

Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of  
the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall,  
Swanage on **TUESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**  
at 6.15 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick (Mayor) – Chairman

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

There were no members of the public present at the Meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES**

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

2. **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.

3. **ESTIMATES BOOK AND PRECEPT 2014/15**

Further to Minute No. 6 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014, the Clerk reported that central government had now determined that town councils would not be subject to a referendum threshold in 2014/15.

Having regard to the above, detailed consideration was given to the Estimates Book and level of precept to be set for 2014/15.

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

That the Estimates Book be approved and the level of Precept to be levied for 2014/15 be increased to £643,580 (an increase of £12.64 upon Band D household bills).

Under Standing Order No. 10, a named vote was requested and recorded as follows:

**In Favour:** The Town Mayor and Councillors Mrs. Bartlett, Bonfield, Poultney and Suttle.

**Against:** Councillors Mrs. Marsh and Pratt.

**Abstention:** Councillor Whitwam.

FIVE Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition, TWO Members voted AGAINST, and there was ONE ABSTENTION, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

**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.

4. **SEAFRONT AND DOWNS STABILISATION SCHEMES**

Following a meeting with representatives from Morgan Carey (Contract Administrators) and Raymond Brown (Contractors) earlier in the evening, Members noted the current position regarding the Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Schemes.

The extreme weather conditions prevailing during the past weeks were noted, and Members acknowledged the efforts being made by the contractors to adhere to the terms of the contract in spite of the adverse conditions.

The meeting concluded at 6.45 p.m.

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