

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 1st JULY 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick (Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett
Councillor M. Bonfield
Councillor I. Brown
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. John Cooper, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Concerns raised by concessionaire regarding trading opposition.
- Congratulations to Councillor Mrs. Gloria Marsh on being awarded the MBE.
- Traffic congestion on Shore Road.
- Swanage Boat Park – Slipway charges for divers.

The Town Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7.15 p.m.

29. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Miss Harris and Suttle.

30. **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.

31. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 3rd June 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Council held to discuss policy and planning
matters on 17th June 2013 be approved as a correct
record and signed.

32. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

- Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism
Committee held on 3rd June 2013 be approved as
a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee, but as
the meeting had not been quorate, the Council confirmed all decisions taken on
delegated matters.

33. **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**

6/2013/0333 **Mr R Besant**

Erect two storey side extension for use as annexe.
5 Sunridge Close, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to the extension being an
integral part of the building and not used as a separate dwelling.

6/2013/0336 **Swanage Disabled Club**

Demolish existing garage and erect new garage.
10 Cecil Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2013/0341 **Mr S a'Barrow**

Dismantle and rebuild garden walls, remove part patio and erect
detached two- storey outbuilding.

Newton Manor Hall, 170 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to the outbuilding not being
used as a separate dwelling.

6/2013/0342 **Mr S a'Barrow**

LISTED

Dismantle and rebuild garden walls, remove part patio and demolish
east garden walls of courtyard, reposition cast iron pumping handle and
erect detached two- storey outbuilding.

Newton Manor Hall, 170 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to the outbuilding not being
used as a separate dwelling.

Item for Information Only

The following application was not discussed by the Town Council as it was considered that a conflict of interest existed, given that the Council had retained the freehold of the Holiday Park.

6/2013/0343 **Mrs Melville**

Erect vinyl decking.

Plot 95, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

34. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Town Twinning Reception to welcome visitors to Swanage from Rudesheim am Rheine.
- Laying the initial concrete foundation for the new Swanage School.
- 'Fly the Flag' Ceremony in honour of Armed Forces Day at Purbeck District Council.
- Swanage & Purbeck Hospitality Association – Recruitment Meeting.
- Swanage & Purbeck Chamber of Trade & Commerce – Annual General Meeting.
- Swanage Rowing Regatta – Prizegiving.
- Wareham Town Civic Service.
- Swanage Town Civic Service.

Together with fellow Councillors, the Mayor had visited St. Mary's School to listen to Year 5 speeches, and had received a framed photograph from the school to commemorate the event.

Finally, the Town Mayor was delighted to announce that Councillor Mrs. Gloria Marsh had been awarded the MBE for services to local government and the environment.

35. **SWANAGE LOCAL PLAN**

(a) **Progress Report**

The Town Clerk gave a brief overview of the Local Plan requirements, which included settlement extensions and expanded retail floorspace. The first meeting had been held in May with local organisations and service providers to identify issues to be examined as part of the Plan process.

Four Working Groups had been established, under the following Chairmanships, to progress matters.

- Economy and Town Centre – Bob Foster
- Housing and Built Environment – Gary Richardson
- Social and Community – Mel Norris
- Natural Environment – Malcolm Turnbull

A further round of workshops are planned for coming weeks, with a full blown public consultation exercise in early 2014.

(b) **Nomination of Representation on Steering Group**

Following the resignation of Councillor Miss Harris (due to work commitments), nominations were invited for representation on the Local Plan Steering Group.

It was proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Whitwam be appointed to serve on the Swanage Local Plan Steering Group.

(c) **Amalgamation of related Working Parties**

Consideration was given to the possible amalgamation of two Working Parties that had been appointed in May 2013 i.e. Local Plan Working Party and Availability of Land in Public Ownership for Development of Affordable Housing Working Party.

It was felt that the issue of what land is allocated for affordable housing was a key part of the Local Plan, and it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Availability of Land in Public Ownership for Development of Affordable Housing Working Party be amalgamated with the Local Plan Working Party.

The amalgamated Local Plan Working Party to consist of the following Members:

The Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Mrs. Bartlett, Bonfield, Miss Harris, Pratt, Trite and Whitwam.

