

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: J Barron (Deputy Mayor), A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, N Cottle, J Coles, J Cousins, M Free, S Henderson, J Keery, W Knight, D Michell, S Shepherd, S Thurgood (Mayor), I Tucker

APOLOGIES: Councillors: I Forster and H Sharp

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
David Greenway, Town Crier
County Councillor A Gloak
County Councillor T Napper
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden – Macebearer

Public participation

- Morgana West described the plans for the Glastonbury Reception Centre and provided written information.
- Patrick Whitefield spoke about a fence erected by the Town Council at Leg of Mutton Road and complained that it would appear no action had been taken since the community meeting.
- Dharam Barrett informed the Town Council that a group of interested people are putting together an application for a Steiner Academy for Glastonbury. The school would serve 300 pupils between 4 and 16 years of age.

158. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Free – Town Hall Minutes – Item 35 – Personal.

159. REPORT FROM MEMBER OF THE GLASTONBURY BEAT TEAM

In the absence of the Police Councillor Brunsdon MBE asked the Town Clerk to report an abandoned vehicle in Dod Lane.

The next PACT meeting will be held at the Town Hall at on 23rd April 2014 at 7pm.

160. ELIM CHURCH

Stephen Fowler spoke about the work of the Elim Connect Centre and the Street Level Access Programme working with the homeless. He said they were looking for a base in the Town Centre, not an attractional base but somewhere to meet clients privately.

161. ASTER COMMUNITIES

Gill Bowden, Neighbourhood Manager gave an overview of her work in Glastonbury. She said they aim to be in touch with their tenants and help them to find solutions to problems before they get out of hand. She encouraged Councillors to become involved in the regular neighbourhood inspections.

162. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Glastonbury in Bloom Sub-Committee held on 5th March 2014 were received and approved.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th March 2014, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a true record.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 18th March 2014 were received and approved. Councillor Free confirmed that the planning application for the solar panels had been approved.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25th March 2014 were received and approved.
- e) The minutes meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 25th March 2014 were received and approved.

163. BUDGET REPORT

The monthly budget report was noted.

164. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments, now submitted, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes be approved and signed by two members as the Town Clerk's authority to make the payments.

165. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Reports were received from the District Councillors.

166. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor Gloak had circulated a written report.

County Councillor Napper was asked to arrange a further meeting regarding Ashwell Lane. Councillors were still not happy about the suggested proposal to permanently close the road to through traffic.

Councillor Keery said he had been disappointed with the meeting with County Councillor Gloak and Chris Betty, Traffic Engineer and hoped that the signage to car parks could now be sorted out along with other outstanding matters.

167. HERALDRY WORKING GROUP REPORT

Dan Salter presented the recommendations of the working party to the Town Council. The written document is kept with the official minutes.

168. NOTICE OF MOTION

The following motion was proposed by Councillor A Black and seconded by Councillor N Cottle.

'That this Council accepts the recommendations made by the Heraldry Working Group'.

Both Councillors thanked everyone involved in producing the report.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor Shepherd being:

'That this Council notes the recommendations made by the working group with the understanding that the proposals be considered by a committee of elected members'.

A vote was then taken on the amendment which was passed with 9 for 5 against and 3 abstentions. The amendment therefore became the substantive motion which was passed with a vote of 9 for 5 against and 3 abstentions.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a Committee can be formed without notice. It was therefore **AGREED** to appoint the 14 Councillors present at this meeting to the Heraldry Committee.

169. NOTICE OF MOTION

The following motion was proposed by Councillor S Thurgood and seconded by Councillor W Knight.

It was **RESOLVED** that this Council writes to NatWest Bank to strongly object to the re-location of its branch in Glastonbury to Street to the detriment and inconvenience of the businesses and residents of Glastonbury.

170. TOWN HALL FEES

Councillor Michell requested the hire fees to be waived for the showing of an informative film on Fracking which took place on 28th March 2014. It was **AGREED** to waive the fees on this occasion.

171. STANDING ORDERS

The Town Clerk had circulated revised Standing Orders from adoption at the next meeting.

172. INSURANCE SCHEDULE

The Insurance Schedule was considered and approved for 2014-2015.

173. REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROLS

The internal controls of the Town Council were reviewed.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Cottle and Thurgood to assist with the quarterly reviews.

174. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earlier in the meeting, Councillor Knight had congratulated Councillor Thurgood on the way she had conducted herself during her year of office.

The Mayor had attended 10 events on behalf of the Town since the last meeting. She and the Deputy Mayor had met with Sgt French regarding the new police shifts. She continues to meet with the Youth Council which has recently started a Drama Club in Town.

175. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Michell said that there would be a lunch at Hinkley Point at 12 noon on 10th April 2014 and then a meeting with Tessa Munt at Wedmore between 8 and 9 pm.

Councillor Coles reported that he would be showing a film about Peat Making at Edington Village Hall on 22nd July 2014 at 7.30pm as part of the Levels and Moors project.

176. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Barron said that he is continuing with the Gardening Club at St Dunstan's and that the main crop of potatoes will be planted when the children return to school. He also reported on the WW1 group and that Burtle Silver Band will be playing in the Town on 17th August 2014.

177. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Invitation to continue membership of association. It was **AGREED** to continue membership.
- b) Rural Services Network – Invitation to join a Rural Sounding Board – It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Cottle to the Board with Councillor Thurgood as reserve.

The following correspondence was noted:

- c) Emails from Kilve and Ashcott Parish Councils in response to letter from Glastonbury Town Council regarding proposed Hinkley Point development
- d) Somerset Highways – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Temporary Road Closure – Porchestall Drove – Road to be closed from 7th April 2014 for 5 days to allow BT safe access to overhead plant

Mayor, 13th May 2014