

Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of
the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall,
Swanage on **WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH 2014** at
4.00 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 W.S. Trite
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

Also in attendance:

Mr Mark Carey – Morgan Carey Architects

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

1. **APOLOGIES**

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

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. **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**

Further to Minute 6 of the Special Meeting held to discuss Policy and Planning matters on Monday 17th March 2014, the Town Clerk again updated those present on the progress of the Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Schemes. Detailed consideration was given to the proposals put forward by the contractors to stabilise the central section of the Recreation Ground, below the war memorial. It was acknowledged that if this was to be undertaken the memorial itself would have to be dismantled and relocated. It was explained that this work had become necessary due to the unprecedented wet weather and geological anomalies identified during the excavations.

Advice received from Purbeck District Council's Planning Department was noted. Reference was also made to the Interim Costs Report provided by the Council's Quantity Surveyor and Council officers explained the availability of funds to undertake

this additional work. It was noted that the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and Capital Programme would need to be reviewed in light of this additional expenditure.

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

To approve the proposal to reduce the levels to the central section of the Recreation Ground in order to re-profile the slope, and to authorise the dismantling and re-location of the war memorial, at an estimated cost of £137,000.

During the discussion it was noted that a further decision would be required in coming weeks regarding the requirement to soil nail the land in question.

The meeting concluded at 4.30 p.m.