36. **SEAFRONT ENHANCEMENT**

(a) **Stabilisation Scheme**

It was reported that a planning application for the Seafront Stabilisation Scheme, incorporating the amended public conveniences design agreed by the Working Party, had been lodged with Purbeck District Council on 21st June 2013 at a cost of £1,925.

(b) **Shore Road – Condition of Road Surface**

Further to previous representations made to Dorset County Council regarding the very poor condition of Shore Road, Members again expressed concern at the condition of the entire length of Shore Road, and now considered that the road surface had deteriorated to such an extent that it was dangerous for all road users, with particular concern being expressed for the safety of cyclists/motorcyclists. It was also felt that the condition of the road did not present the correct image to visitors to one of the most high profile tourist destinations in the county.

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

That a letter be sent to Dorset County Council highlighting the Town Council's concerns and requesting that urgent remedial action be taken to address the matter.

(c) **Shore Road – Lighting Scheme**

It was reported that a number of the heritage lamp columns had been removed from Shore Road some years ago and had not yet been reinstated.

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

That a letter be sent to Dorset County Council requesting that the heritage lamp columns be reinstated on Shore Road.

37. **THE SWANAGE SCHOOL**

Consideration was given to a letter received from the Headteacher of The Swanage School requesting the use of King George's Field for activities connected with their whole-school transition days on 22nd and 23rd July 2013.

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

That permission be granted for the use of King George's Field by The Swanage School on 22nd and 23rd July 2013.

38. **VARIATION OF LICENCE**

An application under the Licensing Act 2003 for a variation of the Premises Licence for The Snack Bar, High Street, Swanage was submitted, for information.

It was RESOLVED:-

That no objections be raised to the variation of the Premises Licence.

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

- (a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a meeting of 'Pub Watch' on 6th June. Dorset Police had been represented at the meeting, and were of the opinion that there was no direct link between the recent spate of criminal damage in the town and the switching off of the street lights between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.
- (b) The Town Mayor reported that she had attended the AGM of the Swanage Youth Centre, at which Councillor Mrs. Bartlett had been re-appointed as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
- (c) The Town Mayor reported that she had attended the AGM of the Swanage Town and Community Partnership, and had been appointed as Chairman of the Partnership for the ensuing year.
- (d) Councillor Bonfield reported that he had attended the AGM of the Swanage Town & Herston Football Club, and updated Members on proposed changes within the Club.

40. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

Items of Information

- (a) Proposal to re-open coast path to Durlston above Zig-Zag.
- (b) Vacancies for local Councillors on PDC Standards Committee.
- (c) PDC Consultation Documents – The Next Steps.
- (d) The emergency telephone facility at Anvil Point had been re-instated.
- (e) The Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner would be attending the Council meeting on 5th August 2013.
- (f) Dorset Waste Management Partnership – Proposed changes to recycling collections – Meeting with Members on 19th August 2013.

Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

- (a) Purchase of defibrillator for use on Swanage Seafront.
- (b) Traffic Management – Exit from Gilbert Road rear service road onto Rempstone Road.
- (c) Traffic Management – Car Parking Charges/Camper Vans.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, 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.

42. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Shore Road Ice Cream Concession**

Further to Minute No. 11 (a) of the Council meeting held on 20th May 2013, the Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the ice cream concession on Shore Road, and confirmed that the appropriate notice had been served.

(b) **Lease – Swanage Railway**

Further to Minute No. 9 of the Council meeting held on 17th June 2013, and the subsequent submission of a written resolution in accordance with Standing Order No. 36, the request from Swanage Railway for permission to relocate the Birds Nest Buffet carriage prior to the conclusion of negotiations of all Heads of Terms for the proposed lease for the station site was reconsidered.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Poultney:-

That immediate permission be granted for the relocation of the Birds Nest Buffet carriage to the platform nearest to Rempstone Road.

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

Following further discussion on the progress of negotiations regarding the new lease, it was proposed by Councillor Brown and seconded by the Town Mayor:-

That the new lease must be signed prior to 1st September 2013. Failure to comply with this proviso will render Heads of Terms invalid.

Upon being put to the Meeting, EIGHT Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and TWO AGAINST, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

Consideration was then given to a request that a clause be included for the assignment of the lease.

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

That under no circumstances would the Town Council permit the assignment of the lease.

The meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.
