

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the
Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall,
Swanage on **MONDAY, 6th JUNE 2011** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett
Councillor M. Bonfield
Councillor I. Brown
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
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, 8 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Refurbishment of Swanage Library

The Town Mayor welcomed Ms. Tracy Long and Ms. Linda Constable from Dorset County Council Library Services, who gave an informative presentation on the refurbishment of Swanage Library, which was now nearing completion. It was reported that the library was scheduled to re-open on 15th June 2011, and a public celebration event was planned for 2nd July 2011 to mark the successful completion of the project.

The Library Services Manager then explained the financial challenge facing Dorset County Council and the savings that would need to be made by the library service to contribute to the overall savings required by the County Council. She updated Members on the consultation that had been held across all of Dorset's 34 communities with a library, and subsequent meetings held regarding the future delivery of library services in the county. A decision on the matter would be determined by Dorset County Council on 21st July 2011.

The Mayor opened the meeting for Public Participation at 7.15 p.m.

Public Participation Time

MR. J. JAMES referred to the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 25th May 2011, and expressed his appreciation of the availability of the draft minutes of the meeting on the Town Council's website. He then put forward suggestions for traffic signage in De Moulham Road.

MR. P. BROWN again highlighted the litter problems that were experienced in the Town Square and Lower High Street. He was of the opinion that the bulk of the rubbish was generated from take-away food establishment, and suggested that when granting new planning applications for take-away food establishments, the provision of adequate litter bins should be a condition of the approval. It was reported that the Town Council had made just such a proposal in response to consultation on a recent planning application.

MR. I. SAUNDERS referred to the re-assignment of the lease of the Santa Fe Amusement Park, and enquired whether the Town Council's approval had been given for the introduction of new equipment within the area. It was noted that the Town Council had been in discussions with the new operators of the Park, specifically in relation to the dinosaur-themed crazy golf area.

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

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

16. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for her inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Miss Harris.

17. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 16th May 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to Minute No. 13 (a) being amended to read:

Councillor Mrs. Marsh reported that a meeting had been held at Dorchester earlier in the day regarding the future of James Day Home. A further interview was scheduled to be held.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 23rd May 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

18. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee held on 25th May 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the following recommendation contained in the Minutes:-

Highway Matters

Proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That public consultation be undertaken in respect of Dorset County Council's proposals for the introduction of 'Pay and Display' parking along Shore Road and Station Road.

It was agreed that public consultation would be undertaken through the publication of an article and response form in the next edition of 'Swanage Matters' and also on the Town Council's website.

19. **PLANS**

Under the Model Code of Conduct, Members declared a formal interest in the capacity of Corporate Trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust in applications relating to the Trust.

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

Plan No.

- 6/2011/0295 **Emmanuel Baptist Church Swanage**
Demolish existing building and erect terrace of 6 dwellings with associated parking; create new pedestrian and vehicular access.
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Howard Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

Delegated Applications

- 6/2011/0282 **Mr & Mrs Graves**
Erect two storey front extension and two storey rear extension.
31 Bon Accord Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs. Bartlett declared her personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a personal friend of the applicant, and as her interest was prejudicial, she left the Meeting during the debate.

- 6/2011/0285 **Mrs M Chinchen**
Erect two storey rear extension.
25 South Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to there being no overlooking of neighbouring properties.

Before consideration of this item, Councillors Mrs. Patrick and Suttle declared a prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of a business association with the applicant and left the Meeting during the debate. Councillor Wiggins declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a personal friend of the applicant, and as his interest was prejudicial, he also left the Meeting during the debate.

- 6/2011/0294 **Mr J Wood**
Erect rooftop extension to flats 1, 2 and 3 to form additional living accommodation with roof terrace and make alterations to windows on east elevation at first floor level. Revised scheme to PP 6/2009/0260.
Ocean Bay, 2 Ulwell Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal on the grounds that the application represents overdevelopment of the site.

6/2011/0300 **Mr & Mrs M Seedall**
Variation of Condition 2 of PP 6/2010/0244 (Alterations and Extensions) to include amendments to ridge height, deletion of glazing and insertion of roof light in rear elevation, deletion of glazed canopy and insertion of windows in rear of garage.
3 Atlantic Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal on the grounds of overlooking of neighbouring properties.

6/2011/0279 **Mr P Simmons**
Change of use from A2 (office) to C3 (residential) to form flat at first floor level.
Barclays Bank Chambers, 2 Mermond Place, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate.

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.

6/2011/0280 **Mr Fordham**
Erect timber decking with access steps.
Plot 173, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

For Information Only

6/2011/0281 **Mr & Mrs Sheasby**
Proposed non material amendment to PP 6/2010/0379 (raise roof to form additional first floor accommodation including the insertion of dormer windows, balcony and rooflight on south elevation and replace concrete tiles with clay tiles.
1A Atlantic Road, Swanage.

20. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that he had attended Portland Town Council's Annual Mayor Making Ceremony on 18th May 2011.

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

(a) In the absence of Councillor Harris (due to a work commitment), a comprehensive Report that she had prepared on a meeting of the Dorset Coast Forum on 26th May 2011 was circulated, for information.
In noting the content of the Report, Members expressed their appreciation of the detailed Report compiled by Councillor Harris.

22. **TOWN TWINNING**

It was reported that a party of German visitors from Rudesheim were visiting Swanage to mark the 25th Anniversary of the towns' twinning, and that a Welcome Event was being held in conjunction with the Swanage Town Twinning Association on 9th June 2011 in the Mowlem Community Room.

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

That a sum not exceeding £330 be allocated towards the expenses of hosting the Welcome Event.

23. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

- (a) Condition of telephone kiosks.
- (b) To report request received from 'Switch on Swanage' to hold music events on Shore Road on Saturdays, 13th and 27th August 2011.
- (c) To report the completion of the 'Stoney Bones' project, and the raising of the new flags in the Town Square on Thursday, 9th June 2011 at 1.45 p.m.
- (d) To report the necessary removal of a horse chestnut tree in Victoria Avenue by Dorset County Council.
- (e) Obstruction caused by 'A' boards on pavements – DCC developing new policy.

25. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, 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.

26. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Emmanuel Baptist Church**

Further to Minute No. 181 (c) of the Council meeting held on 4th April 2011 and a subsequent meeting of the Working Party with the Council's valuer, the Town Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the disposal of the site of Herston public conveniences to the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To accept the offer of £34,000 for the disposal of the site of Herston public conveniences to the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

(b) **Swanage Railway Disposal Options**

Before consideration of this item, the Town Mayor declared a prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a director of the Swanage Railway Trust, and left the Meeting during the debate.

Councillor Whitwam declared a prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a director of the Swanage Railway Company, and also left the Meeting during the debate.

Further to Minute No. 9 of the Policy and Planning Meeting held on 24th January 2011, and a subsequent meeting of the Working Party with representatives of Swanage Railway, the Town Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the Swanage Railway disposal options.

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

That negotiations with Swanage Railway commence in respect of regularising the existing lease and

carrying out a rent review in light of the Railway's increased commercial operations.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 p.m.
