

Minutes of the Meeting of the Swanage Town
Council held at the Town Hall, High Street, Swanage
on **MONDAY, 17th JULY 2023** at 5.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor T. Foster – Chairman

Councillor J. Bishop

Councillor M. Bonfield

Councillor C. Finch

Councillor A. Harris

Councillor C. Moreton

Councillor G. Suttle

Councillor C. Tomes

Councillor W. Trite

Councillor M. Whitwam

Public Participation Time

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

The Chairman opened the Council Meeting at 5.00 p.m.

61. **Apologies**

Apologies for her inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Rogers. Councillor Monkhouse attended the meeting remotely.

62. **Declarations of Interest**

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with Section 9 and Appendix B of the Council's Code of Conduct. No declarations of interest were made.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by Councillor Foster, seconded by Councillor Moreton and
AGREED:-

That, under Standing Order No. 1 c), in the public interest, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under agenda item 4 for reasons of legal and commercial confidentiality.

63. **Property Related Legal Matters**

(a) **Beach Ice Cream Kiosks summer 2023 – To receive update and determine next steps**

Further to Minute No. 60 (a) of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 5th July 2023, Members carefully weighed up the options in respect of the future operation of the Beach Ice Cream Kiosks, which were set out in a briefing note that had been prepared by the Town Clerk. It was noted that the conditions set down in Minute No. 55 (a) of the Council Meeting held on 26th June 2023 had still not been complied with.

It was proposed by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Bonfield and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the Notice to Quit, issued on 29th June 2023, be enforced.

Consideration was next given to a draft press release, the content of which was discussed in detail. The timing of the press release was also discussed. It was proposed by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Bonfield and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the following press release should be issued on Tuesday 18th July.

Swanage Town Council can confirm that the two ice cream kiosks on Swanage main beach have now ceased trading. The northern kiosk has not operated since 2021 and it has now become necessary for the kiosk near the Mowlem to close. The kiosks belong to the occupier and they will be removed from the beach in due course.

The occupation of the kiosks has been the subject of a County Court case over the last two years, which has now been resolved, but out of respect for the long-standing occupier of the kiosks the Council will not be commenting further on the circumstances of the case at the current time. Every effort has been made to explore whether the kiosks could continue to operate until September 2023, but unfortunately it has proved impossible to reach agreement.

64. **Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas**

Attention was drawn to the importance of the Council responding to consultation currently being undertaken by train operating companies about the closure of station ticket offices. It was agreed that this should be included as an item on the agenda for the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 24th July 2023.

The Meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.
