

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite – Chairman

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

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 9 members of the public attended the Meeting.

In the absence of a clergyman, Councillor Mrs. Marsh offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

**Public Participation Time**

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- The Public Inquiry relating to the footpath from Ballard Estate to Burlington Road was scheduled to be held at All Saints Church Hall on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 10.00 a.m.
- Proposed improvements to Priests Way Footpath.
- Opening hours of public toilets in Swanage.
- Update from Education Swanage on matters relating to the co-location of the new Swanage School with St. Marks CE First School on the Swanage Middle School site.
- Land slippage at North Beach.
- Potholes, and general condition of roads/pavements in Swanage.

Councillor Trite opened the Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

123. **APOLOGIES**

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

124. **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.

125. **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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 be approved  
as a correct record and signed.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs.  
Marsh, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Council held to discuss policy and planning matters  
and the annual Estimates on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 be  
approved as a correct record and signed.

126. **FINANCE & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance &  
Performance Management Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup>  
January 2013 be approved as a correct record  
and signed.

127. **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**

6/2012/0827 **Mr M Inman**

Erect split level dwelling with integral garage. Create new vehicular  
access.

5 South Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection, subject to a condition that the  
development be restricted to a single dwelling to remain in keeping with  
this location.

6/2013/0028 **Mr S Williams**

Erect front porch extension and convert garage to habitable space.  
75A Ulwell Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0031 **Mr & Mrs Craigmyle**

Remodel and extend existing dwelling to form sunroom with patio area.  
Cuckmere, Sentry Road, (Formerly 21D Park Road), Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0041 **The Grand Hotel**

Removal of Condition 2 of PP 6/2012/0547 (Erect forty four beach huts  
on three levels with replacement cafe and toilet facilities) to permit the  
erection of forty four beach huts to be retained for a period in excess of  
43 years.

The Grand Hotel , Burlington Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No comment.

6/2013/0043 **Mrs A Smith**

Proposed non-material amendment to PP 6/2012/0355 (Erect side extension, raise ridge height to form living accommodation under new roof, add rooflights and lantern to flat roof.) to change roof tiles from concrete to slate.

12 Lighthouse Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

### **Item for Information Only**

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

6/2013/0035 **Swanage Sea Rowing Club & Swanage Town Council**

Proposed non material amendment to PP 6/2012/0374 (Erect clubhouse and storage facilities; form new access) to relocate steps off Eldon Road to avoid yard in front of boat house, reposition rooflights and amend to square plan and add one additional.

Land off Broad Road, Swanage.

### 128. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on the following matters:-

- (a) The Swanage School planning application – an objection to the application on the Swanage Middle School site had been lodged by Sport England.
- (b) 'Pay and Display' parking meters had now been installed by Dorset County Council on Station Road. The parking meters on Shore Road would be installed shortly when issues relating to the electricity supply had been resolved.
- (c) Proposals to switch off the street lights between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. would be implemented shortly.
- (d) There had been a serious outbreak of graffiti in various locations in the town.

The Mayor had not attended any civic events during the past month.

### 129. **NORTH BEACH CAR PARK**

Consideration was given to a request received from PDSA for permission to bring its mobile PetCheck vehicle to Swanage for one day during the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That permission be granted to PDSA to site its mobile PetCheck vehicle in North Beach car park, subject to a suitable date and siting to be agreed with the Operations Manager.

### 130. **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

- (a) A letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 was submitted from the Planning Policy Manager of Purbeck District Council giving notice that the District Council is consulting on the following four documents between 3<sup>rd</sup> January and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

- Housing Strategy.
- Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document.
- Updated Planning Application Validation List.

- Revised Statement of Community Involvement.

Following a brief discussion, Members did not wish to send an official response from the Town Council in respect of the consultation documents, but considered it to be appropriate for individuals to respond personally if they so wished. It was agreed that Town Council officers liaise with Purbeck District Council in respect of the Housing Strategy.

- (b) Consideration was then given to the Statement of Community Involvement on County Council Planning Matters. Members did not wish to send an official response from the Town Council in respect of this document, but again considered it to be appropriate for individuals to respond personally if they so wished.

131. **SWANAGE LOCAL PLAN STEERING GROUP**

Further to Minute No. 7 of the Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012, it was reported that, due to his work commitments, Councillor Brown would no longer be able to commit to serve on the Swanage Local Plan Steering Group.

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

That Councillor Bonfield be invited to serve on the Swanage Local Plan Steering Group.

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

- (a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended the monthly meeting of Pub Watch.

133. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

**Items of Information**

- (a) **Notification of arrangements for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Swanage Army Link** – Exercising ‘Freedom of the Town’ by Royal Signals Regiment on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014.  
It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-  
That the proposed date of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014 be accepted.
- (b) **Dorset AONB Forum** – Invitation to event at Athelhampton House on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
- (c) **North Beach Landslip** – Further to Minute No. 116 of the Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013, Councillor Brown reported on a recent meeting held with representatives from Dorset County Council, Purbeck District Council, the Town Council, Coastal Change Forum, the Environment Agency and other interested parties to acknowledge the responsibilities of the appropriate agencies/authorities in respect of emergency planning, and action to be taken relating to the landslip at North Beach.

135. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Brown, 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.

136. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Lease - Swanage Sea Rowing Club**

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the lease with the Swanage Sea Rowing Club, and the position was noted.

Attention was drawn to the amendments to the structure set out in planning application 6/2013/0035, and no objections were raised.

(b) **Lower Grammar School Field**

Further to Minute No. 12 (a) of the Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013, the Clerk updated Members on negotiations with Dorset County Council relating to the release of the relevant part of the Lower Grammar School Field for the new St. Mary's RC Primary School, and matters relating to the planning application for The Swanage School on part of the Swanage Middle School site. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Suttle, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED:-

That a letter be sent to Purbeck District Council Planning Department stating that the Town Council is strongly supportive of Education Swanage's proposals and that (in the highly unlikely scenario that St. Mary's RC Primary School is not built) the Town Council will commit to providing a new, permanent sports pitch on the land of at least the size planned by St. Mary's and to make it available for community use.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 p.m.

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