

Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 24th AUGUST 2009** at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor M.W. Pratt (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor B. Audley
Councillor C. Bright
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough JP
Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox
Councillor M. Hadley
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor M. Whitwam

Also in attendance:- Helen Henson (Jacobs & Reeves)
Kelvin Thomas (Fox Leisure)

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

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Marsh and Trite.

2. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

3. **LEGAL ISSUES**

Holiday Park Disposal

Mrs. Helen Henson (Jacobs & Reeves) updated Members on the latest position regarding the disposal of the Holiday Park.

She reported that as a direct consequence of issues raised following further enquiries and detailed lengthy discussions held with the buyers and their legal representatives, indemnities were now being required in order to finalise the contract for sale and disposal.

Following a detailed and lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Suttle, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the sale and disposal of the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park be authorised in accordance with the provisions of the:-

- a) Lease
- b) Contract for sale (subject to any final amendments and all documentation to be attached).

It was then proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That an announcement be formulated for consideration by the buyer, to be communicated to the public following exchange of contracts.

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

To convey to the Owners' Association the Council's decision to decline its invitation to meet Council representatives and/or the new owners, and write to all individuals in compliance with clause 15 c) i.e.notification of new ownership. (Letters to be prepared and released simultaneously with public announcement).

Consideration was then given to the Council's policy with regard to the acceptance of mail, the Clerk reporting that further enquiries had been made by Dorset Police.

During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that caravan owners could make alternative arrangements regarding their mail. Updated advice was received from the Council's legal advisers.

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

To liaise with the buyer with regards to revising the policy for the acceptance of mail for caravan owners and to convey the new arrangements to individual licence holders.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 a.m.
