

Beach Management Advisory Committee Meeting – Wednesday 24th February 2021

Agenda Item 6 b) Main Beach - To consider request for winter beach wardens

Email received from a member of the public:

Sent: 11 January 2021 19:10

To: Welcome <welcome@swanage.gov.uk>

Subject: Proposal for Council regarding Dog Fouling

Dear STC

I have been in communication with STC regarding the dog fouling in and around the Main Beach Area.

I am concerned regarding fouling and the failure to clean up and dispose of responsibly and this obviously is a risk to health of persons on the beach and the added harm to the environment of waste, take away litter and black bags being washed out to sea.

I am also concerned also that cigarette waste goes on seemingly without control and blatant disposal of cigarette ends on the beaches and streets.

Add into this there are a number of vans being parked on the front during the day for the whole day and it is well known that for some considerable time that there are persons actually on regular occasions parking overnight in vans on the front and clearly living within these vans.

I fully appreciate that STC are small with a small budget and these are particularly hard to manage and police so I have a proposal for consideration.

I would happily offer a small sponsorship to fund the employment of a warden during the winter months. I am sure given the issues of dog fouling on the beaches, waste, litter and cigarette ends that many members of the public would find it good value to publicly sponsor the employment in the winter months of wardens to patrol during various hours to police the above issues.

Apart from being a visible presence the wardens would have the power to issue fines on the spot to blatant disregard of the rules, guidance etc. Also good signage raising awareness of the laws, guidelines etc could be a deterrent also.

This I am sure would be a popular proposal if this could be discussed at a STC meeting.

I have briefly raised this with an STC officer who suggested I raised this directly and so I have.

I look forward to your thoughts and feedback.

Regards