

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite – Chairman

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

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 6 members of the public attended the Meeting.

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

**Public Participation Time**

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Proposed improvements to Priests Way footpath.
- 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.
- Future of the bandstand.
- Land slippage at North Beach.

Councillor Trite opened the Council Meeting at 7.25 p.m.

109. **APOLOGIES**

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

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

110. **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. 5** – Councillor Mrs. Patrick declared a pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct in Planning Applications Nos. 6/2012/0787 and 6/2012/0798 by reason of a business association with the applicants.

**Agenda Item No. 12 (a)** – Councillor Whitwam declared a personal interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of a being a director of Swanage Railway Company.

**Agenda Item No. 12 (a)** – The Town Mayor declared a personal interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of being a director of the Swanage Railway Trust.

111. **GRANTS OF DISPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS – DELEGATION TO COMMITTEES**

Further to Minute No. 93 of the Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012, the Town Clerk drew attention to the need for the Town Council to consider future arrangements for the granting of dispensations in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests.

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

That delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk to grant dispensations in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests under section 33 of the Localism Act, except in circumstances under paragraph 33 (2) (e) where it is ‘otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation’ which shall be reserved for determination by the Council.

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED:-**

That delegated authority also be granted to Committees to determine requests for dispensations in respect of the business of any committee agenda.

112. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to Minute No. 102 (e) being amended to read:

It was anticipated that Dorset County Council would be installing the ‘Pay & Display’ parking meters on Shore Road and Station Road prior to Easter 2013.

113. **FINANCE & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Performance Management Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

114. **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.

**Non- Delegated Applications**

6/2012/0800 **Education Swanage Ltd.**

Erect new secondary school, comprising of school building, sports hall, playing fields, multi use games area, new vehicular and pedestrian access, staff car parking, staff and student cycle parking and associated landscape and ancillary works.

Land at Swanage Middle School, High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** Recommend approval. Swanage Town Council fully supports this application.

Further to her declarations of interest under Minute No. 2, Councillor Mrs. Patrick left the Meeting prior to consideration of the following two items.

### **Delegated Applications**

6/2012/0787 **Mr Jones**

Erect single storey rear extension.

Millbrook Guest House, 56 Kings Road West, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2012/0798 **Dr M Luty**

Remove existing caravan and erect timber summerhouse.

Tall Trees, Ulwell Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No comment, pending receipt of the Conservation Officer's Report.

6/2012/0807 **New Look Group Plc.**

Install 3 internally illuminated folded aluminium fascia panels and 1 non-illuminated folded aluminium projecting sign.

New Look, Trocadero, High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** Recommend refusal. It was considered that the fascia panels and projecting sign would be inappropriate in this location. This application is not in accordance with the Town Council's policy that internally illuminated signage should not be installed in Swanage town centre.

6/2012/0813 **Mr Williamson**

Erect two storey rear extension.

164 Kings Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection, although some concerns were raised at the scale of the extension and the roof design.

6/2012/0816 **Ms D Sinclair**

Erect detached annexe in rear garden.

1 Newton Rise, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection. However, Members expressed concern that the structure should not be used as a separate dwelling in the future and requested that approval be made personal to the applicant in this instance.

6/2012/0817 **Mrs J Patana**

Demolish existing buildings and erect 2 four bedroomed dwellings with second floor balconies and associated parking; form new vehicular access (revised scheme to PA 6/2009/0733 to approved as built).

Willow and Oak, 53A Queens Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** Recommend refusal. Concerns were expressed regarding overlooking of neighbouring properties, and Members were of the opinion that the original planning application should be adhered to.

115. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Before commencing his announcements, the Mayor wished everybody a very happy and prosperous New Year.

He then reported on the following matters:-

- (a) Thanks to the Swanage Regatta & Carnival Association and Swanage Town & Herston Football Club for their assistance with the arrangements for New Year's Eve.
- (b) A peaceful protest against the Navitus Bay Wind Farm was being held on Shore Road in the vicinity of the Mowlem, on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 11.00 a.m.

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

- (a) Lyme Regis Civic Day.
- (b) Swanage Town Carol Service at St. Mary's Parish Church.
- (c) Judging of the Swanage Chamber of Trade Christmas Window competition.
- (d) Town Council staff Christmas party.

116. **NORTH BEACH LANDSLIP**

Councillor Brown reported on the recent landslip at North Beach and action that had been taken by the Coastguard Service over the Christmas period to deter members of the public from visiting the area.

During the ensuing discussion, it was felt that, although responsibilities did not lie with the Town Council, it would take a pro-active approach in co-ordinating the appropriate agencies/authorities for emergency planning, and that a meeting be arranged with representatives from Dorset County Council, Purbeck District Council, the Town Council, Coastal Change Forum and other interested parties.

It was agreed that appropriate signage be erected by the appropriate authority as a matter of urgency at key locations in the area i.e. Ocean Bay, Burlington Chine and Shep's Hollow.

117. **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO PRIESTS WAY FOOTPATH**

Consideration was given to a request received from Mr. Ian Mackenzie for a Statement of Support from the Town Council for a grant application to the Paths for Communities Fund in respect of improvements to Priests Way footpath.

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

That the Town Council supports the plans, based on a Grant from the Paths for Communities Fund (P4C) administered by Natural England, to carry out essential repairs and necessary improvements to the Priest's Way, in particular to improve drainage, whilst at the same time preserving the historic nature of the bridleway: also to improve access by creating three new bridleways, via Acton, Langton Matravers and Verney Farm, to link with the Priest's Way.

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

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

119. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

**Items of Information**

- (a) **New Year's Eve** – An update was given on the New Year's Eve celebrations in the town. It had been an enjoyable occasion, with no major incidents being reported.
- (b) **Parish Precepts 2013/14** – A letter was submitted from Purbeck District Council outlining significant changes to local government finance which would be reflected in the Council Tax base. The impact that these changes may have on Parish Precepts 2013/14 would be considered at the Finance & Performance Management Committee meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January and at the Estimates meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January.
- (c) **Swanage Station** – Works to replace the station canopy would be commencing shortly and would, hopefully, be completed by Easter 2013.

121. **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.

122. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Lease - Swanage Railway**

Further to his declaration of interest under Minute No. 2, the Town Mayor relinquished the Chair and left the Meeting during consideration of the following item.

Further to his declaration of interest under Minute No. 2, Councillor Whitwam also left the Meeting during consideration of the following item.

Councillor Mrs. Patrick assumed the Chair.

The Clerk updated Members on lease negotiations with the Swanage Railway Company. It was noted that the Railway Company had agreed to accept responsibility for the toilet facilities at the station.

Consideration was then given to the proposed Heads of Terms for the lease (as set out in a letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 from the Council's valuer), and it was AGREED:-

That the matter be deferred for consideration at the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

The Town Mayor re-assumed the Chair.

(b) **Lower Grammar School Field**

There were no matters to report regarding the Lower Grammar School Field at the present time.

(c) **Ice Cream Kiosk**

Further to her declaration of interest under Minute No. 2, Councillor Mrs. Patrick left the Meeting during consideration of the following item.

Further to Minute No. 108 (c) of the Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and a subsequent meeting of the Working Party, the Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the ice cream kiosk concession on Shore Road. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Miss Harris:-

That a licence agreement be offered to the present ice cream kiosk operator for 2013, with an option to extend the licence for the 2014 season, subject to the timescale of works on the seafront stabilisation scheme.

The offer of the above licence agreement was subject to no security of tenure being established, and payment of an appropriate rental fee.

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

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

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