

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 6th April 2004 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor A Gloak)
Councillors: D. Allen, A. Andrews, Mrs J Billing (from 8.20pm), T. Billing, J. R. Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N. Cottle, E Higgins, E N James (from 8.45pm), J. S. Keery, H Sharp, I C Tucker

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillors K Mitchell, A Willis and Mrs J White

The meeting opened with a moment's silence.

167. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE RESIDENTS OF GLASTONBURY

Councillor Gloak declared an interest in the following item and left the room.

A member of the public spoke against planning application 067821/028 at Abbots Court, Benedict Street.

Councillor Tucker left the meeting to answer a fire brigade call.

Councillors Brunsdon, Coles and Higgins declared an interest and took no part in the following discussion or decision.

The order of business was varied to allow consideration of the following application:

- a) 067821/028 – Edwarebury Estates – Partial demolition of existing flats and erection of 8 flats (CAT B) – Abbots Court, Benedict Street – FULL

RESOLVED that the Council objects to the application. The Town Clerk and Planning chairman will formulate a response incorporating the concerns of the Council.

Councillors Gloak returned to the room.

168. DR CAROLINE GAMLIN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MENDIP PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Dr Caroline Gamlin introduced herself to members and gave a short presentation based on her Annual Report of 2002. She acknowledged that 3 wards in Glastonbury feature in the 5 most deprived wards in Mendip for children, over 65 years and all ages. She stated the introduction of Sure-Start, the Single Regeneration Budget and the work of the Mendip Strategic Partnership go some way to address Glastonbury's needs.

169. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Cottle – Personal and prejudicial – 042264/004 – Mr D Hill – 11 High Street

Councillor Tucker returned to the meeting.

170. POLICE OFFICER

Sergeant Halliwell attended on behalf of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

He answered questions regarding:

- Syphoning of petrol
- CCTV – Suggested that the Council writes to the Chief Constable regarding mobile cameras for Glastonbury
- Graffiti
- Camera Safety Partnership – Chief Constable has taken operational control
- Drinking of alcohol in car parks
- Footpath behind Old Library
- Youth Service

171. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2nd March 2004, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record subject to the deletion of a repeated paragraph.

The Mayor reported that a meeting of the Burial Board and Sharpham had been postponed.

172. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

- a) The report of the meeting of the Town Hall and Car Park Committee held on 2nd March 2004 copies of which had been circulated to each member, was noted and agreed subject to it being recorded that the Mayor was present and Councillor Cottle gave his apologies.

- b) The report of the Planning Committee held on 22nd April 2004 copies of which had been circulated to each member was noted.

173. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) 042264/004 – Mr D Hill – Conversion of ground floor to provide nine shops (Use Class A1) and the first and second floors to five flats (Use Class C3)(CATB) – 11 High Street – FULL

The Council had previously objected to this application due to ‘new build’.
A representative from Mark Orme Architects was present to explain that there is no ‘new build’ in this development.

RESOLVED to alter the previous response to ‘no objection ‘.

Councillor Mrs J Billing joined the meeting at 8.20pm.

- b) 07653/005 – Mr D K Poeti – Conversion of existing garage to form one bed dwelling (CAT B) – 31 Norbins Road – FULL

‘No objection’.

RESOLVED that the following additional comment ‘The pedestrian access from the side of the property should be checked for safety reasons as the thoroughfare is regularly used by vehicles and could represent a danger’ should be forwarded to the District Council.

174. REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Allotments – Councillor Higgins reported that to create manageable plots it has been arranged to split some of the vacant plots. The Mayor asked Councillor Higgins to provide a written report for the June meeting.

175. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The County Councillor reported on:

- Somerset Waterways
- Speed limits
- Withdrawal of Emergency Service Centre on Morland’s site
- Wick Hollow
- Abbey Gatehouse

Questions were taken regarding:

- Fishers Hill
- Traffic census
- A361 – Camera signs

- Roundabouts
- Morland's site – Loss of emergency centre

Councillor James joined the meeting at this time (8.45pm).

176. REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillors reported on and took questions regarding:

- Toilets
- Flyposting
- Wick Hollow
- St John's car park
- A361 – Havyatt
- Magdalene Street toilet
- Blocked drain – Sedgemoor Way
- Illegal dumping at Porchestall Drove
- Illegal camping on private land
- Morland's planning application

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk should arrange a meeting between the Mayor and Councillor Tucker with the Chief Executive of Mendip District Council to discuss the fact that it would appear that the District Councillors made their decision on the Morland's planning application after receiving incorrect information. ie. that an emergency centre would require the access from the site to comprise of a t-junction with traffic lights.

177. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Beckery Island Regeneration Partnership – AGREED that the Town Council continues to undertake to provide administrative support for the meeting arrangements, agendas, minute taking, circulation of papers and retain the list of nominated representatives until such time as a 'Trust' is formed.

178. PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN AND DISTRICT COUNCILS

The document had been circulated.

RESOLVED that this matter should be dealt with by the Finance and General Purposes Committee in July.

179. FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, ARTS AND MUSIC, ST JOHN'S CHURCH

A request for sponsorship of the Festival of Flowers, Arts and Music to be held by St John's Church from 4-16 July 2004.

RESOLVED to donate the sum of £100 for the event.

180. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor's appointments for the month of March 2004:

- BIBIC concert
- Burma Star Association dinner
- Mayor's, Chairman, Deputy Mayor's dinner at Town Hall
- Legal Service for incoming High Sheriff
- Reception for Romanian guests at St Dunstan's School
- Somerset Environmental Business Initiative Awards at Wells Town Hall

Mayor's announcements:

The Mayor and Mayoress will attend the Easter Service at St John's Church. Councillors welcome.

181. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Brunsdon reported:

- The restoration work to the Betrothal Couple in the Market Place is now complete
- His attendance at a meeting of Supporters of Abbey Park

CCTV - Councillor James reported that a manager and administration assistant were soon to be appointed and the possibility of an placing an infrared camera at Abbey Park.

TOWN HALL - Councillor T Billing reported that the cinema would be at the Town Hall on 14th April 2004.

HOSPITAL - Councillor Sharp reported that the internal walls should be completed within a month. The hospital is due to open on March 16th 2005.

182. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence, which had been copied to Councillors, was noted:

- a) Glastonbury and District Chamber of Commerce and Trade Newsletter and letter from Mendip Association of Chambers of Commerce – A Boards and Street Level signage.
- b) Somerset Highways – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Northload Street – Councillor Billing circulated a report to members.
RESOLVED that the Mayor, Councillor A Gloak and Councillor Billing look at the proposal and report back to the Council.
- c) Mendip District Council – Rural Exception Sites Guidance Notes
- d) Mendip District Council – Road Closure Order – Road Run – 2.5.04

183. AREA BOARD

The Mayor will represent the Council at the next area board meeting on 21st April 2004 to put forward the view of the Council, that the District Councillors made a planning decision after receiving incorrect information. ie that an emergency centre was planned for the site but plans for this have now been shelved.

184. 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 payment.

Mayor _____
May 11th 2004