

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 7th OCTOBER 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick (Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett
Councillor M. Bonfield
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor W.S. Trite
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 12 members of the public attended the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Revd. Andrew Corke, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Questions were raised regarding the stance of Dorset County Council on the environmental impact if permission is granted for the construction of a well site at California Quarry. Also the possible concerns of Natural England and the Dorset Wildlife Trust.
- Navitus Bay Wind Farm – Round 4 Consultation.
- Concerns raised regarding on-street parking on Shore Road.
- Planning application for wind turbine on land to north-west of Godlingston Manor.
- Presentation on ‘Hydraulic Fracking’ at Harmans Cross Village Hall on 24th October 2013.

The Town Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7.20 p.m.

66. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Brown. Although no official notification had been received, the Chairman reported that she had received apologies for their absence from Councillors Miss Harris and Suttle.

67. **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.

68. **MINUTES**

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-
That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Council held on 2nd September 2013 be approved
as a correct record and signed.
- (b) Proposed by Councillor Bonfield, 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 23rd September 2013 be approved as a correct record
and signed.

69. **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**

- 6/2013/0510 **Dr M Petri**
Change of use of detached games/music room to independent dwelling.
York Cottage, Russell Avenue, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal. Consider to be
overdevelopment, and in contravention of the Council's policy
regarding 'houses in large gardens'.
- 6/2013/0512 **Dorset County Council**
Provision of covered walkway between the school's classrooms and the
new hall accommodation.
Swanage First School, Mount Scar, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2013/0516 **The National Trust**
Erect radio antenna on building.
Currendon Farm, Currendon Hill, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2013/0518 **AMB Developments Ltd.**
Erect two detached houses, one with integral garage, one with detached
garage with associated landscaping and parking.
Site adj. Rotary Cottage, Cobblers Lane, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2013/0519 **Mr & Mrs Paine**
Insert dormer window and four rooflights; convert loft to habitable
accommodation.
6A Springfield Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2013/0521 **Mr Wright**

Demolish existing pair of semi-detached bungalows and erect two detached bungalows and one detached garage; form new vehicular access.

13/13A Ballard Estate, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2013/0522 **Mr Bowerman**

Erect 50 kW wind turbine – 18.85 metres to hub height and 27.1 metres to blade tip.

Land to the north-west of Godlingston Manor, Washpond Lane, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal. Concerns expressed at the visual impact of the structure in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

70. **WELL SITE AT CALIFORNIA QUARRY**

Further to Minute No. 58 of the Council meeting held on 2nd September 2013, and a subsequent meeting held with representatives of Infrastrata Plc at which residents' concerns regarding traffic on Panorama Road had been raised, consideration was given to matters relating to an application for temporary planning permission for the construction of a well site at California Quarry.

It was noted that the Town Council would not make any representations on the planning application as owner of the access road.

71. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Swanage Folk Festival.
- Turf cutting for the commencement of work on the new St. Mary's RC First School.
- Parish and Town Councils Chairmen's meeting at Purbeck District Council.
- Commodore's Cocktail Party at Swanage Sailing Club.
- Salvation Army 'Harvest of the Sea' service.

72. **NAVITUS BAY WIND PARK – PHASE FOUR CONSULTATION**

Further to Minute No. 6 (a) of the Council meeting held on 23rd September 2013, consideration was again given to formulating an appropriate response to the Phase Four Consultation on the Navitus Bay Wind Park.

Detailed and lengthy consideration had been given to the proposals prior to the meeting, and the following concerns had been raised:-

- Negative visual impact on World Heritage Site – failure to use highest standard of imagery in consultation papers.
- Breaches government guidelines on proximity to coast and could be re-located within the zones designated by the Crown Estate.
- Negative impact on tourism – reduction in diving, yacht racing, pleasure craft and fishing, and the knock-on effects on the local economy. Also the loss of view was likely to deter walkers which are another key sector of the local tourist economy.
- Light pollution at night.
- Detrimental impact on residents' quality of life – vibration during piling and specifically the impact on residents of local special needs school.
- No end of life plan for the windfarm.

- Damage to natural environment and local wildlife – includes possible impact on bird and crustacean migration patterns.
- Seek reassurance that turbines would not impact on local weather conditions.
- Potential negative impact on safety of shipping.
- Potential negative impact on water quality during construction phase.
- Potential negative impact on TV/mobile phone reception.
- Financial viability of government subsidy.
- Detract from the town's Victorian image.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Trite, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That an objection be formulated in response to the Navitus Bay Wind Farm Phase Four Consultation based on the points highlighted above.

73. **NEW YEAR'S EVE 2013**

The Clerk updated Members on preparations for the New Year's Eve celebrations in the town, and a request received for the Town Council to fund the road closure and Public Liability insurance costs, as it had done in 2012.

Following a brief discussion, during which Members re-affirmed their support of the initiative, it was proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, in accordance with the Council's powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £404.84 be donated in respect of Public Liability insurance and £175.00 for the road closure application.

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

(a) **Swanage Pier Trust**

Councillor Mrs. Marsh presented a comprehensive report on a meeting of the Swanage Pier Trust that she had attended on 29th September 2013.

(b) **Swanage Pub Watch**

Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended a meeting of the Swanage Pub Watch on 16th October 2013, at which Dorset Police were pleased to report that there had been no major incidents in Swanage during the summer season.

75. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

Items of Information

- (a) Notification from Dorset County Council that work in connection with the re-opening of the Zig-Zag footpath at Durlston would commence in early October 2013.
- (b) Notification from the Environment Agency that work to repair the slippage on the reservoir embankment at Prospect Fields would commence on 30th September 2013.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.