

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2013** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor S. Poultney – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett  
Councillor M. Bonfield  
Councillor I. Brown  
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh  
Councillor W.S. Trite  
Councillor M. Whitwam  
Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 7 members of the public attended the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Revd. Mark Hatto, from the Emmanuel Baptist Church, who offered a prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

**Public Participation Time**

**MRS. MAGGIE HARDY**, on behalf of the Swanage and Purbeck Rotary Club, explained the tradition of the Club in acknowledging those who had carried out exceptional work for the benefit of the community. The Club had unanimously decided to recognise the sterling work undertaken by Councillor Mrs. Cherry Bartlett and it gave her great pleasure to present Councillor Mrs. Bartlett with the Paul Harris Award.

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Litter collection on Shore Road and the Main Beach.
- Requirement for litter bins at North Beach and in the vicinity of Ocean Bay.

Councillor Poultney opened the Council Meeting at 7.05 p.m.

16. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from the Town Mayor, and Councillors Miss Harris and Pratt.

17. **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.

18. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (c) Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

19. **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 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

20. **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**

6/2013/0287 **Swanage Railway Trust**

Installation of railway siding and turntable to include temporary access road and compound, boundary treatment and landscaping.

Land to south west of Prospect Business Park, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

**Delegated Applications**

6/2013/0274 **Mr M Rowley**

Erect extension to rear elevation and extend roof and form gable walls to both ends to accommodate loft conversion. Create new vehicular access and driveway.

55 Ulwell Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0277 **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 (Revised scheme to 6/2012/0800 to

amend materials, signage, windows, rooflights and external staircases – Sports Hall – Design changes).

Land at Swanage Middle School, High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0289 **Mr A Crome**

Insert 7 new rooflights to accomodate existing loft conversion and insert an egress window to north facing elevation. Re-arrange solar panels, erect rear conservatory and extend existing patio area.

39 Cauldron Crescent, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0291 **Swanage P.C.C.**

Site storage unit on west side of building.

All Saints Church, 26 Ulwell Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0293 **Mrs C Beale**

Erect side conservatory.

6 Hoburne Park, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

#### **Items for Information Only**

6/2013/0276 **Mr R Wylie**

Erect front conservatory extensions.

York House Care Home, 8-10 Cauldon Avenue, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.

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.

6/2013/0280 **Mr A Foskett**

Erect vinyl decking.

Plot 73, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

6/2013/0297 **Mr & Mrs Hunt**

Erect single storey extensions to the front, side and rear elevations, incorporating a balcony to the front.

19 Beach Gardens, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.

#### 21. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In the absence of the Town Mayor, the Chairman reported that he had attended the following events:

- Together with Councillors Bonfield, Brown and Mrs. Marsh he had attended the Official Opening of the new Emmanuel Baptist Church in Victoria Avenue.

- The unveiling and launching of the Swanage Sea Rowing Club's new practice boat.

22. **IMPACT OF STREET LIGHTS SWITCH OFF**

Further to representations made during Public Participation Time at the Annual Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013, and concerns raised regarding what appeared to be a recent increase in crime rates in the town since the decision by Dorset County Council to switch street lights off between midnight and 5.30 a.m., it was suggested that DCC be reminded of pledges given prior to the introduction of this policy, whereby particular 'trouble spots' could be highlighted.

Following discussion, it was AGREED:-

That the matter be deferred to a future meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters to enable further information to be obtained.

23. **ANVIL POINT EMERGENCY TELEPHONE**

It was reported that the emergency telephone at Anvil Point had been out of order since October 2012, and concerns were expressed that the delay in summoning urgent assistance could result in a fatality.

During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that this telephone had been installed by Dorset County Council, and that was the authority responsible for its maintenance and upkeep. Members were anxious to see this facility re-instated, but were reluctant to take on this responsibility, bearing in mind that the Town Council already bears the cost of a similar emergency telephone at Peveril Point.

