

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at Glastonbury  
Town Hall at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: A Andrews, T Billing (Mayor), J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, S Cox, M Free, E James, J Keery, W Knight, P Preston, H Sharp, I Tucker, Mrs J White

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
District Councillor J Barron

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Jane Sanders reported that the Why Wifi? Campaign had surveyed 76 businesses, only 8% of which thought the town centre Wifi a good idea. She also mentioned that there could be a security issue using the system.
- Mike Kew spoke on behalf of Glastonbury Skaters stating their concerns about the alternative site suggested by Glastonbury Town Council
- Judi Hawkins spoke regarding the Skateboard Park

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

**62. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Hull and Browne.

**63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**64. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor's engagements since the last meeting were:

- Annual Burma Star Service on 15<sup>th</sup> August and wished to thank those Councillors also in attendance.
- Concert given by Tim Pitman in the Abbey Grounds to raise funds for the Royal British Legion and to recognise local author Geoffrey Ashe. The Mayor had presented Mr Ashe with a replica of the Town's seal.
- The Licensing Service for the new Vicar of Glastonbury, The Reverend David MacGeoch.

The Mayor also announced the Mayor's Concert, featuring Bertie's Big Band would take place at the Town Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008 with all proceeds to the Martha Care Trust.

**65. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the

Mayor as a correct record.

- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2008, were received and noted.

#### **66. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT**

PCSO Day reported that since the last meeting 52 fixed penalty notices had been issued and 51 alcohol seizures made. PC Pople and PCSO Lawson had been involved in the planning for the new skateboard park and Jemma Lawson had arranged a car wash day at Windmill Hill to raise money for youth activities.

PCSO Day confirmed that Sedgemoor Way had been deemed unsafe for Community Speed Watch.

The next PACT meeting would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

#### **67. FUNDING FOR YOUTH NIGHTS AT ST EDMUND'S HALL**

A Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor J White and Councillor I Tucker.

**RESOLVED** that this Council releases funding of £1000 to the organisers of a new Homework Club and Youth Evening Internet Café at St Edmund's Hall, from monies reserved for an extra Youth Night at the hall.

#### **68. AREA REGENERATION OFFICER REPORT**

Ros Wilkins reported that 12 applications for funds from the Area Regeneration Budget had been received from Glastonbury. She confirmed that there are problems with funding for the proposed Youth Café. Ros will contact the owner of the building to update him.

#### **69. SKATEBOARD PARK**

Ros Wilkins confirmed that the terms of some of the funding means the skateboard park must be up and running by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. She said that the District Council were considering two sites but the decision as to which site would be used needed to be made soon so as not to jeopardise the funding.

Councillor Free found it disappointing that the youths have reservations over the alternative site when they have yet to have the opportunity to see the plans and suggested a meeting is called immediately.

Councillor Tucker was concerned about the maintenance and whether the present site is the right place for the future, ie. next to the sewage works, in a business park.

The Town Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting between the Town Council and the skaters to discuss an alternative site for the skateboard park.

#### **70. TOWN HALL ALTERATIONS**

Councillor Free reported that he had met with the Conservation Officer to discuss the plans. The Officer said he would prefer to see the inclusion of a fanlight to

match the existing light above the front door and door to the Council Chamber and the use of pressed stone.

It was **AGREED** that Councillor Free should amend the present drawings and submit to the Planning Department.

Councillor White left the meeting.

## **71. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor J Brunson reported that Mendip District Council does not have a designated site for travellers.

Councillor E James reported that he had assisted Councillor Barron with problems at the Morland's site regarding illegal camping by travellers. He confirmed that the travellers left last Friday evening.

Councillor Coles had met with the organisers of the Vintage Car Road Run and is hopeful that the event will take place in Glastonbury.

He reported that the owner of Bartlett's Farm had not yet complied with the Enforcement Order to clear up the site.

Councillor Sharp asked what the legal position was regarding the provision of travellers' Sites. Councillor Brunson confirmed that the government could financially penalise the District Council for not providing adequate provision.

Councillor J Barron had attended a meeting with Gloucester County Council and handed a report compiled following last year's flooding to the Town Clerk for the information of the Chairman of the Emergency Working Party.

He had been contacted by David Carling of the UK Skateboard Association. He had arranged for quotations for works to the alternative site.

With reference to travellers and gypsy sites, he reported that South Somerset District Council have found a solution to the problem. He handed the Mayor a DVD called 'One Square Mile' which discusses how provision of sites can be dealt with.

## **72. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

In the County Councillor's absence a written report had been circulated to Members, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

## **73. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Free informed members that the next meeting of the Emergency Working Party would be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 at 7pm at the Town Hall. A speaker would be discussing her experiences immediately following the Omagh bombings 10 years ago. He asked for more members to become involved.

## **74. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence of which copies of a,b,c,d,f,g and h had been circulated to Councillors was noted.

- a) Shepton Mallet Town Council – Request to consider re-instigation of the meeting of the Five Towns/City – **RESOLVED** that the Town Council agrees to the re-instigation of the meetings and offers meeting space when required.
- b) Glastonbury Tourist Information Centre – Statement regarding nomination of Town Councillors to Board of Directors with reasons for not accepting Councillor Hull's nomination to the Board of Directors. A copy of the statement is attached to the official minutes.

As Councillor Hull was unable to attend the meeting she had circulated a letter to all Councillors stating that she accepts the decision of the TIC Board and has withdrawn her offer to be the Council representative. She went on to say that it is regrettable that the TIC has adopted this position as she was willing to contribute her skills, experience, contacts and commitments to the tourism sector so important in Glastonbury.

The Mayor said he was prepared to put his name forward as a Director.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council should nominate Councillor Tom Billing as Director to the Board of Glastonbury Tribunal Ltd.

- c) Police Authority and Chief Constable – Invitation for nominations for the Annual Community Policing Awards – **RESOLVED** to nominate PC Pople as Neighbourhood Beat Manager of the Year Award and PCSO J Lawson for Police Community Support Officer of the Year Award.
- d) Glastonbury Abbey – Disorderly behaviour in Silver Street – The Town Clerk confirmed that a meeting with representatives from the Abbey, Mendip District Council, Town Council, establishments from Silver Street and the Police would be taking place on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 2pm.
- e) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Annual Report and Accounts 2007-2008
- f) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Invite to Annual General Meeting and Area General Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008 – Agreed that the Mayor will represent the Council.
- g) Mendip Housing – Annual Review 2007-2008
- h) Mendip District Council – Invitation to Housing Strategy Seminar Event, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008

## 75. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments, now tabled, 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.

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**Chairman, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008**