

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 5th September 2006

PRESENT: Councillors: D Allen, A Andrews, J Barron, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles (Mayor), N Cottle, E Higgins, J Keery, K Mitchell, H Sharp, I Tucker, Mrs J White

APOLOGIES: Councillors: J Billing, T Billing, A Gloak, E James

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
Ros Wilkins, Area Regeneration Officer
PC M Pople

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1) Complaint regarding the loss of a bus stop in Wells Road
- 2) Presentation of a petition by Mr Brown regarding flood water running down Glastonbury High Street and request for a meeting with Somerset Highways

The Town Clerk will follow up the complaints and forward the petition to the County Councillor.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor E Higgins – Planning applications – Prejudicial interest

57. REPORT OF COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PC Mark Pople reported on the following:

- Recent move to new Glastonbury Police Post. His duty now starts and finishes at Glastonbury also for the PCSO's.
- Meeting arranged with owners of the White Spring
- First ASBO application being successful
- 20 seizures of alcohol using CCTV
- Breaking of Growing Needs window – culprit arrested same night

Questions were taken regarding:

- Problems with access for Tor Bus around Tor
- Tor Sports and Leisure – Mini motorbikes and continuing disturbance – PC Pople will speak with Councillor Barron regarding problems
- Caravans near Tinbridge roundabout

- Graffiti at Globe Inn
- CCTV – Abbey Park

58. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced he had represented the Council at the following events since the last meeting:

- Opening of the Goddess Conference at the Town Hall on 2nd August 2006
- Opening of the 25th Children's Festival
- Burma Star VJ Service at St John's Church on 15th August 2006
- Somerset Constabulary 150th Anniversary celebrations
- 75th Anniversary of the Abbey House
- Axbridge Showcase

The Mayor also announced that he had received a letter suggesting that a memorial plaque should be placed at the Morland's site commemorating the production of flying jackets during the wars.

59. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk announced the following:

- Wine and Cheese evening at St Edmunds Hall on 27th September 2006 to thank Stephanie Morland, the retiring Chairman of the Hall. Individual invitations were circulated to all members.
- Security meeting to be held on 14th September 2006.
- Sonia Pike and Sheila Urwin, Citizens' Advice Bureau representatives would be attending the October Council meeting to discuss debt counselling in Glastonbury and other matters.
- The government white paper on the future of Local Councils, expected to be published in early October 2006. When the outcome of the paper is known the Council would then be in a position to consider applying for Quality Council Status.
- 3 members of staff recently attended a course in emergency first aid in the workplace. This qualifies them for a three year period.

60. REPORT OF AREA REGENERATION OFFICER

Ros Wilkins announced that she had been appointed Manager of Area Regeneration at Mendip District Council and explained that this would not affect her position with Glastonbury.

She reported that unfortunately the opening of the Youth Café has been delayed due to problems with the site.

She also reported that Inspector Richards and herself were looking for a local site, away from the town centre, for the creation of a Tolerance Garden for those who abuse alcohol on the streets of Glastonbury and at the White Spring. She mentioned that there is money available to the Police to fund the placing of a portacabin on site so that outreach workers from the relevant agencies would be able to meet clients there. At present this initiative is at the consultation stage.

61. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposer: Councillor H Sharp
Secunder: Councillor J Keery

‘That the Town Council in collaboration with the Police set up a Town Contract for the Police Community Support Officers’.

Councillor Sharp read an extract from a newsletter produced by Chief Superintendent Marsh regarding Parish Contracts with PCSO’s and stated that Glastonbury could benefit from such a contract. He felt that initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch and Speed Watch could be improved with the input of PCSO’s.

Councillor Keery spoke in support of the motion. He showed concern that the PCSO’s were possibly being used as ‘parking attendants’ which is a matter for the District Council, not the Police.

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the matter should be discussed with the Police Inspector at the next Security Meeting.

62. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 1st August 2006, which had been circulated to each member, were received and noted.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Council meeting held on 1st August 2006, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24th August 2006, were received and noted.

Councillor E Higgins left the room for the following item.

63. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) 119388/000 – Reverend N and Mrs Jackson Stevens – Two storey rear/side extension with rear deck area (DEL) – 35 Tor View Avenue

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

b) 101583/005 – Mr S Rowse and Mrs L Dowden – Two storey extension to side (DEL) – 26 Roman Way - FULL

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

Councillor E Higgins returned to the room.

64. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Brunsdon reported on:

- Water from Bove Town flooding the High Street and the suggestion of a cattle grid drainage system at the bottom of Bove Town.
- Caravans near Tinbridge
- 20% of planning applications go to the Board therefore the remaining 80%
- An application for conversion of a green space at Sedgemoor Way to car parking – The Town Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Department with the Council's concerns that new developments fit the plot and do not invade precious green space.

A suggestion was made to the District Councillors that were residents given free overnight parking in Norbins Road car park from 5pm to 10am that this would improve the on street parking situation.

65. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

A written report had been circulated to members with the agenda.

Councillors asked the Town Clerk to contact Councillor Gloak with the following matters:

- Suggestion that the drains from Wick Hollow down are cleaned to minimise flooding
- Possible visibility problems at junction with Old Wells Road and Wells Road when housing estate is completed
- Sewage in Wells Road, surface water is getting into foul sewer causing problems to properties further down Wells Road. The sewage infrastructure needs replacing.
- Loss of bus stop along Wells Road

Councillor Sharp had received information that the Visor signs were used from Monday to Friday on a 3 monthly rota. He therefore suggested that the Council could again look into purchasing a sign.

It was **AGREED** that the purchase of a sign by the Council should be considered at the next Security meeting.

Councillor White left the meeting at this time.

66. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mitchell reported on behalf of Glastonbury Activity Programme which receives grant funding from the Town Council of £2500 per annum. The scheme ran for 2 weeks during the summer holidays, supporting 100 children with a core age range of 5 – 8 years.

67. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted. Copies of items a,c and f had been circulated with the agenda.

- a) Environment Agency – Choices for our Future
- b) Somerset Building Preservation Trust – Letter informing Council that the Betrothal Corbels and Market Cross gained a commendation in the William Stanstell/SBPT Awards 2006
- c) Somerset County Council – Invite to Young People’s Democracy Day on 6th October 20-06 at the Tacchi Morris Arts Centre
- d) The Boundary Committee for England and the Electoral Commission - Further electoral review of Mendip: Final recommendations
- e) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Invite to AGM 30th September 2006
- f) Mendip District Council – Agenda for Parish Forum – 11th September 2006

68. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments, a copy of which had been circulated to all members and which is attached to the official minutes, be approved and signed by two members as the Town Clerk’s authority to make the payments.

Mayor, 3rd October 2006