It was proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED:-

That a letter be sent to the Chief Executive of Dorset County Council requesting that urgent action be taken to re-instate the emergency telephone facility at Anvil Point.

In the absence of a positive response to this letter, it was AGREED:-

That Swanage Town Council fund the reinstatement of the telephone.

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

- (a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a meeting of 'Pub Watch' on 15<sup>th</sup> May, at which concerns had been expressed at the recent spate of criminal damage in the town.
- (b) Councillor Mrs. Marsh had attended a meeting of the Maintenance Advisory Group of the Swanage Pier Trust on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

25. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

(a) **IT Equipment**

It was reported that a new contract for the supply of IT equipment and appropriate support had been agreed with Four County Services, which would result in a saving of approximately 50% over the next three years.

(b) **Swanage Sea Rowing Club**

It was reported that work was soon to commence on the construction of the new SSRC Clubhouse, and a request had been received for suitable space to be

made available for a works compound. An appropriate site had been identified in Broad Road Car Park and a compensatory sum had been negotiated for the loss of car parking revenue.

(c) **Peveril Point – Parking for National Coastwatch**

Further to Minute No. 157 of the Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013, it was reported that work for the re-location of the existing gate to enable the provision of two parking spaces for use by Coastwatch duty staff with restricted mobility would be completed within the next week.

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

**Items of Information**

- (a) 'Today's Youths – Tomorrows Leaders' – Handbook for Youth Involvement in Town and Parish Councils had been circulated, for information.
- (b) It was noted that the next meeting of the Council to discuss policy and planning matters would be held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 10.00 a.m.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, 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.

27. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **RNLI Boathouse**

Further to the informal meeting held with representatives of the RNLI on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013, landlord's consent for a new and enlarged Boathouse was sought from the Town Council prior to the RNLI lodging a planning application with Purbeck District Council.

Following discussion, it was AGREED:-

That no objection be raised to the RNLI seeking planning permission, but that formal landlord's consent be withheld until the design is finalised.

It was then proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, in order to accommodate the enlarged Boathouse, the required action be taken to obtain possession of the site of the two sheds between the existing Boathouse and the Angling Club.

Consideration was then given to the request for the renewal of the lease for a further period of 21 years.

During the ensuing discussion, Members were mindful of the age of the existing document, and it was considered preferable that a new lease be granted at a peppercorn rent.

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

That a new 21 year lease be granted to the RNLI at a peppercorn rent.

In agreeing to charge a peppercorn rent, it was acknowledged that this would constitute a 'disposal for less than due consideration', and it was AGREED:-

That a peppercorn rent be charged as the lease was being granted for the economic and social benefit of the town, and

It was FURTHER AGREED:-

That the Town Clerk be authorised to progress negotiations with the RNLI.

27. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME – BROAD ROAD STABILISATION**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Brown declared a pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of being a friend of the architect and left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

The Operations Manager updated Members on matters relating to the stabilisation of Broad Road, and explained the initial geotechnical assessment relating to the proposed car park improvements, a proposal for intrusive investigations.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED:-

To authorise expenditure of up to £3,500 for the geotechnical assessment.

28. **DE MOULHAM ESTATE BACK ROADS**

(a) **12 Gannetts Park – Condition of Service Road**

In response to an issue highlighted by the Council's surveyor, consideration was given to the condition of the service road at the rear of 12 Gannetts Park. Following discussion, it was AGREED:-

That delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk and the Operations Manager to act in the matter.

(b) **23 De Moulham Road – Request for Access**

A letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013 was submitted from Mr. M. Turnbull outlining future proposals to build a new house in the garden of 23 De Moulham Road and requesting permission for vehicular access to the property from the rear service road.

It was AGREED:-

That the request for an easement be approved in principle, and that the Town Clerk and the Council's surveyor be authorised to negotiate appropriate fees.

The meeting concluded at 8.25 p.m.

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