

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2003 at 7.00. p.m.**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor (Councillor A Gloak)  
Councillors: D. Allen, A. Andrews, J. R. Brunsdon MBE, J. E. Coles, N. Cottle, E. N. James, J. S. Keery, K Mitchell, Dr H Sharp, I C Tucker, Mrs J White and A. F. Willis.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Mrs J Billing, T Billing and E Higgins

The meeting opened with a moment's silence.

**47. REPRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A petition was received by the Mayor from residents of Glastonbury regarding the outline application for a proposed development of 200 plus houses to the north of Wells Road by Taylor Woodrow Developments Ltd.

Mr Jones and Mrs P McCann spoke to the meeting regarding the matter. They were particularly concerned regarding the loss of natural habitat and feeding grounds for wildlife, pollution of rhynes, flooding, overstretching of local amenities including schools and access to the site. The petition and accompanying statement is attached to the official minutes.

Councillor Allen, Chairman of the Town Council planning committee explained that some 10 years ago this Council expressed concern that Glastonbury had very little land for residential development. The land being discussed was identified and accepted in the local plan for this purpose and agreed after consideration by an Inspector, followed by a public enquiry. The designation of this land for housing was carried forward in the local plan which has recently been published.

Councillor Sharp advised the residents that if they wish to object to the application to do so individually, by letter, as a petition is taken by the planning authorities as one objection.

**48. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

- a) Councillor I C Tucker – Personal and prejudicial interest agenda items 12 b and c
- b) Councillor K M Mitchell – Personal and prejudicial interest – Finance and General Purposes Committee minutes.

**Order of business was altered to allow the Police Officer to report.**

**49. REPORT FROM PC P BARRACLOUGH, COMMUNITY BEAT OFFICER**

PC Barraclough did not have the crime figures for the last month and asked Councillors to contact him if required.

He informed the Council

- Sergeant Berry is to be transferred to Wells and is at present 'handing over' to his replacement, Sergeant Halliwell.
- Of a special operation tackling 'boy racers'
- Extra policing on Friday and Saturday night would be approximately £1000 a month (56 hours of overtime)
- Of the possibility of a new byelaw regarding drinking in the High Street
- Of his wish to find office space in Glastonbury to allow him to do his paperwork without having to go back to Street Police Station.

The Mayor and Council agreed to make the Mayor's Parlour available for this purpose. PC Barraclough accepted the offer and will make arrangements with the Town Clerk.

He answered questions regarding:

- Urinating in Hanover Square
- Lack of policing on Windmill Hill
- Funding for extra policing – PC Barraclough confirmed that if Glastonbury Town Council funded extra policing, if an emergency occurred elsewhere in the sector the patrol would be diverted to that incident if required.

**50. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2003, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

Councillor Brunson nominated (seconded by Councillor J White) Councillor Mrs J Billing as MLA Governor for St. Benedict's School.

**51. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

- a) The report of the Security Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2003 was received and noted subject to Deputy Chairman being Councillor A Willis not Councillor N Cottle.

Councillor Sharp has received a list of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and will liaise with the Town Clerk to arrange a meeting.

- b) The report of the Morland's sub-committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2003 would be forwarded to the members during the following week.

Councillor Tucker suggested that the non-Councillor members of the sub-committee would be good members for the proposed RDA Task and Finish Groups. He also confirmed that he would be meeting Esther Scott of the RDA to discuss the alternative siting of the skateboard park on the bike shed site.

Councillor Coles is holding a Morland's Film evening on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2003 at the Town Hall. Monies raised will go towards the skateboard park.

**Councillor K Mitchell left the room for the following item (c).**

- c) The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2003 was received and noted.

Councillor Andrews reminded the Council that when the Council last loaned money to Chilkwell Carnival Club a condition of the loan was that a member of the Council should be appointed to the Board for the duration of the loan.

**Councillor K Mitchell returned to the room.**

- d) The report of the Planning Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2003 was received and noted.

Councillor Willis would like assurance from the Robert Barton Trust that they will monitor the situation outside the premises if permission is granted to prepare hot food.

**52. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- i) 113005/000 – Mr and Mrs K J Nuttycombe – Two storey and single storey extension to form self contained unit of accommodation (CAT B) –16 The Archer's Way – FULL

'No objection. A well designed building in keeping with the area'.

