

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick (Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett  
Councillor M. Bonfield  
Councillor I. Brown  
Councillor Miss C. Harris  
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh  
Councillor S. Poultney  
Councillor M.W. Pratt  
Councillor W.S. Trite  
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. Mark Hatto, who offered a prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

### **Public Participation Time**

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- The official opening of the improved Priests Way footpath on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.
- Hydraulic fracturing.
- Introduction of a 'Puffin Crossing' on the High Street between Herston Cross and the Swanage School site.

The Town Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

111. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for his inability to attend the meeting was received from Councillor Suttle.

112. **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. 13 (c)** – Councillor Whitwam declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of being a director of Swanage Railway Company.

113. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the  
Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013 be approved  
as a correct record and signed.

114. **FINANCE & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance &  
Performance Management Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup>  
December 2013 be approved as a correct record and  
signed.

115. **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**

6/2013/0645 **J Hutchins & Partners**

Erect two luxury bedroom suites in a detached building with vehicular  
access from Manor Road.

Purbeck House Hotel, 91 High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0646 **J Hutchins & Partners**

**LISTED** Demolish a section of wall to form vehicular access to detached  
bedroom suite building.

Purbeck House Hotel, 91 High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0651 **Mr & Mrs Elsom**

Carry out engineering works to form new vehicular access and off-road  
parking area with timber deck over.

4 Ulwell Road, Swanage.

**OBJECTION:** No objection.

6/2013/0652 **Mr M Lyons**

Erect side extension.

Aurora, High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0655 **Mr Bowerman**

Erect 53 kW wind turbine – 18.85 metres to hub height and 27.1 metres  
to blade tip.

Land to the west of Godlingston Manor, Washpond Lane, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** Recommend refusal. Members re-stated their  
previous concerns at the visual impact of the structure in an area of  
outstanding natural beauty.

- 6/2013/0660 **Mr & Mrs Soulsby**  
 Sever land and erect detached dwelling (Revised scheme to withdrawn PA 6/2013/0563. Sever land and erect detached dwelling).  
 Newton Manor House, 170 High Street, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2013/0661 **Mr & Mrs Soulsby**  
 Modify existing vehicular access with new walling and entrance piers. Landscape garden and layout parking spaces. (Revised scheme to withdrawn PA 6/2013/0564 – Modify existing vehicular access with new walling and entrance piers. Retain existing fencing enclosing garden. Layout parking spaces.)  
 Newton Manor House, 170 High Street, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2013/0662 **Mr & Mrs Soulsby**  
**LISTED** Demolish and rebuild stone walling and entrance piers to existing vehicular access.  
 Newton Manor House, 170 High Street, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2013/0671 **Mr & Mrs Dennis**  
 Internal alterations to facilitate conversion of two dwellings into one. 19-21 Bell Street, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

### **Items for Information Only**

- 6/2013/0658 **McCarthy & Stone Retirement Lifestyles Ltd**  
 Redevelop site by the erection of 24 self-contained flats; modify existing vehicular access (Revised scheme to that subject of outline planning permission 2/2002/0246 and reserved matters approval 6/2007/0320).  
 Shore House, Shore Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.
- 6/2013/0664 **Mr & Mrs Buckley**  
 Erect single-storey side and rear extension.  
 36 Victoria Avenue, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.

### 116. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Civic Carol Service at Blandford Forum.
- Carol Service at St. Mary's Parish Church, Swanage.
- Carol Service at Salvation Army, Swanage.
- Carol Service at St. Mark's Church, Swanage.

- Carol Service at All Saints Church, Swanage.
- Swanage & Purbeck Rotary Club's Christmas Breakfast.
- Christmas morning visit to Swanage Hospital.

117. **SWANAGE FOOTPATH 46 DIVERSION**

A letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 was submitted from Mr. Ian Mackenzie seeking the Council's approval to make an application for the diversion of Footpath 46 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

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

That the matter be deferred for consideration at the meeting of the Transport Committee to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014, and that Mr. Mackenzie be invited to attend the Meeting to provide clarification on the proposed diversion.

118. **JURASSIC COAST MANAGEMENT PLAN**

It was reported that the Jurassic Coast Management Plan was currently being revised, and comments and suggestions on how the Site is managed for the next five years were invited.

Full details were available at [www.jurassiccoast.org/plan](http://www.jurassiccoast.org/plan).

The document was broadly welcomed for the protection it offered to the World Heritage site, and officers were asked to respond accordingly.

119. **SWANAGE FREE SCHOOL**

Further to Minute No. 104 (b) of the Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013, and a subsequent site visit with representatives from Dorset County Council Highways and The Swanage School, consideration was again given to the proposed construction of a puffin crossing at High Street.

During the ensuing discussion, Members were adamant that the safety of the children was paramount, but expressed concern regarding the type and location of the proposed crossing.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Ms. Harris, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That further information regarding the type and location of the proposed crossing be obtained from Dorset County Council Highways, and that delegated authority to act on the matter be given to the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Trite.

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

(a) **Swanage Youth Centre**

Councillor Mrs. Bartlett wished to record her appreciation of the sterling work undertaken by Lorna Haines and members of 'Churches Together' in decorating the Youth Centre building.

121. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

(a) **Items of Information**

Following the recent heavy rainfall, the water table was now full.

Arising from the above, Members wished to thank the Council's Operations Manager and the outside workforce for the efficient clearing up operation following the recent tidal surges.

**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.

123. **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) **Lower Grammar School Field**

Further to Minute No. 110 (c) of the Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013, the Town Clerk updated those present on matters relating to the Lower Grammar School Field.

It was noted that a site meeting was being held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to address the issues raised.

Further to his declaration of interest under Minute No. 2, Councillor Whitwam remained in the meeting during consideration of the following item, but did not participate in the debate.

(c) **Lease - Swanage Railway**

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the Swanage Railway lease, and it was agreed that, following receipt of legal advice, the matters be referred for consideration by the Swanage Railway Working Party.

(d) **Lease – RNLI Boathouse**

Further to Minute No. 110 (d) of the Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013, draft Heads of Terms for the new RNLI Boathouse lease were submitted for information.

Having regard to the earlier request submitted from Swanage & District Angling Club seeking 'in principle' agreement from the Town Council for a proposed new building, and the concerns raised regarding the footprint of the proposed new RNLI building, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED:-

That the matter be deferred pending a meeting of the Boat Park Working Party.

The meeting concluded at 8.25 p.m.

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