

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER 2004 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor A.H. Miller (Town Mayor) – Chairman.

Councillor H.J.F. Agelink
Councillor Mrs. C.A. Bartlett
Councillor C.R. Bright
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough
Councillor Mrs. H. O'Donovan
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor M.A. Tyrer
Councillor Mrs. J.D. Wheeldon

The Mayor welcomed Revd. John Wood, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

66. **APOLOGIES**

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

67. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Agelink, and

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23rd August 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Agelink, and

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 10th September 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matter on 20th September 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed.

68. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor

Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED:-
That the notes on the Public Participation
Time held on 23rd August 2004 be accepted.

69. **CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan
Park Committee held on 16th September 2004 be
approved as a correct record and signed.

70. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on his "Day to Remember", which had been held on 17
September 2004. The day had been very enjoyable, with civic dignitaries from 18
neighbouring authorities in attendance. He wished to thank all those who had helped
to make the days so successful, with particular mention of Mr George Willey, who had
given an interesting and informative commentary to the guests.

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71. **TOURISM REPORT**

The Tourist Information Centre Manager reported on the following matters:-
Although footfall figures at the Tourist Information Centre during July and August
were slightly down on the corresponding period in 2003, the overall figures for
the 2004 season were upon those for the previous year.

- (b) The number of guides despatched had already exceeded the 2003 figure,
mainly due to the autumn advertising campaign.
- (c) The leaflets depicting walks in the area, which were on sale at the Tourist
Information Centre, were extremely out of date. It was intended that the most
popular walks be revisited during the winter, and new, more accurate leaflets
produced for the start of the new season.

(d) The offer of "3 days for the price of 2" for the beach bungalow had again proved
popular, with over half of the vacant bungalows being taken as a result of the
offer.

(e) A new event - "Festival of Fire" - is being organised by the Wareham Carnival
Committee, and will be held at Norden on 13th November. The event will
include a bonfire, fireworks, children's rides, refreshments etc. and a train
will be running from Swanage to Norden. Tickets will be on sale at both the
Swanage and Wareham Tourist Information Centres.

(f) Charity Christmas Cards would again be available at the Information
Centre, and would be on sale from Friday, 1st October.

72. **HOLIDAY PARK REPORT**

(a) The General Manager reported on the following matters at the Holiday Park:-
Preparations were being made for the imminent commencement of work on the refurbishment programme at the Holiday Park. The catering had now ceased trading, and the reception had been temporarily relocated to the top bar area.

(b) The annual Grading Assessment had recently been carried out at the Holiday Park by "Visit Britain" (formerly English Tourism Council), and as anticipated, the Park had retained its "Three Tick" grade.

(c) Reference was made to the problems with water leaks at the Holiday Park during the past six months. The situation had been monitored, and further to Minute No. 56(c) of the Council Meeting held on 23rd August 2004, a full survey was shortly to be undertaken.

(d) Finally, the General Manager referred to the Mayor's "Day to Remember", and was honoured to provide lunch for his civic guests at the Holiday Park.

Before consideration of the next two items, Councillor Suttle declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being a member of the Licensing Committee of Purbeck District Council, and left the Meeting during the discussion.

73. **JUSTICES' LICENCES**

(a) **Hyperion Café, High Street**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of the Hyperion Café was submitted for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED:-

That no objection be raised to the transfer of the Licence.

(b) **The Victoria Club, High Street**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of the Victoria Club, Swanage was submitted for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Agelink, and RESOLVED:-

That no objection be raised to the transfer of the Licence.

74. **OCCASIONAL PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE**

A letter dated 22nd September 2004 was submitted from the Licensing Officer of Purbeck District Council seeking the Council's observations on an application received on behalf of the Swanage Jazz Festival, for the issue of an Occasional Public Entertainment Licence in respect of the Function Room at the

Swanage Conservative Club, to hold four Sunday lunchtime jazz gigs.

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

That no objection be raised to the granting of the Licence.

75. **USE OF TOWN HALL ROOMS**

The Mayor reported on a request received from the Swanage Town and Community Partnership for the use of rooms at the Town Hall. He explained that funds were available on a limited timescale to appoint an employee, for which office accommodation would be required. The need for an income stream had also been identified, and the possibility of joint accommodation as an office/Charity Shop was suggested.

Following discussion, during which concern was expressed at the suitability of the accommodation available for the purpose required, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Bright, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the matter be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters.

76. **ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE TOWN MAYOR DECIDES ARE URGENT**

(a) **Purbeck Transportation Study**

The Mayor reported on the Purbeck Transportation Study, compiled by Buro Happold on behalf of Dorset County Council, and expressed grave concern at the reference to the possible introduction of congestion charges as a means of traffic management.

The matter had been considered earlier in the day at a meeting of the Tourism and Environmental Committee, and Members re-iterated their concern at the lack of consultation on such an important document.

During the discussion, it was noted that, following representations by County Councillor Donald Hiatt, the consultation period had been extended by a further 28 days, and Councillor Hiatt's help in this regard was acknowledged. It was proposed by Councillor Tyrer, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To endorse the recommendations of the Tourism and Environmental Committee in strongly opposing the introduction of any congestion charges.

(b) **Swanage Beach Recharge Scheme**

The Mayor reported on a recent Meeting held at Purbeck District Council updating Members on the options for the Swanage Beach Recharge Scheme. Following detailed investigations by specialised consultants, the favoured option now appeared to be the introduction of new and additional wooden groynes.

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

That the Town Council support the
"woodengroyne" option for the Swanage
Beach Recharge Scheme.

77. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of August 2004 were submitted for information.

78. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and
RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Order on
Treasurer Nos. 6, 6a and 6b, amounting to
£196,322.85, £55,828.00 and £233,978.34
respectively be paid, and that cheques be
drawn therefor.

79. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 31st August 2004 (copies
having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.
