

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY,**
10th DECEMBER 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite – Chairman

Councillor M. Bonfield
Councillor I. Brown
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 25 members of the public attended the Meeting.

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

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Update from Dorset County Council on matters relating to the co-location of the new Swanage School with St. Marks CE First School on the Swanage Middle School site.

Councillor Trite opened the Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

92. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Bartlett and Miss Harris.

93. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare their interest under the Code of Conduct as defined by regulations made under section 30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011.

Agenda Item No. 12 (b) – Councillor Mrs. Patrick declared a pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of a business association with the lessee.

Agenda Item No. 12 (b) – Councillor Suttle declared a pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of a business association with the lessee.

Consideration was then given to requests for Grants of Dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

It was proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED:-

That dispensation to participate in the budget setting and agreement of precept be granted to the following named Councillors until May 2015:-

Councillor Mrs. C. Bartlett
Councillor M. Bonfield
Councillor I. Brown
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor M.W. Pratt
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor W.S. Trite
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

94. **MINUTES**

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

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Council held on 5th November 2012 be approved
as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Whitwam, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Council held to discuss policy and planning matters
on 19th November 2012 be approved as a correct
record and signed.

95. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport
Committee held on 24th October 2012 be approved
as a correct record and signed.

96. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism
Committee held on 5th November 2012 be approved
as a correct record and signed.

97. **GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the General
Operations Committee held on 7th November 2012
be approved as a correct record and signed.

98. **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport
Committee held on 13th November 2012 be approved
as a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the following recommendation contained in the Minutes:-

Consideration of Installation of Parking Management System

Proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a parking management system be purchased
at an approximate cost of £4,000.

99. **PLANS**

Under the 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.

**Delegated
Applications**

6/2012/0738 **Mr R Besant**

Erect two storey side extension for use as self-contained annexe.
5 Sunridge Close, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to the extension not being occupied as a separate dwelling.

6/2012/0745 **Mrs E Jarmin**

Replacement fascia and display of one small window cling (internal).
Sue Ryder Care, 12 Institute Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0747 **Mr P Larrard**

Erect single storey rear extension.
19 Russell Avenue, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0749 **Mr Dyer**

Erect single storey side extension.
9 Kingswood Close, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0753 **Mrs S Parker**

Erect first floor extension. Insert window in south elevation.
4 Court Cottages, Court Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0756 **Edward Jackson Ltd**

Variation of condition 2 of PP 6/2011/0415 to alter roof pitch of plot 2.
161-165 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2012/0758 **Mr E McEwan**

Erect conservatory extension.
22A Bon Accord Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

- 6/2012/0776 **Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education**
New 1.5 Entry Primary School and associated works.
Swanage Middle School, High Street, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: Recommend approval. The Town Council fully supports this application.
- 6/2012/0784 **Mr & Mrs Jones**
Erect single storey rear extension.
75 Steer Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.
- 6/2012/0740 **Ankers & Rawlings Developments Ltd**
Proposed non-material amendment to PP 6/2012/0312 (Variation of Condition 2 of PP 6/2011/0295 (Demolish existing building and erect terrace of 6 dwellings with associated parking; create new pedestrian and vehicular access) to amend internal layout to use loft space to create an additional bedroom for plot numbers 2,3,4 and 5 and insert roof lights. Amend door and window positions at ground floor level in rear elevation and amend roof parapet detailing) to vary the internal layouts and changes to doors and windows to rear (south west) elevation to include French doors with side window to each unit and realign windows and velux windows centrally above new French doors.
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Howard Road, Swanage.
OBSERVATION: No objection.

Items for Information Only

- 6/2012/0737 **Mr & Mrs Wylie**
Demolish fridge and freezer store and erect single storey extension to incorporate new fridge and freezer store, file room, staff bedroom and staff room.
York House Care Home, 8-10 Cauldon Avenue, Swanage.
- 6/2012/0773 **Highfield Developments (Swanage) Ltd**
Non Material Amendment for PP 6/2011/0369 (Variation of condition 2 of PP 6/2008/0784 (Demolish nursing home and erect a four storey block of 9 two bed flats and 1 three bed flat with associated access and parking) to incorporate the following minor amendments; lower level of basement; create front entrance ramp; install security gate to basement car park.) – Revision to balcony handrail/balustrading. Revision to parapet at third floor level. Exposed lift shaft material revised and revisions to edging/roof to copper clad projecting bay to north elevation.
Westbury House, 6 Rempstone Road, Swanage.
- 6/2012/0780 **Mr Hall**
Proposed non material amendment to PP 6/2012/0230 (Erect single storey rear extension) to square off and increase floor area of proposed extension.
7 D'Urberville Drive, Swanage.

100. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 30th November 2012 was submitted for information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

101. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer
Nos. 9 and 9a, amounting to £1,805,183.85 and
£61,049.34 respectively be paid, and that cheques be
drawn therefor.

102. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on the following matters:-

- (a) Thanks to the Swanage Regatta & Carnival Association and Swanage Town & Herston Football Club for their assistance with the arrangements for New Year's Eve.
- (b) The 'Swanage Pathway' facility in the Town Hall Annexe had been officially opened on 5th December by the Town Mayor. The newly-appointed Police Crime Commissioner, Martin Underhill, and representatives from Dorset Police and Swanage Town Council were also in attendance.
- (c) Dorset County Council had agreed to permit early access to the Swanage Middle School site in order to progress the Swanage Free School project.
- (d) Congratulations to Swanage Sea Rowing Club in securing a grant of £135,000 from 'Chalk and Cheese'.
- (e) It was anticipated that Dorset County Council would be installing the 'Pay & Display' parking meters on Shore Road prior to Easter 2013.
- (f) Further to Minute No. 9 of the Policy and Planning meeting held on 17th September 2012, Dorset County Council had not accepted the Town Council's suggestions regarding the part night street lighting in the town.
- (g) Congratulations to Durlston Castle for the success in achieving the National Lottery Heritage Award.
- (h) Congratulations to the James Day Home Action Group and all those who had helped to achieve the re-opening of the 'Gainsborough' care home (James Day Centre).

The Mayor had attended the following events during the past month:-

- (a) The opening of the James Day Centre.
- (b) Armistice Day and Remembrance Day services.
- (c) Swanage Rowing Club – Auction of Paintings.
- (d) Official opening of the new 'Pathway' facility in the Town Hall Annexe.
- (e) 'Dorset History in 101 Objects' at Dorset County Museum, Dorchester.
- (f) A Civic Carol Service at Blandford Forum.

103. **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

A notice had been received from Purbeck District Council inviting nominations from local Parish and Town Councils for Volunteer of the Year 2012.

It was noted that the Awards are made as special recognition by the Chairman of Purbeck District Council of services to the community, and it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That Mr. Eddie Rainford be nominated for 'Volunteer of the Year' award in recognition of his sterling work over many years as a voluntary football coach for the young people in Swanage.

104. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Councillor Brown reported that he had attended a meeting of the Swanage Museum.
- (b) Councillor Whitwam reported that he had attended the monthly meeting of Pub Watch on 14th November 2012.
- (c) Councillor Mrs. Patrick reported that she had attended a recent meeting of the Swanage Youth Centre Management meeting at which it had been reported that funding had been secured for work in the Youth Centre garden.
- (d) Councillor Mrs. Marsh reported that she had attended a meeting of the Swanage Pier Trust.

105. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

There were no delegated matters to report at the present time.

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

Items of Information

- (a) **New Year's Eve** – An update was given on arrangements for New Year's Eve.

Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

- (a) **Shell Bay/Sandbanks Ferry** – It was reported that concerns had been raised by various agencies regarding appropriate diversions during the suspension of the ferry service for the maintenance/re-fit works.

107. **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.

108. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Lower Grammar School Field**

The Mayor updated those present on matters relating to the schools review, the provision of a Free School and sporting facilities in Swanage.

Following discussion, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Town Council confirms its agreement to the release of the relevant part of the Lower Grammar School Field, subject to successful negotiation of terms that enable it to comply with the General Disposal Consent Order (England) 2003 and a simultaneous signing of agreements for the release of sites for both St. Mary's RC Primary and The Swanage School.

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

That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk be given delegated authority to act in the matter should it be deemed necessary.

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

i) **Bad Debts**

The Clerk updated Members on matters relating to outstanding debts at the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, and a letter dated 29th November 2012 received from the Council's legal advisers.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, seconded by Councillor Brown, and RESOLVED, with ONE ABSTENTION:-

To accept the advice of the Council's legal advisers, and, in respect of one case, to agree the proposed settlement terms, subject to review in one year's time.

ii) **Commission Claims**

Further to Minute No. 13 (b) of the Policy and Planning meeting held on 19th November 2012, the Clerk updated Members on matters relating to commission claims on caravan sales at the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, and a letter dated 28th November 2012 received from pdt solicitors. It was noted that the Town Council's offer contained in Minute No. 91 (c) of the Council meeting held on 5th November 2012 had been accepted by all claimants.

Further to their declarations of interest under Minute No. 93, Councillors Mrs. Patrick and Suttle left the Meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

(c) **Ice Cream Kiosk**

Further to Minute No. 79 (e) of the Council meeting held on 1st October 2012, the Clerk updated Members on matters relating to the ice cream kiosk concession on Shore Road.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a Working Party, consisting of the Town Mayor, Town Clerk and Councillors Brown and Wiggins, be set up to progress the matter.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.
