

**Minutes of a Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL of  
Swanley Town Council held at the Civic Centre, Swanley on  
Wednesday 30 September 2015.**

**Present**

Cllr J Barnes (Chairman)	Cllr J Hulton-Scott
Cllr C Barnes	Cllr E Komolafe
Cllr R Brookbank	Cllr R Morris
Cllr L Dyball	Cllr N Rosen
Cllr S Gaire	Cllr T Searles
Cllr L Gaire	Cllr V Southern
Cllr M Hogg	Cllr H Willingale

**Also in attendance**

J Pilbeam (Chief Executive)	G Mills (Democratic Services Officer)
L Saunders (Operations Director)	
Nabih Fonkwe (Finance Officer)	36 members of the public were also present.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

**Apologies.**

Apologies from Cllr L Ball were received and approved. Cllr J Halford was not present.

**Declarations of Interests**

There were none

**Minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 22 July 2015**

**9848** It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 22 July 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Minutes from meetings held since the last meeting of Full Council.**

**9849** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of committee meetings held since the last meeting of Full Council be noted.

Cllr Searles proposed and Cllr Morris seconded that the order of business for the remaining part of the agenda be changed so that following Mayors Communications the next item would be the report from County Councillors followed by the Motion by Cllr Hogg and then Public Questions.

All agreed

**Mayor's Communications**

Cllr J Barnes reported on events and activities he had undertaken as the Mayor of Swanley since the last meeting of Full Council.

### **Report from County Councillors**

Cllr Roger Gough spoke about the consultation on street lighting which KCC was undertaking. The County Council was going through a procurement exercise for the conversion of existing lamps to LED and work in the Swanley area should commence in the New Year. Full details of the consultation were on the KCC website. Cllr Gough also spoke about the further consultation being undertaken by the Boundary Commission on proposals for the Sevenoaks District. The consultation closes on 29 November 2015. Cllr Gough then said he was hopeful a start on renewing the white lines on London Road would commence in the near future. Finally Cllr Gough said KCC would soon start consulting on its budget proposals which would need to be framed against a background of having to make further reductions to meet funding gaps.

Cllr Brookbank also spoke about the further consultation being undertaken by the Boundary Commission and the importance of anyone in Swanley, and Swanley Village in particular making known their views. Cllr Brookbank also said some of the 20 mph signage towards the end of St Mary's Road would possibly need some amendments.

Members then put a number of questions to Cllr Gough and Cllr Brookbank to which they responded accordingly.

### **Notice of Motion – Councillor Hogg**

Cllr Hogg proposed and Cllr Komolafe seconded the Motion set out at item 8 on the agenda. During the course of debate Cllr Searles proposed and Cllr Morris seconded that the Motion by Cllr Hogg as set out at Item 8 on the Agenda be put to the vote and that the vote be recorded.

#### Against the Motion

Cllr J Barnes

Cllr C Barnes

Cllr R Brookbank

Cllr L Dyball

Cllr S Gaire

Cllr L Gaire

Cllr R Morris

Cllr Hulton-Scott

Cllr N Rosen

Cllr T Searles

Cllr V Southern

Cllr H Willingale

#### In favour of the Motion

Cllr M Hogg

Cllr E Komolafe

**9850** It was **RESOLVED** that it be recorded that the Motion by Cllr Hogg as set out at Item 8 on the agenda was lost there being 12 against and 2 for.

#### **Public Question Time.**

In accordance with Standing Order 3 (e) the meeting was adjourned at 8.05 PM in order to allow Members' of the public to ask questions.

A resident spoke about the work of Swanley Foodbank and the need for the organisation to find alternative accommodation. Cllr Searles said the Town Council would see what it could do to help the Foodbank find some alternative accommodation.

Mrs J Sargeant said that since raising the matter at the last meeting of The Council she had still not received a written explanation as to why her personal phone number had appeared in the Town Crier against the name of a serving Councillor. Cllr Searles said that the mistake was due to a typographical error and he would arrange for a letter to be sent to Mrs Sargeant confirming that fact.

A resident asked why only two weeks' notice of an increase in hire costs had been given to those clubs and organisations using Swanley Banqueting premises. Cllr Searles said he would arrange for the resident to be sent a letter explaining the situation.

#### **The meeting reconvened at 8.30 PM.**

##### **Swanley Banqueting Venues**

Cllr Searles proposed and Cllr Morris seconded that the recommendations set out in the report, including the closure of The Woodlands as of January 2016 be approved.

Following debate The Council voted on the proposal by Cllr Searles which was carried there being 12 for with 2 against.

#### **9851** It was **RESOLVED**

- (a) That the Woodlands be closed as of January 2016 with officers being asked to move all future bookings from the Woodlands to the Alexandra Suite and/or The Olympic.
- (b) That the Chief Executive be delegated the authority to manage all consequential staffing issues arising from the decision set out in 1 above.
- (c) Prior to the Woodlands being marketed a Town Planning consultant be appointed to work on the Council's behalf on the submission of an outline planning application for residential development.
- (d) The Town Council authorise a budget of £ 2,500 to secure the Woodlands and arrange for security to keep the building secure during its closure.
- (e) The Chief Executive be authorised to appoint the consultant Town Planner referred to in recommendation 3 above and that a sum of up to £10,000 be approved to cover the costs of both the consultant and the planning fees.

### **Report of Chief Executive**

During the course of discussion Cllr Searles proposed and Cllr Morris seconded that recommendation f (ii) of the report be amended to read – Swanley Town Council agrees to fund qualifying residents a Christmas day lunch at a suitable alternative venue and the Chief Executive be given power to do so. All agreed

**9852** It was **RESOLVED** that

- (a) The report of the Chief Executive be noted.
- (b) Swanley Town Council agrees to fund qualifying residents a Christmas Day lunch at a suitable alternative venue and the Chief Executive be given power to do so.
- (c) The Council agree to a temporary arrangement for the football pitches in Swanley Park for rental through Kent Football United for season 2015/16 and the Chief Executive be granted delegated authority to arrange the agreement for one season only and to ensure the best value of the Council.

### **Applications for Grant Aid – Update**

- (i) Swanley Twinning Association  
On a vote of 12 for with 2 abstentions it was agreed that a grant of £250.00 be approved to the Swanley Twinning Association to help cover insurance and website design costs.
- (ii) Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin  
Cllr Searles said having considered this grant application further he had concerns as to whether the purpose applied for was appropriate under the terms of the scheme and he therefore recommended that it should be refused.

All agreed

**9853** It was **RESOLVED**

- (i) That a grant of £250.00 be awarded to the Swanley Twinning Association,
- (ii) No award be made to the Parish Church of St Mary's.
- (iii) Taking into account the grant approved at this meeting there is currently £4000.00 remaining in the Grants budget for 2015/16.

**9.03 PM.** Cllr L Gaire left the Council Chamber.

### **Sevenoaks District Council – Call for Sites 2015**

**9854** It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted

**Sevenoaks District Council Community Plan Consultations**

**9855** It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**Variance of the Kent Permit Scheme to Comply with the Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015**

**9857** It was **RESOLVED** that the proposals set out in the notification letter be welcomed which would result in future road works being better coordinated.

The meeting closed at 9.10 PM

Signed .....Chairman

Date: 11 November 2015