**53. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The County Councillor reported on:

- Illegal campsites and an application by Ian Cairns for a standing order for 5km radius from centre of Glastonbury to removal illegal campsites from County Council land.
- Double yellow lines in George Street
- Newly appointed Chief Executive of Somerset County Council, Mr Alan Jones to speak to the Council at the September meeting
- Atkins representative to attend October meeting

Questions were taken regarding:

- On operational light on zebra crossing at Street Road
- Dangerous paving in High Street
- Cars on Market Cross – TRO
- Long grass in lanes around Tor

#### **54. REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Brunsdon reported on:

- Temporary toilet in Butt Close – 10 week period has ended and toilet has been removed. Councillor Brunsdon will be insisting that provision is made within the next 12 months
- New Committee of District Councillors to review the Mendip street scene
- Abbey Park
- Neighbourhood Nursery – New site has been identified at Whiting Road. Consultation will take place at St Edmund's Hall on Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> August from 4-7.30pm
- Conference to discuss abandoned cars

And answered questions regarding:

- Godney Road encampment
- Dumping at Goldfinch Drove – Owners of land are responsible
- Rats on playground on Thorndun Estate
- Street Trading

Councillor James reported that The District Council now has a practicing accountant as portfolio holder to Finance who will be reviewing the District's finances and looking at the overspend.

#### **55. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Glastonbury Community Development Trust – Councillor K Mitchell reported that the Trust is now occupying new offices. Surveys are being carried out within the town by volunteers. People are successfully working in two wards although more are required to carry out the consultation exercise.

New Hospital for Glastonbury – Councillor Sharp reported that there were no planning objections to the new roof design and building will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2003.

CCTV User Group – Councillor James reported that the system would go live on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2003. £3000 of the Council's budget has been forwarded to the District Council for monitoring and staffing costs of the scheme. Councillor Tucker suggested that the remainder of the budget could be put towards extra policing.

## 56. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he had represented the Council at the following since the last meeting:

- Glastonbury Anglican Pilgrimage
- Glastonbury Symposium held at the Town Hall in July
- The Goddess Conference held at the Town Hall in July
- Children's Music Festival

He also advised that he has been elected Chair of the Glastonbury SRB Board.

The Mayor thanked the Councillors and all involved for their support at Mayor's Sunday on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2003.

## 57. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk advised the Council regarding

- A proposed partnership agreement with Mendip District Council
- National Byways signs – New leisure routes for cyclists
- Westfield United Reformed Church – Request to perform street theatre on the Market Cross on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2003. **AGREED** that the Town Clerk should write giving the Council's permission.

## 58. CORRESPONDENCE

**Copies of 38 a,b,c and d had been previously circulated to members and were noted.**

- a) Letter from Mendip District Council re: Adopted Mendip District Local Plan;

On behalf of his colleagues Councillor Tucker thanked the Council for its support over the years in retaining the second fire pump in Glastonbury.

**Councillor Tucker declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room for item b) and c)**

Councillor J Coles expressed his disappointment over the loss of the second pump at Glastonbury.

- b) Letter from Office of the Deputy Prime Minister re: Somerset Fire Brigade – Application to vary establishment scheme under section 19 of the Fire Services Act 1947;
- c) Letter from Mr C Kemp, Fire Officer re: proposals for Glastonbury Fire Station;

**Councillor Tucker returned to the room.**

- d) Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and Urban Quality of Life, DEFRA re: The Rural Services Standard 2003
- e) Application for transfer of justices licence – Vincent William Ratcliffe and Deborah Karen Ratcliffe – Corner Stores, 66 Northload Street - No objection.
- f) Application for transfer of justices licence – Nigel John Turner –The Globe, The Armoury – No objection.

**59. GLASTONBURY AND STREET AREA BOARD**

The Board next meets on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2003 at Glastonbury Town Hall.

**60. OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Tucker reminded the Chairman that at the July Council meeting he had suggested that a Finance and General Purposes meeting should be called to discuss the possibility of taking over certain services now provided by the District Council. It was **AGREED** that a meeting should be arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003.

**61. 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** \_\_\_\_\_  
**September 2nd 2003**