

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick (Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett  
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh  
Councillor S. Poultney  
Councillor M.W. Pratt  
Councillor G.M. Suttle  
Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 10 members of the public attended the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Father Tony Delsink, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

**Public Participation Time**

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Concerns expressed regarding the future possibility of ‘Hydraulic Fracking’ in the area.
- Clarification was sought regarding Minute No. 12 of the Policy and Planning meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013, and the possible inclusion in the Swanage Local Plan of land in the Town Council’s ownership at Prospect allotments as a potential housing site.

The Town Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

77. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors Bonfield, Brown, Miss Harris, Trite and Wiggins.

78. **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. 5** - The Town Mayor declared a pecuniary interest under the Model Code of Conduct in Planning Application No. 6/2013/0578 by reason of a business connection with the applicant.

**Agenda Item No. 5** – Councillor Suttle declared a pecuniary interest under the Model Code of Conduct in Planning Application No. 6/2013/0578 by reason of a business connection with the applicant.

79. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, 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 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

80. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

81. **PLANS**

**Delegated Applications**

6/2013/0554 **Dr G Lovering**

Erect garden shed on existing paved area.  
22 Bon Accord Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0561 **Mr A Rouse**

Replace existing three garages with two garages with store and office over (Amended scheme to PP 6/2012/0427).  
Land opposite 32A Burlington Road, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

6/2013/0563 **Mr & Mrs Soulsby**

Sever land and erect detached dwelling.  
Newton Manor House, 170 High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** Recommend refusal. It was considered that this application did not enhance the setting of a listed building.

6/2013/0564 **Mr & Mrs Soulsby**

Modify vehicular access, rebuild wall and erect fence.

Newton Manor House, 170 High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** Recommend refusal. It was considered that this application did not enhance the setting of a listed building.

6/2013/0565 **Mr & Mrs Soulsby**

**LISTED**

Demolish and rebuild stone entrance pier.

Newton Manor House, 170 High Street, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** Recommend refusal. It was considered that this application did not enhance the setting of a listed building.

6/2013/0576 **Miss S McHarry**

Convert garage to habitable accommodation.

15A Ballard Estate, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

Further to their declarations of interest under Minute No. 2, the Town Mayor and Councillor Suttle left the Meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

In the absence of the Town Mayor, Councillor Poultney assumed the Chair.

6/2013/0578 **Mrs L Bowden**

Erect single storey side and rear extensions. Install timber decking to side and join to existing rear decking.

5A Springfield, Swanage.

**OBSERVATION:** No objection.

Councillor Poultney vacated the Chair and the Town Mayor re-assumed her position as Chairman of the Meeting.

### **Items for Information Only**

6/2013/0559 **Hall & Woodhouse Ltd**

Use of first floor as self-contained residential unit – Certificate of Lawful Use Existing.

22A Institute Road, Swanage.

6/2013/0560 **Hall & Woodhouse Ltd**

Use of second floor as self contained residential unit – Certificate of Lawful Use Existing.

22B Institute Road, Swanage.

6/2013/0571 **Infrastrata plc**

Underground drilling corridor of an exploratory borehole to be drilled for oil and gas from California Quarry.

California Quarry, Swanage.

Councillor Suttle left the Meeting at 7.40 p.m.

## 82. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Swanage Regatta & Carnival Presentation Night at Swanage Bay View Holiday Park.
- Official Opening of the new section of Purbeck School.

- Children in Need events at Swanage Bay View Holiday Park.
- Swanage Railway Annual Grand Draw.

Councillor Suttle returned to the Meeting at 7.45 p.m.

83. **SWANAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL – SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL**

A letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 was submitted from Dorset County Council requesting a donation towards the provision of the school crossing patrol at Swanage Primary School.

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

That, in accordance with the Council's powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Town Council continues to contribute to the wages costs of providing the Swanage Primary School crossing patrol in 2014/15 at an estimated cost of £2,700.

It was noted that at a meeting held between the Town Mayor, Town Clerk and Headteacher held earlier in the day, the latter had agreed to explore the possibility of the Friends of Swanage Primary School making a financial contribution.

84. **SKATE PARK**

The Town Mayor updated Members on proposals to purchase additional equipment for the Skate Park.

The cost of the equipment would be £23, 500 + VAT, and Mrs. Lorna Haines had raised £20,000 towards the funding of this project.

Following a brief discussion, during which Members expressed their sincere appreciation of the continued fundraising by Mrs. Haines, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Town Council gratefully accepts Mrs. Haines' donation and contributes £3,500 from the Play Area and Skate Park Reserve to meet the shortfall to enable the Council to order the equipment.

85. **DORSET POLICE – COUNTER SERVICES REVIEW**

A consultation document was submitted from Dorset Police seeking the Town Council's views on proposals relating to the Station Desk Enquiry Office provision in Dorset.

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the Reception Office facility (Swanage PaTHway) provided as a joint initiative by the Town Council and Dorset Police. It was noted that this initiative was proving to be very successful and well received by the general public, and it was AGREED:-

That these comments be conveyed to Dorset Police.

86. **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

A notice had been received from Purbeck District Council inviting nominations from local Parish and Town Councils for Volunteer of the Year Award 2013.

It was noted that the Awards are made as special recognition by the Chairman of Purbeck District Council of services to the community, and Members were invited

to put forward nominations for consideration at the next meeting of the Council prior to submission to PDC.

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

(a) **Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils**

Further to Minute No. 7 of the Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013, Councillor Pratt reported that he had attended the AGM of the Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils. He was pleased to report that the Proposition submitted by Wareham St. Martin Parish Council seeking financial support for the travel arrangements for those in further education had been supported by the DAPTC.

(b) **Swanage Pub Watch**

Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a recent meeting of Pub Watch at which they had received several applications from prospective new members wishing to join the organisation.

88. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

(a) **Items of Information**

Councillor Poultney had achieved a Gold Medal at the recent European Shooting Competition.

(b) **Matters for Forthcoming Agendas**

Hydraulic Fracking.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, 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.

90. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park – Business Sale Agreement**

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the business sale agreement of the Holiday Park, and recent correspondence received from solicitors acting on behalf of Darwin.

Following discussion, it was AGREED:-

That the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Suttle and the Town Clerk meet with the Council's legal advisers in order to progress the matter.

The meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.