

The meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 2nd August 2005 at 7pm

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

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors: A Gloak, A Willis

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor E Higgins – Personal and prejudicial interest in all planning matters.

46. REPORT OF COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PC Pople had given his apologies.

Councillors were concerned that there seems to be an increase in nuisance caused by people drinking alcohol and street trading and an inconsistency in how this is dealt with by varying officers.

RESOLVED that a letter should be sent to Sergeant Halliwell regarding this and also reminding him that the Council has contributed to the funding of a dedicated PCSO for Glastonbury.

It was also **RESOLVED** to invite a senior Police Officer to the next Security Meeting to discuss the complexity of the law regarding these matters.

Councillor James suggested that the Council could fund extra CCTV monitoring in an attempt to capture images of the illegal trading and other anti-social behaviour.

47. REPORT OF AREA REGENERATION OFFICER

Ros Wilkins reported on:

- The continuing success of the Tuesday Market and reiterated that Magdalene Street is closed to traffic, apart from buses and those using St Dunstan's Car Park, whilst the market is in progress.
- Success of Community Watch
- Safe Business Award

- Anti-social behaviour – Ros Wilkins will be joining PC Pople and Sergeant Halliwell on a visit to Brighton to learn how they have successfully dealt with this problem.

Questions were taken regarding:

- The Farmers' Market – For the meantime it will not be moving from the car park.
- The top end of the High Street – Traders are suffering due to activities in the centre of Town near the church.
- Ros confirmed that there are talks in progress with the Church regarding drinking in the churchyard. Councillors reminded her that the railings around the churchyard were paid for by public money to secure the area.

48. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th July 2005, which had been previously circulated with the Agenda, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19th July 2005, copies which had been circulated with the Agenda, were received and noted.
- c) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21st July 2005, copies which had been circulated with the Agenda, were received and noted.

49. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) DVDs and Videos of Mayor's Sunday are available at £12.99 each – Orders please to the Town Clerk's office.
- b) Invite to a service of Thanksgiving at St John's Church on 14th August 2005 to celebrate the end of World War II. The Civic Party will attend, meeting at the Town Hall at 10.30am.
- c) Invite to the Mayor and Councillors to the Burma Star VJ Service on 15th August 2005 at 11am. Civic party to attend, meeting at the Town Hall at 10.30am.
- d) Letter of thanks from the Duchess of Gloucester's Lady in Waiting thanking the Council on behalf of the Duchess for the enjoyable visit.
- e) Informal meeting with the Chairman of Street Council regarding the Tor Bus route.
- f) Meeting with the Leader and Chief Executive of Mendip District Council to discuss the relationship between the District and Town Councils.
RESOLVED that a Special Meeting is arranged to take place on 25th August 2005 to discuss any matters to be raised.

Councillors N Cottle and E Higgins left the room for the following item.

50. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) The Town Clerk read a letter of thanks from Keith Friend regarding his leaving presentation and gifts.

- b) The Burma Star Association has asked permission to fly their flag from the Town Hall on VJ Day – **AGREED** to give permission.

51. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) 101210/006 – David Wilson Homes – Variation of condition 04 on approval 101210/004 (highway condition) – Land between Wells Road and Old Wells Road

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

- b) 101141/006 – A Stephenson – Single storey rear extension and entrance balcony to replace existing conservatory – Cordis Mundi, Bove Town - FULL

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

Councillors N Cottle and E Higgins returned to the meeting.

52. DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES RAISED THROUGH CAR PARK PENALTY FEES AT ST DUNSTAN'S CAR PARK TO LOCAL CHARITIES

The Town Clerk reported that at present the District Council's fine is £60 with a reduction to £35 should it be paid within 14 days.

After discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the penalty should be set at £50 and any profit arising from these penalties distributed for the good of the local community via the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

53. DISABILITY COMMITTEE

The Mayor felt there was need for the Disability Committee to be reinstated to address issues affecting Glastonbury. The Town Clerk suggested that a working party could be formed to look at current issues, reporting back to Council with their findings.

RESOLVED that the following Councillors should form a Disability Working Party D Allen, A Andrews, T Billing, J Brunsdon MBE, N Cottle, E Higgins.

54. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The report which was circulated to members and a copy attached to the official minutes was noted.

The report covered:

- London bombings
- Olympics 2012
- Recycling for businesses
- Gum removal from pavements
- Morlands – Work on the infrastructure to begin October 2005

55. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Brunsdon had supplied the Clerk with literature covering Chairmanship skills which was circulated to all members.

He reported on:

- The District Council's aim to restrict the increase in Council Tax to no more than 3%
- Weeds in the Town
- Decriminalisation of on street parking

Councillor Coles reported on:

- 3 Good Conduct and Long Service medals awarded to firemen from Glastonbury
- Tor Leisure Centre
- Meeting of the Glastonbury Community Development Trust
- Outstanding repairs to Abbey Park toilets are in hand

Questions were taken regarding:

- Household bins in Wellhouse Lane being used by unauthorised people
- Dog fouling at Tor Leisure
- Bartletts Farm

56. OUTSIDE BODIES

a) Councillor James announced that he is the Council representative on Action A371 and that a recent survey carried out by the group shows that there is twice as much traffic travelling through Pilton than two years ago.

b) Councillor Tucker reported that BIRP met with their consultants on 22nd July. Funding is not yet complete although negotiations are taking place with SWRDA with regard to sharing costs. The RDA have appointed a consultant to study tourism this side of the M5 and investigate whether there is the need for a visitor centre at the Morland's site. The BIRP archive has been made available to those consultants. A report will be published by mid September. Councillor Gloak has arranged for Councillor Tucker to be a member of the County Council Morland's Steering Group. He showed concern that the District Council could not provide a representative to attend the BIRP or County Council Steering Group meetings.

c) Councillor White announced that she was resigning as a Director of the TIC and as a member of the Youth Club Management Committee.

d) Councillor Mitchell reported on a successful start to GAP, the holiday playscheme part funded by the Town Council. He offered his services as Council representative on the Youth Club Management Team.

It was **AGREED** to nominate Councillor Mitchell for this role.

Councillor Allen publicly thanked Councillor White for her work as a Director of the TIC.

e) Councillor Brunsdon announced that he was no longer a Governor for St John's School. He asked that a letter of thanks is sent from the Council to Mrs S Wiggins who has retired from the school after many years as a teacher.

57. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted.

- a) Mendip District Council – Draft Road Closure Order – Glastonbury Carnival 11-13 November 2005
- b) Somerset County Council – Invite to Somerset County Council Pension Fund – Annual Meeting – 16th September 2005
- c) South West Regional Development Agency – Invite to the launch of the Regional Economic Strategy Review 2005 – Torquay – 20th September 2005
- d) Avon and Somerset Police Authority – Letter regarding Annual Report 2004/2005
- e) Avon and Somerset Constabulary – Newsletter to Councillors from Chief Superintendent A Marsh
- f) Mendip District Council – Corporate Plan 2005/2006

58. GLASTONBURY AND STREET AREA BOARD

Next meeting – 7th September 2005, 6pm, Glastonbury Town Hall.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should place an item on the agenda asking for the support of the District Council regarding the Morland's site and that a representative is sent to Morland's meetings at County and those of BIRP.

59. 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.

Mayor, 6th September 2005

