

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick (Mayor) – Chairman

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

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 8 members of the public attended the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Revd. Mike Davis, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

### **Public Participation Time**

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- The official opening of the Swanage Sea Rowing Club Boathouse and appreciation of the support given to the Club by the Town Council.
- Appreciation expressed regarding the continued support of the Town Council in the provision of the emergency telephones at Durlston and Peveril Point.
- Management of the toilets at Swanage Station.
- Matters raised at the November Council Meeting in respect of the application for temporary planning permission for the construction of a well site at California Quarry had related to environmental issues. These included the absence of an environment impact assessment, protection of a triple SSSI site and noise and air quality issues.

The Town Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7.10 p.m.

91. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Bartlett, Suttle and Trite.

92. **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. 17 (d)** – Councillor Bonfield declared a personal interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of being the Chairman of Swanage Angling Club.

93. **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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to it being recorded that Councillor Mrs. Marsh did not vote on, or propose, or second any of the motions on the planning applications, by reason of being a Member of the Purbeck District Council's Planning Board.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Bonfield, 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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Miss Harris, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

94. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

95. **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 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

96. **FINANCE & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Performance Management Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

97. **GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Brown, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Operations Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> November

2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

98. **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**

6/2013/0617 **Ms N Russ**

Insert two dormer windows on front elevation, a dormer window and rooflight on rear elevation to facilitate loft conversion and insert high level window in side elevation. Revised scheme to 6/2013/0101 (insert new dormer window and two roof lights on front elevation and new dormer window to rear elevation to facilitate loft conversion).

1B Purbeck Terrace Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0618 **Mr H Potter**

Insert two dormer windows on front elevation, a dormer window and rooflight on rear elevation to facilitate loft conversion and insert high level window in side elevation. Revised scheme to PA 6/2013/0102 (Insert new dormer window and two rooflights on front elevation and new dormer window to rear elevation to facilitate loft conversion).

1A Purbeck Terrace Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0628 **Mr J Rowley**

Erect extension.

46 Hoburne Park, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0641 **Mr D Smith**

Erect two agricultural storage buildings.

Whitecliff Farm, Whitecliff Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

99. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013 was submitted for information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

100. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Miss Harris, seconded by Councillor Brown, and  
**RESOLVED:-**

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 9 and 9a, amounting to £59,082.53 and £65,935.13 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

101. **FINANCE & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Further to Minute No. 7 of the Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013, and a subsequent request received from Councillor Pratt, consideration was given to the appointment of Members to the Finance & Performance Management Committee.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That Councillor Pratt be appointed to the Finance & Performance Management Committee.

102. **BEACH HUTS – SCALE OF CHARGES 2013/14**

Further to Minute No. 6 (b) i) of the Tourism Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013, the urgent need to agree fees for beach huts in 2014/15 was highlighted.

It had been suggested that fees for the Premium Huts be uplifted by 75% on standard hut prices, but in view of the size of the Premium Huts it was agreed that the uplift be 50% on standard hut prices.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the amended scale of fees for the hire of beach huts in 2014/15 be approved.  
(A copy attached at end of these Minutes).

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:-

That the Tourist Information Centre Supervisor be given delegated authority to discount prices when appropriate to maximise occupancy.

103. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Swanage & District Chamber of Trade Christmas event.
- GirlGuiding 'Giant Sandcastle Frenzy' in aid of Children in Need.
- Swanage Hospital – Autumn Fayre.
- Presentation by pupils at Swanage School.
- A meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner at the Mowlem.
- 'Switch on Swanage' Christmas event.
- Civic Carol Service at Blandford Forum.
- Official Opening of the Swanage Sea Rowing Club Boathouse.

104. **FORMER MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE**

(a) **Additional Speed Limits on A351**

A letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 was submitted from St. Mark's CE VA First School expressing concern for the safety of children attending the new school when it opens in September 2014 due to the speed of traffic on the busy A351 road.

It was requested that consideration be given to the introduction of the following additional speed limits:

- The current 40 mph sign prior to reaching the Langton Matravers junction be reduced to 30 mph;
- The current 30 mph sign on the blind bend leading to the school entrance be reduced to 20 mph.

- The 20 mph restriction would also need to apply when travelling eastwards to complete the 20 mph zone.

Following discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

To support the request for the current 40 mph sign prior to reaching the Langton Matravers junction to be reduced to 30 mph.

(b) **Request for Puffin Crossing**

A letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013 was submitted from Dorset County Council Highways seeking the Town Council's views on the proposed construction of a puffin crossing at High Street in accordance with ancillary works required under planning permission for the new Swanage School.

During the ensuing discussion concerns were expressed at the introduction of an additional crossing in close proximity to an existing crossing.

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

That the matter be deferred pending a site visit with representatives from Dorset County Council Highways and The Swanage School.

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED:-**

That delegated authority be given to the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and other councillors present at the site meeting, to act in the matter.

105. **KING GEORGE'S FIELD**

Consideration was given to a request received for the use of King George's Field as a night landing site for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance helicopter.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That permission be granted for King George's Field to be used as a night landing site for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance helicopter, subject to confirmation of arrangements with the MCA and the Town Council's Operations Manager.

106. **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Further to Minute No. 86 of the Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013, consideration was given to nominations submitted for 'Volunteer of the Year Award 2013'.

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

That Mr. George Willey be nominated for 'Volunteer of the Year Award' 2013 in recognition of his sterling work over many years as a member of the Swanage Regatta & Carnival Committee, the Rotary Club of Swanage & Purbeck, Licensed Victuallers and other local organisations.

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

(a) **Swanage Pub Watch**

Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a recent meeting of ‘Pub Watch’ at which it was reported that all licensed premises in Swanage were now represented on ‘Pub Watch’.

He was also pleased to confirm that arrangements had been finalised for the closure of the Lower High Street on New Year’s Eve.

108. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

(a) **Matters for Forthcoming Agendas**

Borough of Poole – Subsidised Bus Services Consultation – Route 50.

**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.

110. **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) **Main Beach Communications Mast**

Further to Minute No. 14 (a) of the Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012, the Clerk reported that the lease agreement in respect of the communications mast at Main Beach would now be in the name of CITL rather than Vodafone., and it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED:-

That the lease of the site for the communications mast in Main Beach Car Park be entered into with CITL on the terms approved on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

(c) **Lower Grammar School Field**

Further to Minute No. 17 (c) of the Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013, it was noted that a valuation figure had yet to be agreed for the use of part of the Lower Grammar School Field by Joseph Alnatt Centres Ltd.

It was RESOLVED:-

That the matter be deferred for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.

Further to his declaration of interest under Minute No. 2, Councillor Bonfield left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

(d) **Swanage Angling Club**

A letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013 was submitted from Swanage & District Angling Club seeking ‘in principle’ agreement from the Town Council for a

proposed new building in order to accommodate the redevelopment of the existing RNLI station at Peveril Point.

During the ensuing discussion, some concerns were raised regarding the footprint of the proposed new building, and how this may impact of the activities of sea fishermen in this vicinity.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Brown, and  
RESOLVED:-

That the matter be deferred for consideration by  
the Boat Park Working Party.

The meeting concluded at 7.55 p.m.

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