

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the  
Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall,  
Swanage on **MONDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012**  
at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett  
Councillor M. Bonfield  
Councillor Miss C. Harris  
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh  
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick  
Councillor S. Poultney  
Councillor M. Pratt  
Councillor M. Whitwam  
Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 13 members of the public attended the Meeting.

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

#### **Public Participation Time**

**MR. J. JAMES** referred to the proposed introduction of ‘pay and display’ parking regulations on Shore Road by Dorset County Council, and suggested that this may be an appropriate time to give consideration to the permanent closure to traffic of the southern section of Shore Road. The **TOWN MAYOR** noted this suggestion.

**MR. JAMES** then enquired whether signage had been removed from North Beach car park due to vandalism, and was informed that some signs had been removed by Town Council staff as part of the overall scheme to upgrade the signage in all of the Council’s car parks. He also made reference to the overnight parking of camper vans in the Council’s car parks, and was informed that the facility previously provided for one night stopovers in Main Beach car park had now been withdrawn.

**MR. I. SAUNDERS** enquired which of the town’s toilet blocks would be opened for the Easter period. He was informed that no changes had been made to the Council’s existing policy for the opening of these facilities.

**MR. P. BROWN** reported that the Shell Bay/Sandbanks ferry would be out of service for approximately 3 weeks, commencing 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012, and he enquired whether Dorset County Council had any road works affecting the A351 scheduled for this period as this may cause disruption to the traffic flow in and out of Swanage.

**MS. L. SMITH** suggested that consideration be given to the setting up of a ‘community orchard’, and was advised by the **TOWN MAYOR** to submit further information in writing to the Town Clerk to enable the matter to be fully discussed.

**MR. D. HOLMAN** again referred to a memorial that had been displayed in the vicinity of Sheps Hollow following the tragic death of a young local resident

approximately one year ago and enquired whether the Town Council had received any objections to the replacement of this memorial.

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

128. **APOLOGIES**

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

129. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare their interest as per the Parish Councils Model Code of Conduct Order 2007 Number 1159.

**Agenda Item No. 5** – Councillor Mrs. Patrick declared a personal and prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct in Planning Application No. 6/2012/0102 by reason of a business association with the applicant.

**Agenda Item No. 11** – Councillor Bonfield declared a personal and prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a personal friend of an interested party.

130. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, 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> February 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

131. **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

132. **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**

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

- 6/2012/0102 **Mr C Schnaar**  
Erect single storey side extension with balcony at first floor level.  
25 Durlston Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2012/0107 **Mrs B Chalmers**  
Create off road parking area with retaining walls.  
459 High Street, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2012/0108 **Mr B Lightbown**  
Alterations to separate Flat 1 into 2 flats including new shared entrance lobby. Reposition window on west elevation.  
2 Ocean Bay, Ulwell Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** Members did not wish to comment on this application as they considered that the site had been overdeveloped and subject to retrospective applications on previous occasions.
- 6/2012/0110 **Mr D Sayward**  
Erect single storey extension to form kitchen and dining room.  
Woody Hollow, 36 Durlston Road, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2012/0111 **Mrs Rodgers**  
Erect solar panels including solar array and fencing in rear garden.  
61 Ulwell, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2012/0112 **Mrs Rodgers**  
LISTED Erect solar panel to rear of property.  
61 Ulwell, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.
- 6/2012/0115 **Mr L Barrett**  
Erect two storey side extension and form dormer windows in rear elevation.  
16a Sandbourne Close, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

#### **Item for Information Only**

- 6/2012/0099 **Mr & Mrs R Carter**  
Erect two storey extension with balcony, erect front porch and install dormer windows. Erect detached garage.  
12 Gannetts Park, Swanage.  
**OBSERVATION:** No comment, pending possible future discussions by the Town Council as the corporate trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust.

