of 'Pay and Display' parking on Shore Road and Station Road.

The proposed scheme would be to introduce 'Pay and Display' for cars and motorcycles along the full length of Shore Road, but as the southern section of Shore Road is closed to traffic during the summer period, 'Pay and Display' would only apply to the northern section of the road during this period. Blue Badge Holder vehicles would still be allowed three hours free parking during the summer (as they do now), but would be restricted to three hours free parking out of season. The proposal for Station Road would be to make all existing free parking 'Pay and Display', and to introduce additional 'Pay and Display' parking on the north side by converting some double yellow lines.

During the ensuing discussion, it was acknowledged that the proposals would prohibit the parking of camper vans along Shore Road (with the exception of Blue Badge Holder vehicles) and would therefore reduce the traffic congestion that occurred on this section of the highway during the busy summer season.

It was proposed by Councillor Whitwam and seconded by Councillor Poultney:-

To endorse the proposals of Dorset County Council for the introduction of 'Pay and Display' parking on Shore Road and Station Road.

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.

7. **REMOVAL OF LITTER BINS**

A letter dated March 2012 was submitted from Dorset Waste Partnership giving details of an audit of on-street litter bins undertaken during January 2012.

The audit had identified six bins in Swanage that were being used in part for the disposal of household waste, and it was recommended that consideration be given to the removal of four of these bins.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh and seconded by Councillor Brown:-

To remove litter bins in the following locations that had been identified by the audit

as being frequently used for the disposal of household waste:-

- Seaward side of traffic lights, Victoria Avenue.
- Park Road.
- High Street, outside Swanage Methodist Church.
- Queens Road.

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.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That educational work be undertaken through signage around the area where bins are being abused with a caveat stating that bins may be removed if they continue to be used for the disposal of household waste.

8. **REVIEW OF CCTV SYSTEM**

In conjunction with PACT (Partners and Communities Together), a review of the Council's CCTV systems had been undertaken and areas identified where possible improvements/upgrades would enhance the present system.

It had been recommended that an additional DOME camera be installed at the junction of Station/Institute Roads (cost £4,000), and it was reported that external funding had been secured from Synergy Housing by Councillor Ian Brown, the former Chairman of PACT, and the Community Fund/Local Neighbourhood Panel for such projects.

During the ensuing discussion, Members expressed their appreciation of the work undertaken by Councillor Brown in securing this funding.

It was proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the installation of a new DOME camera at the junction of Institute/Station Roads be approved, and expenditure up to £1,400 for a camera upgrade at the East Bar be authorised.

9. **TREE WORKS – NORTH BEACH CAR PARK**

Further to his declaration of interest under Minute No. 2, Councillor Brown left the Meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

Following concerns regarding the condition of the Lombardy Poplar trees on the eastern boundary of North Beach car park, and a subsequent meeting with residents of the private dwellings at Garwoods, Seaward Road, consideration was given to the removal of the trees, which were in decline and showing signs of dieback.

During the ensuing discussion, it was reported that a Revocation Order of the Tree Preservation Order 1993 had been issued in 1993, and this Revocation Order was still valid.

It was proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Miss Harris, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That approval be given for the removal of the Lombardy Poplar trees, at a cost of £2,500, subject to notification being given to all residents of Garwoods, and replacement of the trees with a more suitable species or hedgerow.

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

Items of Information

- (a) Superfast Broadband in Dorset – There were no additional matters to report at the present time.
- (b) Core Strategy – Discussions would be held on the Core Strategy at Westport House, Wareham commencing on 8th May 2012 for a period of two weeks.

Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

There were no additional matters raised for inclusion on forthcoming Agendas.

12. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, 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 matter.

13. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Town Hall Annexe – Proposals for Re-location of Police Services in Swanage**

Further to his declaration of interest under Minute No. 2. Councillor Brown left the Meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

Further to Minute No. 139 (b) of the Council Meeting held on 5th March 2012, the Clerk updated Members on lease negotiations with Dorset Police for the re-location of police services in Swanage to the Town Hall Annexe.

Draft Heads of Terms were submitted for consideration.

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

That the draft Heads of Terms be agreed.

(b) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**

Further to Minute No.139 (a) of the Council meeting held on 5th March 2012, the Clerk updated Members on matters relating to commission claims on caravan sales.

The meeting concluded at 8.50 p.m.
