

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY,**
3rd SEPTEMBER 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite – Chairman

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

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 25 members of the public attended the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Revd. Graham Shaw, from the Methodist Church, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

MR. BRIAN BARKER requested that, in view of the predicted ‘Indian Summer’, the designated bathing zone be extended until the end of September. He then referred to the proposed introduction of ‘pay and display’ parking regulations in Station Road, and thanked the Mayor for his involvement in discussions with Dorset County Council on the matter.

MR. BARKER, then spoke on behalf of the Swanage Chamber of Trade, and apologised for them having to abandon the ‘Snail Trail’ project this year. He also requested that consideration be given to extending the free parking concession in the Council’s car parks over the Christmas/New Year holiday period.

MRS. LINDA LAKE, Headteacher of St. Mary’s School, gave background information relating to the proposals for the new St. Mary’s School, and communications with Dorset County Council, Education Swanage and the Salisbury Diocese.

MR. D. SELMAN expressed his concerns at the economic viability of the ‘Free School’ movement throughout the country.

The **TOWN MAYOR** explained that the Town Council supported the principal of retaining secondary education in Swanage, and considered that this stance represented the views held by the majority of local residents.

Councillor Trite opened the Council Meeting at 7.35 p.m.

59. **APOLOGIES**

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

60. **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. 11 (b) – Councillor Mrs. Bartlett declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of being a tenant of Synergy Housing.

61. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 6th August 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 20th August 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

62. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 17th August 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations brought forward from the Committee.

63. **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

6/2012/0153 **Mr Kerley**

Amendments to PP 6/2008/0752 (Demolish building at rear of 35 High Street and erect 1 cottage, 2 flats and retail storage area) to allow variation of door, window, railings, gate and pedestrian access details. 35 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0483 **Mr K Hunt**

Change of Use of agricultural building to micro-brewery. Whitecliff Farm, Whitecliff Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Swanage Town Council fully supports this application. Recommend approval.

6/2012/0485 **Mr & Mrs C Bradshaw**

Erect single storey rear extension. 34 Newton Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0495 **Mr & Mrs Lerche-Lerchenborg**

Outline P.P. Demolish existing dwelling and erect four detached dwellings with integral garages and associated parking; modify vehicular access. Sea Mist, Cobblers Lane, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

Item 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.

6/2012/0486 **Mr A Bennett**

Erect retaining wall.

Plot 59, Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, Panorama Road, Swanage.

64. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on the following events:-

- (a) Together with fellow councillors and staff, he had attended the funeral of Mr. Reg Griffiths, a former Mayor of Swanage, at St. Mary's Parish Church.
- (b) Contracts had recently been signed between Dorset County Council and Agincare for the re-opening of James Day Home.
- (c) The Primary Care Trust were anticipating that a new NHS dentist would be appointed by the end of September 2012.
- (d) Finally, the Mayor thanked Councillor Mrs. Marsh for making the presentations in his absence at the United Reformed Church 'Fun Week'.

65. **FILMING REQUEST**

Further to Minute No. 53 of the Council Meeting held on 6th August 2012, consideration was again given to the Executive Summary of the proposals for 'As Blue as the Sky, together with the request for permission to film in various locations within the town.

Unfortunately, it had not been possible for a Presentation to be made at the meeting, and Members felt that they would like further details to enable them to make an informed decision on the application.

It was AGREED:-

That the matter be deferred, pending a future Presentation.

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

There were no matters to report from Council representatives on outside organisations at the present time.

67. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

Councillor Whitwam updated those present on a recent meeting held with Mr Tony Burt (Technical Officer – DCC) regarding the proposals for the introduction of the 'pay and display' parking scheme in Station Road. Following consultation, some amendments to the original scheme were proposed, including re-location of the loading bay and a short-term parking period.

It was noted that a meeting of the DCC Roads and Rights of Way Committee was scheduled to be held in October at which the proposals would be ratified.

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

Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

- (a) Proposal from Dorset County Council to switch off street lights between midnight and 5.30 a.m.
- (b) Lower High Street – Road Closure Application – New Year’s Eve.

69. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, 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.

70. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Lower Grammar School Field**

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the future use of the Lower Grammar School Field.

(b) **Quarry Close**

Consideration was given to the granting of access over Town Council-owned land to the new development by Synergy Housing on the former garage site in Quarry Close.

During the ensuing discussion, the possible disposal of the land was mooted, and it was RESOLVED:-

That the Council’s valuer be authorised to negotiate with Synergy Housing with regard to the suggested options and report to a future meeting of the Council.

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

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the disposal of the Holiday Park, and reported on some outstanding accounts that had now been settled.

The meeting concluded at 8.25 p.m.
