

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council of Swanley Town Council  
held in the Council Chamber, The Civic Centre, St Mary's Road, Swanley,  
on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 following the meeting of the Development Control  
Committee**

**Minutes**

**Present**

Conservative: Cllr L Ball; Cllr J Barnes; Cllr R Morris; Cllr V Southern; Cllr H Willingale; Cllr C Barnes; Cllr L Dyball;

UKIP: None

Labour: Cllr M Hogg, Cllr E Komolafe

Also in Attendance: J Pilbeam (Chief Executive), T Roast, C King and D Sutton

17 members of the public

**The meeting opened at 7.30pm**

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr L Gaire, Cllr S Gaire, Cllr J Halford, Cllr M Horwood, Cllr N Scott, Cllr Searles, for which reasons were given and accepted.

**Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest**

There were none.

**Minutes**

**10114** It was **RESOLVED** To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016

**The following minutes were noted**

Development Control 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Mayors Communications**

The Mayor reported that since the last council meeting that the Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade was well attended by Local Residents and included our local MP Sir Michael Fallon. I had the privilege of laying a wreath on behalf of Swanley.

Swanley FC are a new youth football team whose pitch is by the Council Offices. A friendly match was held between the STC All Stars – staff plus two Councillors – against players of Swanley FC. There were some revealing moments but the game ended in a honourable 4-4 draw.

Last Friday the local lights were officially turned on. This was preceded and followed by a stirring performance by the Rock Choir. Many thanks to the Council workers who did a sterling job for these events.

Today, a Wednesday, I attended the Christmas lunch for the Thursday Club. Thanks to Swanley Banqueting staff for a most excellent meal and a good time had by all.

**The meeting was adjourned to allow the public to ask questions of the Council at 19.36pm**

A question was asked about Cllr Searles attendance at mayoral events in place of the Mayor. It was agreed for the Clerk to send details to the resident concerning mayoral function attendance by Cllr Searles.

*Since the meeting it has been confirmed that £90.00 was spent on two tickets (for Cllr Searles plus guest) to the Queen's birthday celebrations at Leeds Castle on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and £120.00 was spent on two tickets (for Cllr Searles plus guest) at the Kent County Council Civic Dinner on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016.*

*The protocol is for the Mayor to be given first refusal on all events, if the Mayor is unable to attend the Deputy Mayor is sent the invitation.*

A question was asked about the accounts and when they will be published. Cllr Southern confirmed that the accounts are published and that this resident has already viewed them at an appointment at Swanley Link.

A question was asked about the wording of the town crier article concerning the Mastervision consultation by Sevenoaks District Council and why the Town Council had not objected to it. Cllr Southern explained the difference between the U+I proposals and the Mastervision. The U+I proposal is a planning application which is objected to on material planning grounds. The Mastervision is a general consultation which requires comments only, there is not an option to object at this stage as it is still in consultation.

A question was asked about the exclusion of Swanley Village in the Sevenoaks District Council greenbelt assessment. Cllr Southern explained that Cllr Searles and Cllr Horwood were attending a meeting at Sevenoaks District Council concerning this matter and would be representing the view of Swanley.

**The meeting was reconvened at 19.51pm**

Cllr Southern updated the meeting on a short report from Cllr Horwood.

**The meeting was adjourned at 19.57pm**

**The meeting reconvened at 20.10pm**

**10115 It was RESOLVED** to note the report of the CEO

**The meeting was closed to the public at 20.16pm**

It was agreed to proceed with the bid from Lawrence Land and to enter into negotiations to ensure that the bidder covers the cost of demolition and hoarding. It was also agreed that the bidder submit a £15,000 non-refundable deposit.

**Meeting closed at 20.40pm**

Signed ..... CHAIRMAN

Date:.....

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