

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council, held at the Town Hall, Swanage, on  
**MONDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2002** at 7.30 p.m. \_

PRESENT:-

Councillor G.M. Suttle (Town Mayor) - Chairman

Councillor G.A. Baume

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Councillor A.H. Miller

Councillor Mrs. H.O' Donovan

Councillor J. Roscoe

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M.R. Woolley

Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon

In the absence of a clergyman, Councillor Mrs. Marsh offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

160. **APOLOGIES**

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

161. **MINUTES**

- (a) The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.
- (b) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss Capital Estimates on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.
- (c) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.
- (d) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.

Arising from Minute No. 8, concern was expressed at the short notice and lack of publicity given to the presentation by Purbeck District Council, which had resulted in a disappointing attendance.

Following discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Miller, and RESOLVED:-

That a request be made for another presentation (suitably advertised) to enable Members to be fully informed on the matter and allow for public consultation.

162. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

It was RESOLVED:-

That the notes on the Public Participation Time held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2002 be accepted.

163. **CAR PARKING BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Car Parking Best Value Working Group held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed.

164. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) The Mayor was pleased to announce that the proposals for the improvements to the sports facilities in King George V Playing Field were now on display at the rear of the Council Chamber. The proposals would be on public display for approximately one month, and a similar exhibition would also be staged at the Tourist Information Centre.

(b) The Mayor referred to a recent meeting held at the Vista Complex at which a display of festive lighting had been shown. The meeting had been attended by many interested parties, and it was hoped that a concerted effort would result in decorative lighting being installed in the town centre before the start of the main holiday season.

(c) The Mayor was delighted to announce that Swanage had once again been awarded the prestigious "Blue Flag" by the Tidy Britain Group.

(d) The Mayor announced that a "Civic Service" to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee would be held at St. Mary's Parish Church on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2002 at 3 p.m. The Service would be followed by refreshments in the church grounds, at which the Swanage Town Band would be playing.

165. **USE OF FORMER SHELTER AREA, SHORE ROAD**

A letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2002 was submitted from the Swanage Sea Rowing Club outlining their aim to bring Cornish Pilot Gig Racing to Swanage, and requesting permission to hold a sponsored "Row" in the vicinity of the former shelter on Shore Road on Easter Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2002.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED:-

That the request be granted.

166. **USE OF SHORE ROAD**

A letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2002 was submitted from Mr. N. Bartlett of the Bridport Classic Motorcycle Club requesting permission to display their motorcycles on Shore Road during their "Charity Run" on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2002.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That the request be granted.

167. **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

A letter was submitted on behalf of the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Trust explaining the work of the Trust, and seeking a financial contribution towards the running of the service.

Following discussion, during which the sterling work undertaken by the Trust was acknowledged, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon and seconded by Councillor Roscoe:-

That the sum of £100 be donated.

Councillor Tritereferred to a previous policy of the Council, whereby copies of their accounts were requested from organisations seeking a financial contribution, and, as a result of this discussion, Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon withdrew her Proposition.

Further discussion ensued, following which Mrs. Wheeldon requested that her Proposition be re-instated.

The Proposition was then put as a SUBSTANTIVE MOTION, and declared CARRIED, with SIX Members voting IN FAVOUR and NONE AGAINST.

168. **STANDING ORDERS**

Further to Minute No. 2 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2002, and in accordance with Standing Order No. 67, the proposed amendments to the Council's Standing Orders were presented for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the proposed amendments be adopted.

169. **MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

Further to Minute No. 7 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2002, and subsequent "training sessions" attended by Councillors, consideration was given to the introduction of the Model Code of Conduct.

The Clerk reminded Members that, once adopted, all Councillors were required to sign an individual Notice of Registerable Interests within 28 days, and a Written Undertaking within two calendar months.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Baume, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To formally adopt the Model Code of Conduct.

170. **PURBECK COMMUNITY WARDEN SERVICE - OFFICE ACCOMMODATION**

Further to Minute No. 4 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2002, the Clerk reported on a request received from Purbeck District Council for the provision of office accommodation for use by the Community Wardens.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That office accommodation be made available in Mermond Place.

In answer to a question raised by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, Councillor Miller explained the management and hours of working that would

appertain to the Community Wardens.

171. **ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

172. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of February 2002 were submitted.

173. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor and RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Order on Treasurer Nos. 12 and 12a, amounting to £81,037.82 and £80,870.94 respectively, be paid and that cheques be drawn therefor.

174. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2002 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.

175. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED:-

That as publicity would be prejudicial to the public by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

176. **CARAVAN SALES POLICY**

The Caravan Park Manager enquired as to the Council's policy in regard to applications for the purchase of new caravans.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Miller, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That clarification be given to fully support Mr. Kevin Martyn-Jones in his position as Caravan Park Manager, and the decisions he makes on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Suttle declared a personal interest in the matter under the Model Code of Conduct, as the matter to be transacted related to a business associate and, as it was a prejudicial interest, left the meeting before its consideration.

Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon also left the Meeting at this point.

Councillor Trite assumed the Chair.

177. **LEASES**

Further to Minute No. 114 of the Annual Estimates Meeting held on 21 January 2002, the Clerk reported upon the negotiations held with the previous operator of the Ice Cream Kiosk site on the seafront and provided details of the proposals. st

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Baume, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To confirm the granting of a three year licence on the proposed terms.

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