

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 6th DECEMBER 2010 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor B. Audley

Councillor C.R. Bright (until 8.50 pm)

Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox

Councillor M. Hadley

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick

Councillor S. Poultney

Councillor M.W. Pratt

Councillor M. Whitwam

Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 21 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Presentation – Core Strategy Consultation

The Town Mayor welcomed Mr. Steve Dring (Planning Policy Manager – Purbeck District Council) and invited him to make a presentation on the Core Strategy Consultation. Following the presentation, questions were asked and comments made regarding the introduction of high speed broadband, the provision of secondary education in Swanage, the definition of affordable housing, the design of market housing and concerns over the number of second homes in the town.

The Town Mayor thanked Mr. Dring for his informative Presentation, and then welcomed Revd. John Wood, who offered a short prayer before the meeting was opened for a period of Public Participation Time.

Public Participation Time

MR. T. DIAPER highlighted his serious concerns regarding security at Peveril Point Boat Park and enquired whether the Town Council saw this as an important priority. The Town Mayor and Town Clerk referred to a recent meeting to discuss this matter with a police crime reduction officer and assured **MR. DIAPER** that possible cost-effective improvement measures were being explored in the context of budget setting for the 2011/12 financial year.

Following comments made during the presentation on the Core Strategy consultation **MR. L. VAN DE ZANDE** enquired whether high speed broadband connections within Swanage could be funded by the Town Council from the capital receipt received for Swanage Bay View Holiday Park. The Town Mayor explained the Council's policy that the capital receipt had to be preserved to ensure that the interest derived could help fund the Town Council's existing public services. However, the Council would always welcome suggestions for important infrastructural improvement in the town.

MR. I. BROWN wished to record his appreciation of the sterling work undertaken by the Operations Manager and his team in gritting roads and pavements in the town during the recent snowy conditions.

MS. Z. DE VILLE, a local technology journalist, highlighted the great importance of high speed broadband to the future economic development of Swanage.

MR. L. VAN DE ZANDE raised concerns over the cuts in public spending planned by Dorset County Council, and enquired what impact the comprehensive spending review would have on Swanage Town Council. It was reported that reductions in central government grant would not have a direct impact on the Town Council as it did not receive any contribution from Whitehall. However, it was noted that the Town Council may well be requested to step-in to provide services from which the District and County councils were withdrawing, and that the finalisation of the 2011/12 budgets had been deferred to early February to allow for consideration of any such requests.

The Town Mayor commenced the Council Meeting at 8.05 p.m.

117. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Suttle.

118. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 1st November 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 15th November 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to 1 abstention for Minute No. 11 being recorded.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 29th November 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

119. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 8th November 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations from the Committee for adoption by the Council.

120. **GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the General
Operations Committee held on 10th November 2010
be approved as a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the recommendations contained in the Minutes, as
follows:-

Scale of Charges 2011/12 – Allotments

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Wiggins, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the following scale of charges be considered
further during the budget setting for the 2011/12
financial year.

	Proposed Charges	
	(Incl. VAT @ 20%)	(Excl. VAT)
	£	£
Prospect (per rod)	5.80	5.80
Refundable deposit to deter neglect (agreed at Allotments Best Value Review Working Group 15/11/2006 minute 4)ii))	50.00	50.00

Scale of Charges 2010/11 – Cemeteries

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Wiggins, and
RESOLVED:-

That the following scale of charges be
considered further during the budget
setting for the 2011/12 financial year.

	Proposed Charges	
	(Incl. VAT @ 20%)	(Excl. VAT)
	£	£
Garden of Rest		
Cremation Plot for burial of cremated remains in casket or urn.		
(i) Interment Fees - for burial of casket or urn in plot 2' x 2':		
(a) first interment	130.00	130.00
(b) for each additional interment (to 4 interments)	130.00	130.00
(c) for interments on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays additional to above including the period between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day	140.00	140.00
(ii) Exclusive Rights - for grant of right of burial for a period of one hundred years (each space in this section)	265.00	265.00
(iii) Memorials	145.00	145.00
(iv) Fee for persons not resident in the parish within the last 10 years - Minute 7) Policy & Resources Meeting 21st May 2007	As above x 2	

Earthen Graves

(i) Interment Fees - for body of		
(a) child whose age at time of death did not exceed THREE years in a grave not exceeding in depth: 7 feet (2 interment)	70.00	70.00
(b) person whose age at time of death exceeded THREE years in a grave not exceeding in depth: 7 feet (2 interments)	295.00	295.00
Casket-type coffin	430.00	430.00
(c) for interments on Saturdays Sundays and Public Holidays - additional to the above including the period between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day	330.00	330.00

Note

Where the bodies of a still-born and/or other person are buried in the same grave at the same time the fees shall be related to the first interment.