#### 133. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (a) It was with sadness that the Mayor reported on the death of Mr. Godfrey Moles. Mr. Moles had been nominated by the Town Council to receive the 'Volunteer of the Year' award, but unfortunately his death had occurred before the award had been made. It was now intended that the award should be made

posthumously, and it was hoped that a member of his family would be able to attend the ceremony at Purbeck District Council on Wednesday, 7th March. Members wished to convey their sincere condolences to Mr. Moles' family in their sad loss.

- (b) The Mayor reported that, together with other Councillors, he had attended an Exhibition at the Mowlem, staged by Eneco, outlining the proposals for the Navitus Bay Wind Farm. Grave concern had been expressed at the proposed number and density of the turbines, the visual impact of the wind farm, and the detrimental effect this may have on tourism in the area.
- (c) Finally, the Mayor was pleased to welcome Dale Mason to the meeting, and gave a summary of his achievements as an accomplished bowls player at the age of 17 years. He highlighted a forthcoming regional competition in which Dale was representing Dorset, and wished him every success in the match.

134. **DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

Further to Minute No. 108 (c) of the Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012, consideration was again given to providing schoolchildren with a commemorative gift to mark the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

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

That commemorative medals/lanyards be provided for local schoolchildren.

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

(a) **Swanage Coastal Change Forum**

Councillor Ms. Harris reported that she had attended the inaugural meeting of the Swanage Coastal Change Forum, and would be interested in attending the next meeting of the Forum which would be held in the autumn (date to be advised).

(b) **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

Councillor Mrs. Bartlett updated Members on matters relating to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, which included the Street Party in the Lower High Street, live music, street performers etc. She also referred to the 'Celebration of Youth' event on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in which all local schools would be participating.

(c) **Pub Watch**

Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a meeting of 'Pub Watch', at which it was reported that Dorset Police would not be applying for a Road Closure Order for New Year's Eve celebrations 2012 in Swanage. It had been suggested that sponsorship for an organised New Year's event be considered.

(d) **Purbeck Transport Action Group**

Councillor Whitwam had attended a recent meeting of the Purbeck Transport Action Group.

(e) **Swanage Pier Trust**

Councillor Mrs. Marsh reported that she had attended a recent meeting of the Swanage Pier Trust. It was noted that a new Pier Manager had been appointed, and it was hoped to investigate additional grants/funding streams for essential maintenance and repairs to the pier structure.

(f) **Swanage Youth Centre**

Councillor Mrs. Patrick reported that she had recently attended a meeting of the Swanage Youth Centre. The Annual General Meeting was scheduled to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

136. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

Further to Minute No. 7 of the Policy and Planning meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012, and a subsequent meeting of the Working Party held to consider applications for events to be held during the 2012 summer season, it was reported that the Schedule of Events had been approved.

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

**Items of Information**

- (a) The Town Mayor reported that the Primary Care Trust had received expressions of interest from 40 dentists wishing to provide NHS dental services in Swanage. The tendering process was progressing, and it was hoped that a new NHS dental practice would be operational by the autumn 2012.
- (b) A letter had been received from Dorset Blind Association thanking the Council for the agreed donation of £300 towards the cost of providing services for the benefit of Swanage residents in 2012/13.

137. **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.

138. **DESIGNATED BATHING ZONE**

Further to his declaration of interest under Minute No. 2, Councillor Bonfield left the Meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

Further to Minute No. 5 (a) of the Tourism Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011, consideration was given to expressions of interest received for the installation, maintenance and removal of the designated bathing zone for 2012.

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

That the quotation received from San Gina Angling Trips in the sum of £4,870 be accepted for the installation, maintenance and removal of the designated bathing zone in 2012.

139. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**

There were no further matters to report relating to commission claims on caravan sales at the present time.

(b) **Town Hall Annexe – Proposals for Re-location of Police Services in Swanage**

Further to Minute No. 17 (a) of the Policy and Planning meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012, it was reported that agreement had been reached with Dorset Police regarding the rental value of the Town Hall Annexe for the re-location of police services in Swanage. It was anticipated that lease negotiations i.e. Heads of Terms would be concluded in the near future, and reported to a future meeting of the Council.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.

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