

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY,**
6th AUGUST 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett
Councillor M. Bonfield
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, 9 members of the public attended the Meeting.

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

Public Participation Time

CLLR. DEREK BURKE, Mayor of Southampton, presented Councillor Trite with a gift that he had brought from his home town – a mayoral bear!

MS. D. WRIGHT, Managing Director of the Chatsworth Centre, referred to the Lower Grammar School Field, which had been extensively used for sporting activities by the Centre for many years. She hoped that all parties would continue to work together, and share any available facilities.

CLLR. A. WIGGINS reported that a promotional DVD, entitled ‘A Seaside Summer’ was now available for general distribution. The DVD included interviews with residents and business operators in the town, together with information on local attractions and places of interest.

MR. I. SAUNDERS complimented the Town Council on the efficient manner in which the rubbish had been cleared in The Square at this very busy time of year.

Finally, it was with great sadness that the **TOWN MAYOR** reported the death of Mr. Reg Griffiths, who had been Mayor of Swanage during the period 1986/7. Those present stood in silent tribute to his memory.

Councillor Trite opened the Council Meeting at 7.15 p.m.

45. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for her inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Brown.

Although no official notification had been received, the Chairman reported that he had received an apology for his absence from Councillor Suttle.

46. **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.

Agenda Item No. 12 (a) – Councillor Bonfield declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of a family connection with the Head Teacher of St. Mary’s RC School.

Agenda Item No. 12 (b) – Councillor Bonfield declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Code on Conduct by reason of being a friend of the concessionaire.

Agenda Item No. 12 (b) – Councillor Mrs. Patrick declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of a family connection with a concessionaire in the close vicinity.

47. **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 July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, 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 16th July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

48. **GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Operations Committee held on 4th July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

49. **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 23rd July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

50. **PLANS**

Under the Code of Conduct, Members declared a formal interest in the capacity of Corporate Trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust in applications relating to the Trust.

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**

- 6/2012/0421 **Swanage P.C.C.**
Erect replacement church notice board.
All Saints Church, 26 Ulwell Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0427 **Mr A Rouse**
Replace existing three garages with two garages, with store and office over.
Land opposite 32A Burlington Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0439 **D.C.C. Children's Services**
Part demolition of shelter, formation of raised decked area with canopy, part fenestration.
Swanage First School, Mount Scar, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0441 **Mr R Neale**
Install rear dormer window and insert three roof lights in front elevation to facilitate loft conversion. Remove chimney.
21 Prospect Crescent, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0442 **Mr P Reynolds**
Insert three dormers and two rooflights to facilitate a loft conversion.
37 Manwell Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0444 **Mr C Hobbs**
Remove existing shed and erect new garage/store.
Fairwinds, 34 Bay Crescent, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0445 **Dr M Luty**
LISTED
Replace one window on east elevation with patio doors.
Tall Trees, Ulwell Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0447 **Mr B Lightbown**
Alterations to divide Flat 1 into 2 flats, including new shared entrance lobby. Reposition window on west elevation.
Flat 1, Ocean Bay, 2 Ulwell Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0452 **Mrs C McCrory**
Retain summer house, terrace (decking) and steps.
3 Alma Terrace, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0460 **Mr & Mrs D Christie**
Insert dormer windows and rooflights to facilitate loft conversion.
37 Cauldron Crescent, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0455 **Dorset Primary Care Trust**

Erect mobility scooter shelter and alter existing pedestrian access.
Swanage Hospital, Queens Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

Items for Information Only

The following application was not discussed by virtue of the Town Council being the owner of the land included within this application.

Non-Delegated Application

6/2012/0461 **Swanage Town Council**

LISTED Erect new directional sign to side of Swanage Town Hall.
Swanage Town Hall, High Street, 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 had retained the freehold of the Holiday Park.

Delegated Application

6/2012/0432 **Mr C Armfield**

Erect timber decking.
Plot 287, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

6/2012/0454 **Mr C Poole**

Replace entrance porch, enlarge rear extension, raise roof height by 1 metre and insert rooflights.
22 Victoria Avenue, Swanage.

