Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall, High Street, Swanage (and also via Zoom) on **WEDNESDAY 11th AUGUST 2021** at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor T. Foster - Chair

Councillor J. Bishop Councillor M. Bonfield Councillor C. Moreton Councillor N. Rogers Councillor W. Trite

No members of the public attended the Meeting.

Public Participation Time

There were no matters raised.

45. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors Harris, Monkhouse, Suttle and Tomes. Apologies were also received from Councillors Finch and Whitwam who were present via online video link.

46. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with paragraphs 9 - 13 of the Council's Code of Conduct and regulations made under chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations of interest were made.

47. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND MATTERS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDAS

An update was provided regarding the ongoing drainage problems at Burlington Chine public conveniences.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Trite 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 commercial confidentiality.

48. PROCUREMENT - CONSIDERATION OF WAIVING FINANCIAL REGULATION 11.11 IN ORDER TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR REPAIRS TO SLIPWAY, STONE QUAY

Further to Minute No. 43 of the Council Meeting held on 26th July 2021, consideration was given to a briefing note prepared by the Town Clerk and Operations Manager, which summarised the current position in obtaining quotes to carry out the works required to repair the slipway adjoining the Stone Quay.

Further to communication from the owner of a business operating from the Stone Quay, suggesting that the works should take place after February 2022, some discussion was held over the proposed commencement date. However, Members agreed that this

work needed to be undertaken as soon as is feasible, both to avoid potential additional damage over the winter months and to mitigate health and safety risks to the public.

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

To waive Financial Regulation 11.11 on the grounds of urgency to allow for the award of a contract above £25,000 in value in the absence of three quotes.

The meeting concluded at 10.35 a.m.