(ii) Exclusive Rights - for the grant of right of burial for a period of one hundred years each space in:		
Section A	430.00	430.00
Section B	355.00	355.00
Children's Section	70.00	70.00
(iii) Fee for persons not resident in the parish within the last 10 years - Minute 7) Policy & Resources Meeting 21st May 2007	As above x 2	

Brick Graves or Vaults

(i) Right to construct (including grant of right of burial therein for a period of one hundred years) on each space:		
Section A	2,335.00	2,335.00
Section B	2,070.00	2,070.00
(ii) First Interment	1,430.00	1,430.00
(iii) Re-opening	1,430.00	1,430.00
(iv) For interment Saturdays Sundays and Public Holidays - additional to the above including the period between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day	715.00	715.00
(v) Fee for persons not resident in the parish within the last 10 years - Minute 7) Policy & Resources Meeting 21st May 2007	As above x 2	

Monuments, Gravestones & Inscriptions

(i) Headstone, Cross or other Memorial when erected not exceeding 3ft, in height	145.00	145.00
(ii) Monument not exceeding 6' in height covering the whole grave space 7' x 3' when erected	465.00	465.00
(iii) Footstone not exceeding 2'6" x 2'6" x 6"	145.00	145.00
(iv) Flatstone not exceeding 7' x 3' x 6"	245.00	245.00
(v) Vase not exceeding 12" in height	35.00	35.00
(vi) Any other memorial not referred to above	By Agreement	
(vii) Each additional inscription after the first in respect of each person	27.00	22.50

(viii) Fee for persons not resident in the parish within the last 10 years - Minute 7) Policy & Resources Meeting 21st May 2007

As above x 2

Memorial Tree Plaque

140.00

140.00

No additional fee to be applied for period 29th to 31st December

Hire of Cemetery Chapel

No Charge

Scale of Charges 2011/12 – Fishermen’s Huts

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Wiggins and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the following scale of charges be considered further during the budget setting for the 2011/12 financial year.

	Proposed Charges	
	(Incl. VAT@ 20%) £	(Excl. VAT) £
<u>PEVERIL POINT</u>		
Angling Club		
Angling Club Hut and Land	450.00	450.00
Foreshore - Dinghy Storage (Angling Club)	200.00	200.00
Dug-Out Storage Area, Rear of Waterside (per week)	7.80	7.80
Rent of Hut Site (East of Lifeboat House)	190.00	190.00
Fishermen's Huts	360.00	300.00
Boathouse Sites x 2 (West of Lifeboat House)	220.00	220.00

Scale of Charges 2011/12

- i) Town Hall Lettings and charge for civil wedding ceremonies.**
- ii) King George V Playing Field.**
- iii) Other Playing Fields.**

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Poultney and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the following scale of charges be considered further during the budget setting for the 2011/12 financial year.

- i) Town Hall Lettings and charge for civil wedding ceremonies.
- ii) King George V Playing Field.
- iii) Other Playing Fields.

	Proposed Charges	
	(Incl. VAT @ 20%) £	(Excl. VAT) £
<u>i) TOWN HALL LETTINGS</u>		
Council Chamber		
Public Meetings and Lectures (per session)	37.00	37.00
Property Auctions	127.00	127.00
Annexe	22.00	22.00

Civil Marriage/Partnership Ceremonies	100.00	100.00
Committee Room	22.00	22.00
* Regatta Committee, Swanage Museum, Town Band, Red Cross, Royal British Legion, Swanage In Bloom, Education Swanage, Lights Committee, Care Provision for Older People in Swanage Planning Group, Town Partnership, Pier Trust, PACT, Pub Watch, Primary Care Trust and Radio Link Shop Watch.	Free of Charge	
ii) <u>KING GEORGE V FIELD</u>		
Caravan Club Rallies (Daily per Unit)	18.00	18.00
Football Pitch & Changing Facilities (Youth Teams)	25.00 (Excl. Elec) 12.00 (Excl. Elec)	20.83 10.00
iii) <u>FORRES SPORTS FIELD</u>		
Football Pitch & Changing Facilities (Youth Teams)	25.00 (Excl. Elec) 12.00 (Excl. Elec)	20.83 10.00
<u>DAY'S PARK</u>		
Football Club	5.00	5.00
<u>LOWER GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS FIELD</u>		
Football Pitch (N.B. No Changing Facilities)	12.50	10.42
<u>JOURNEY'S END</u>		
Football Pitches Youth Teams	12.00 6.00	10.00 5.00

Review of Capital Programme and Repairs and Maintenance Schedule

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Poultney and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That an architect be appointed and plans be drawn up to provide accurate costings for the combined changing facilities and public conveniences at King George's Field.