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

51. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor was pleased to report that, since the last meeting of the Council, he had attended the following events:-

- (a) Together with fellow councillors and staff, he had witnessed the Olympic Torch Relay through Swanage. Bearer, Mr. Frank Roberts, had paused outside the Town Hall to show the Torch before it continued on its journey.
- (b) Swanage Jazz Festival – Parade and Festival events.
- (c) Royal British Legion – Laying-up of Old Standard and dedication of New Standard at St. Mary's Parish Church.
- (d) The Mayor of Chickerell's Civic Day.
- (e) An occasion to mark the Town Crier's period in post to date.
- (f) June Ranger Dance School rehearsal.
- (g) Crowning of the Carnival Queen.
- (h) Carnival events, including the Red Arrows Display and Carnival Procession.
- (i) Official Opening of the newly-equipped play area in Day's Park.

The Deputy Mayor had attended a performance staged by the June Ranger Dance School.

52. **REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

A letter dated 23rd July 2012 was submitted from 2185 (Wareham & Swanage) Air Training Corps seeking funding towards the services provided by the cadets.

Members acknowledged the sterling work undertaken by the cadets (under the leadership of their Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Brennan), with particular reference to their help with the car parking for the Red Arrows Display.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £1,000 be donated to 2185 (Wareham & Swanage) Air Training Corps in recognition of the valuable work undertaken for the community.

53. **FILMING REQUEST**

An Executive Summary of the proposals for 'As Blue as the Sky' was submitted for information, together with a request for permission to film in various locations within the town.

It was noted that a Presentation had been scheduled for Members' information prior to the commencement of the Meeting, but, unfortunately this had had to be cancelled.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the matter be deferred for consideration at a future meeting of the Council, to enable a Presentation to be made.

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

- (a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended the monthly meeting of 'Pub Watch' on 17th July 2012.
- (b) Councillor Mrs. Bartlett reported, on behalf of PONG (Purbeck Olympic Networking Group), that as a result of the inclement weather, it had been necessary to cancel the 'Purbeck Celebration of Youth' event scheduled to be held on 14th July 2012. The event had been re-arranged for Saturday, 15th September 2012 and would take place on Sandpit Field.

55. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

Items of Information

- (a) It was reported that a private meeting was being held on Wednesday, 8th August 2012 to consider the possibility of applying for an area within Purbeck to be designated as a 'National Park'.
- (b) A public exhibition outlining the proposals for the new St. Mary's First School was being staged at the Town Hall on Monday, 13th August 2012 commencing at 6.30 p.m.

57. **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 matters.

58. **LEGAL ISSUES**

Further to his declaration of interest under Minute No. 46, Councillor Bonfield left the Meeting during consideration of the following item.

(a) **Lower Grammar School Field**

Further to Minute No. 13 (b) of the Council meeting held on 16th July 2012, Members were updated on matters relating to the acquisition of the Lower Grammar School Field.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Pratt and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick:-

That, in light of the Town Council's commitment to securing the continuation of secondary education in Swanage, Dorset County Council be informed that the disposal of the Town Council's leasehold interest in the Lower Grammar School Field is conditional upon the County Council agreeing to the co-location of the Free School with St. Mary's RC Primary School on the Lower Grammar School Field, subject to the outcome of an urgent feasibility study.

A named vote was requested, and recorded as follows:-

In Favour:

The Town Mayor and Councillors Miss Harris, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Patrick, Poultney, Pratt, Whitwam and Wiggins.

Against:

Councillor Mrs. Bartlett.

The Proposition was declared CARRIED with EIGHT Members voting IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and ONE AGAINST.

(b) **Monkey Beach Pontoon Concession**

Further to their declarations of interest under Minute No. 46, Councillors Bonfield and Mrs. Patrick left the Meeting during consideration of the following item.

Further to Minute No. 16 of the Council Meeting held on 20th February 2012, consideration was given to the fee to be charged for the Monkey Beach pontoon concession for the 2012 summer season.

It was proposed by Councillor Wiggins and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett:-

That the sum of £220 be charged for the Monkey Beach pontoon concession for the 2012 summer season.

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

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

There were no matters to report relating to the business sale agreement of the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park at the present time.

The meeting concluded at 8.40 p.m.
