

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the
Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall,
Swanage on **MONDAY, 4th MARCH 2013** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett (until 8.55 p.m.)

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

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 7 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

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Cancellation of Transport Committee.
- Seafront Stabilisation Scheme.
- Parking - Shore Road. Also suggestions for pedestrianisation.
- Update from Education Swanage on matters relating to the co-location of the new Swanage School with St. Marks CE First School on the Swanage Middle School site.

Councillor Trite opened the Council Meeting at 7.15 p.m.

137. **APOLOGIES**

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

138. **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. 10 – Councillor Brown declared a pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of a family connection with the architect.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Councillor Mrs. Bartlett declared a personal interest in this item.

139. **MINUTES**

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Brown, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-
That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 4th February 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.
- (b) Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-
That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 8th February 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.
- (c) 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 18th February 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

140. **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

6/2013/0077 **Ms C Hovey**

Alterations to existing shop to form new opening and WC on ground floor.

27 Commercial Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2013/0088 **Mr T Kenyon**

Alterations to existing balcony and provide safety rail.

21 Exeter Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to no overlooking of neighbouring properties.

6/2013/0091 **Mr Tattershall**

Replace existing velux window with dormer window on north elevation.

75 Queens Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to no overlooking of neighbouring properties.

6/2013/0093 **Mr M & Mrs S Dean**

Erect wooden balconies to first and second floors on rear elevation with steps from first floor to ground level. Replace existing windows with patio doors. Form decked area at ground level.

45 Queens Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to no overlooking of neighbouring properties. Strong concerns were raised in this regard, and it was suggested that the application should only be considered if it met the 'no overlooking' criteria.

Items 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.

6/2013/0074 **Mrs D Hopkins**

Erect timber decking.

Plot 216, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

6/2013/0071 **Lloyds Banking Group** Advertisement Consent

Replacement bank signage to front elevation including illuminated suspended roundel, non-illuminated bank name letters, illuminated projecting sign, illuminated ATM header, three illuminated window light strips and other minor non illuminated signage.

Loyds TSB Bank Plc. 41 High Street, Swanage.

141. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (a) The Mayor was pleased to report that funding had been secured from the Department of Education by Education Swanage for the new Swanage School.
- (b) The Mayor had not attended any civic events during the past month as he had been away on holiday.

142. **QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD**

Further to Minute No. 12 of the Council meeting held on 16th April 2012, a Deed of Dedication for the registration of Forres Field as a Queen Elizabeth II Field was submitted for consideration.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be authorised to sign the Deed of Dedication to progress the registration of Forres Field as a Queen Elizabeth II Field.

143. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended the monthly meeting of Pub Watch, and that the Chairman and Deputy had been re-elected to the positions for the forthcoming year.
- (b) Councillor Mrs. Bartlett reported that she had attended a Management Meeting of Swanage Youth Centre at Blandford Forum, and it was anticipated that Dorset County Council would be making cuts to the Youth Service in the near future.

144. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

(a) **Enforcement Officers' Vehicle**

It was reported that the Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the Operations Committee had approved the acquisition of a replacement vehicle for the Council's Enforcement Officers, at a net cost to the Town Council of £175.00. As this sum falls below the de minimis level for the capital programme, the expenditure had been met from an existing revenue budget.

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

Items of Information

- (a) **Date of Annual Parish Meeting** – Monday, 25th March 2013 at The Mowlem Community Room commencing at 7.00 p.m.
- (b) **Dorset Police** – A new police inspector had been appointed for the Purbeck area and she had requested an opportunity to address Members at a future meeting of the Council.
- (c) **‘Today’s Youths – Tomorrows Leaders’** – Launch of democracy handbook at Kingston Maurward House – Friday, 22nd March from 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.
- (d) **‘Making Purbeck Healthcare Fit for the Future’** – Briefing at Wareham Hospital on Wednesday, 27th March at 3.30 p.m.

Item for Forthcoming Agendas

- (a) Request for a ‘Graffiti Wall’ in the vicinity of the Skate Park.

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.

146. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

(a) **Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Schemes**

A comprehensive Briefing Note, detailing proposals for the Seafront and Downs stabilisation schemes, together with an initial financial assessment of the proposed schemes, had been circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting. Having regard to the complexities of the schemes, and the impact of the proposals in a highly sensitive area of the town, it was agreed that the issues be considered separately to allow for a full and detailed discussion.

i) **Seafront Stabilisation Scheme**

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

To proceed with an application for planning permission for all elements of the Seafront stabilisation scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED, with ONE ABSTENTION:-

That the bandstand should not be incorporated within the proposals for the Seafront stabilisation scheme, but should be dealt with as a separate issue.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the District Valuer be instructed to assess the rental value of the proposed new kiosk.

ii) **Downs Stabilisation Scheme**

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

That the matter be deferred to enable further information regarding costs of the full scheme to be obtained before applying for planning permission for the full Downs stabilisation and Broad Road improvement schemes.

iii) Planning and Public Consultation

In agreeing to progress the above schemes, Members acknowledged the importance of the timing and presentation of the proposals to the public, and it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That public information events be arranged, and that information also be made available through the Council's website and newsletter, and at the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

iv) Architect's Fees

In progressing the above schemes, it was acknowledged that additional fees to those already approved at the Policy and Planning meeting held on 15th October 2012, would be incurred by the Council's architect.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a further payment of £5,000 for architect's fees be approved to take the proposals through the planning process.

147. **LEGAL ISSUES**

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

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

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the business sale agreement of the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, and a letter dated 15th February 2013 from the Chief Executive of Darwin Property Investment Management.

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

That the offer contained in the letter dated 15th February 2013 from Darwin Property Investment Management be declined.

The meeting concluded at 9.10 p.m.