Replacement of Equipment

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a part exchange figure of £5,500 be accepted and a balance of £21,215.00 (maximum) be paid to procure a new ride-on mower.

Public Conveniences Cleaning Contract

Before consideration of this item, Councillors Mrs. Patrick and Poultney declared a prejudicial interest under the Model Code of Conduct and left the Meeting during the debate.

Proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Bright, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That in light of the ongoing review of public convenience provision, the existing cleaning contract be extended by

one year until 31st December 2011.

121. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bright, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport
Committee held on 30th November 2010 be
approved as a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the recommendations contained in the Minutes, as
follows:-

Car Park Estimates and Scale of Charges 2011/12

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bright, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the following matters be considered further
during the budget setting for the 2011/12 financial
year.

All charges to increase in line with the
2.5 per cent increase in VAT.

Increase the summer tariffs in the Council's long-
stay car parks as follows:

Tariff	2010/11	2011/12
1 hour	£1.70	£1.80
2 hours	£3.20	£3.40
4 hours	£6.00	£6.40
24 hours	£8.00	£9.00

Apply the peak season charges, currently in force
from 1st April to 30th September, to the period
between mid-March and
31st October.

Amend the tariff structure and increase the charges
at North Beach Car Park to bring them in line with
the long-stay car parks at Main Beach and Broad
Road.

Install signage at car parks to thank users for helping
to fund facilities provided by the Town Council.

Withdraw the discounted evening tariff from Broad
Road car park.

Introduce one tariff for coach parking in Council car
parks charged at £12 per day.

Withdraw the opportunity for overnight parking of
campervans in Main Beach and North Beach car
parks as a result of mis-use of the Council's
facilities.

Introduce a 1 hour, 2 hour, 4 hour and 24 hour tariff structure for the winter period in Main Beach and Broad Road car parks.

It was noted that the charges for season tickets should be reviewed at the next meeting to consider budget-setting for 2011/12.

Proposed payment of Car Parking Charges by Mobile Phone

It was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Wiggins, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a facility for the payment of car parking charges by mobile phone be introduced in the Town Council's car parks for a trial period of up to 18 months from the commencement of the 2011/12 peak-season, and that negotiations be entered into with RingGo due to their service being deployed in neighbouring towns and districts.

122. **PLANS**

Under the Model Code of Conduct, Members declared a formal interest in the capacity of Corporate Trustee of the De Moulham Estate Trust in applications relating to the Trust.

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.

Non Delegated Applications

6/2010/0743 **Norfolk Lodge (Poole) LLP**

Erection of two penthouses. Demolition of existing car workshop with flat over and erection of single dwelling.
42-44 Station Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No comment pending possible future discussion by the De Moulham Trust.

6/2010/0744 **Norfolk Lodge**

Demolition of existing car workshop with flat over and erection of single dwelling.
42-44 Station Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No comment pending possible future discussion by the De Moulham Trust.

Delegated Applications

6/2010/0721 **Mr S Perrin**

Demolish garage and conservatory; erect single storey extensions to form bedroom, bathroom, sunroom and study; convert loft and insert dormer window.
2 Cauldron Barn Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Concern was expressed at the scale of the development and it was recommended that planning officers from Purbeck District Council comment on the application following a site visit.

6/2010/0722 **Mr J Wright**

Insert two dormer windows on front elevation.
35 Richmond Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0724 **Mr P McDonald**

Insert dormer windows to facilitate loft conversion.
17 Townsend Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

Before consideration of the next item, Councillor Wiggins declared his interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of a business relationship with the applicant. As his interest was prejudicial, he left the Meeting during the debate.

6/2010/0735 **Mr A Airs**

Changes to vehicular access and parking layout approved under 6/2004/0458.
19 Priests Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0740 **Turner 2K**

Erect detached house with associated parking; form new vehicular and pedestrian access – Reserved matters (appearance and landscaping).
Land rear of 259 – 261 High Street, Gordon Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0754 **Mr D Tarner**

Erect safety fencing around existing first floor roof balcony (retrospective).
Bay View, 47 Queens Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0756 **Mr & Mrs I Bodenham**

Erect porch on west elevation and conservatory on east elevation.
23 Ballard Estate, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

123. **CORE STRATEGY**

Further to discussion at this morning's Extraordinary Meeting attention was drawn to a detailed draft response to Purbeck District Council's consultation on its pre-submission draft Core Strategy. This incorporated comments on the following matters:

- Flaws in the consultation process
- Transport infrastructure
- Protection of the natural environment
- Employment in South-East Purbeck
- Protection of the historic character of the town
- Development of the maritime economy
- Threats to Swanage Beach from erosion
- Risk of flooding from a tidal surge
- Importance of high speed broadband
- Requirement for additional allotment land
- Use of land in public ownership for the provision of affordable housing

- Housing and care for the elderly
- Objections to settlement extensions.

In addition to the above it was agreed that comments on the importance of the provision of a wet-weather facility and sports hall in the town should be included in the Town Council's response.

It was proposed by Councillor Hadley, seconded by Councillor Poultney and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That following incorporation of the comments made in respect of the provision of a wet weather facility and sports hall, the draft response to Purbeck District Council's consultation on its pre-submission draft Core Strategy be approved.

It was **FURTHER AGREED:**

That a working party of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Gloyn-Cox be appointed to assist the Town Clerk in finalising the Council's response.

124. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on the following events he had attended during the past month on behalf of the Town of Swanage:-

- (a) The Mayor of Verwood's Christmas Reception.

He had also attended the following local events held in Swanage:-

- (a) Swanage Town Twinning Association A.G.M. and Annual Dinner.
 (b) Armistice Day service at the War Memorial.
 (c) Remembrance Sunday service at St. Mary's Parish Church and the War Memorial.
 (d) Induction of a new minister, Reverend Andrew Corke, at All Saints Church.
 (e) Swanage Lifeboat Supporters' Association A.G.M.

Finally, the Mayor referred to an ancient ceremony at the Wareham Court Leet relating to the Pirates of Poole and a raid in 1405. He had been awarded temporary custody of a framed document for future onward transmission.

125. **PURBECK SCHOOLS REVIEW**

Following a series of public meetings and site visits by the Schools Adjudicator on 8th and 9th November 2010, the Schools Adjudicator had now published his Determination, as follows:-

"Under the powers conferred on me by paragraph 17 of Schedule 2 to the Education and Inspections Acts 2006 and Schedules 3 and 5 to the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 respectively, I do not uphold the objection."

It was noted "Education Swanage" were continuing to pursue the possibility of setting up a "Free School" in the town.

126. **BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET AND POOLE DRAFT MINERALS CORE STRATEGY**

Further to Minute No. 8 of the Policy and Planning Meeting held on 15th November 2010, consideration was given to the response to be submitted in respect of the draft Minerals Core Strategy.

During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that only one local quarry operator had responded to the draft Minerals Core Strategy to date, although comments had been anticipated from other quarry operators before the expiry of the consultation period on 17th December 2010.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk and Councillors Audley and Poultney to formulate a response to the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Draft Minerals Core Strategy prior to the submission date on 17th December 2010.

127. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

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

128. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

The Town Clerk reported that approval had been given for the purchase of a spiking machine in the sum of £3,800.

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

(a) **Review of District Electoral Cycles**

Further to Minute No. 65 (b) of the Council Meeting held on 6th September 2010, and a subsequent e-mail dated 11th November 2010 from Purbeck District Council, it was reported that Purbeck District Council would continue to elect one third of its members in each year other than in the year of the Dorset County Council elections.

(b) **Tourism**

Councillor Hadley referred to the 2012 Sailing Olympics that were being staged at Weymouth and felt that this should be an inspirational date for tourism-related issues in the town.

130. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, 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.

131. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Land South of Holiday Park**

It was RESOLVED:-

That this matter be deferred for consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 20th December 2010.

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

It was RESOLVED:-

That this matter be deferred for consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 20th December 2010.

(c) **Santa Fe Amusement Park Lease**

It was RESOLVED:-

That this matter be deferred for consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 20th December 2010.

The meeting concluded at 9.10 pm.
