

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2003 at 7.00. p.m.**

**PRESENT**

The Mayor (Councillor A Gloak)  
Councillors: D. Allen, A. Andrews, T. Billing, J. R. Brunson, J. E. Coles (arrived at 8pm), N. Cottle, E. W. Higgins, E. N. James, J. S. Keery, I C Tucker, Mrs J White, A. F. Willis.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Town Clerk

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors Mrs J Billing, K Mitchell, Dr H Sharp.

The meeting opened with a moment's silence.

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

- a) Letter from Mr G Robertson voicing concerns regarding on street parking problems in Northload Street.

Copies of the letter had been circulated to Councillors.

Councillor Brunson has faxed a copy of the letter to the Police and County Council. The Town Clerk was instructed to pass the letter on to the County Council and acknowledge the letter.

**32. SOCIAL HOUSING IN GLASTONBURY**

Mr Phil Miller, Housing Project/Development Officer and Ms Wendy Robertson, Housing Needs Officer, Mendip District Council gave a presentation regarding allocation of social housing in Glastonbury.

Councillors have had complaints from residents regarding unsuitable allocation, ie. young, single people living in close proximity to elderly residents. This can badly affect the quality of life of the elderly people involved. Mr Miller asked that he be provided with details and will investigate the complaints.

At present there are 700 people on the waiting list. In Glastonbury there have only been 25 vacancies over the past 9 months. 272 people have selected Glastonbury as their first choice, 500 people have selected Glastonbury as one of their choices.

Although the housing stock now belongs to Mendip Housing the register is maintained by Mendip District Council and managed by Mendip Housing. The points system is under review and the final decision will be with District Council members.

### **33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **34. REPORT FROM SERGEANT BERRY, STREET POLICE STATION**

The order of business was altered to allow the Police Officer to report.

Sergeant Berry reported that the crime figures for Pilton were not yet through but via the call handling centre he has ascertained that the majority of crimes reported were thefts from motor vehicles.

The extra patrols on Friday and Saturday nights, earlier in the year had proved positive and there had been a 66% reduction in calls during the operation.

Councillor James asked that Sergeant Berry look into the cost of the operation to give the Council the opportunity to discuss possible future funding.

Councillor Willis thanked the Police for their presence during Pilton weekend.

### **35. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2003, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

**Councillor J Coles joined the meeting at this time (8pm)**

### **36. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

a) The report of the Town Hall Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2003 was received and noted. Councillor Billing explained that the sound system members were using this evening in the Council Chamber was on trial, courtesy of Gordon Morris. Councillors felt the system was intrusive but accepted that there was a requirement for some people to use amplification. Further investigation will be made and reported to the Town Hall Committee.

b) The report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2003 was received and noted. Members were informed that the time of planning meetings has been changed to 6.30pm.

Councillor Allen asked whether the Council approved of the Conservation Society continuing to maintain Glastonbury's country footpaths. This was AGREED.

### **37. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Copy of report attached.

Questions were taken regarding:

- Cars on the Market Cross
- Grass cutting
- Paving slabs in High Street
- Long grass in lanes around Tor

The County Councillor will take these matters up with Highways.

### **38. REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Brunsdon reported on:

- Temporary toilet in Butts Close for 10 weeks – He has requested that signs be placed in High Street and Archers Way
- Cleanaway – New contract to be negotiated
- Road congestion ie. non-provision of parking
- Recycling

Councillor Higgins reported that he is concerned regarding Community Transport issues and has recently attended a meeting concerning this.

Councillor James reported on the Regulatory Committee's involvement with the new developments at Street.

Councillor Brunsdon reported that Stuart Finney would be shortly presenting a paper to the District cabinet regarding privatisation of the toilet provision. If a private company takes over Glastonbury is second in line for toilet provision. Councillor Andrews advised the Town Clerk to look again at Danflow toilet provision which supply and maintain toilet blocks in exchange for advertising.

Councillor Tucker suggested that the Finance and General Purposes Committee meets to discuss the possibility of taking over certain services now provided by the District Council.

Councillor Allen requested the District Councillors give urgent attention to toilet provision as lack of this does have an adverse affect on tourism.

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

**Glastonbury Leisure Centre** – Councillors Billing and Cottle. Councillor Billing reported that the Manager, Richard Burt, now reports directly to the County Council.

**CCTV User Group** – Councillor James reported to the Security Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2003.

**St Benedicts School** – Councillor Brunsdon’s term of office as governor will soon be at an end and he does not intend to stand again. Nominations for a new governor from this Council should be addressed to the Mayor.

#### **40. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **The Mayor reported on his attendance at**

- Yeovil Civic Service
- St John’s School Fete
- The Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids Conference

The Mayor asked that he be permitted from the Council to take the Civic Regalia to France when he and the Mayoress visit Maillezais, France on an official visit. This was given by the Council.

The Mayor sent his and the best wishes of the Council to Councillor Mrs J Billing for a speedy recovery.

#### **41. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Andrews was sorry to hear that Evelyn Ridout had resigned as Chair of the SRB. The Town Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Rev. Ridout.

Councillor White stressed the importance of having an appropriate person as chair who will take the SRB Board.

The Mayor reported that there would shortly be an announcement regarding Glastonbury Fayre, of which the Mayor is patron, which is to be held this summer on the Tor Leisure site.

The Town Clerk advised that:

- The next Mendip Parish Forum was to be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2003 at the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council Offices.
- The Pilgrimage would be taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2003 at 12 noon and to asked Councillors to advise her whether they and their partners would be attending.

#### **42. CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of letters circulated to all members.

- i) Standards Board for England - Code in Practice Video – Available to Councillors from Town Clerk’s Office.

- ii) Somerset County Council – Consultation on the Somerset Waste Local Plan – Revised Draft Deposit – Plan available from Town Clerk’s office
- iii) St. Edmund’s Community Hall – Letter of thanks regarding grant aid – Noted by Councillors.

**43. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET**

**RESOLVED** that the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003, copies of which had been circulated to each member with the agenda, to be agreed and adopted.

As per previous year Councillors Billing and Cottle carried out financial checks during the year and it was **AGREED** that Probus Financial Consultants should be the appointed internal auditors.

**44. GLASTONBURY AND STREET AREA BOARD**

The Town Clerk to reserve slots for Councillor Tucker and Cottle to speak regarding a planning application in Ashwell Lane.

**45. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Town Clerk stressed the need to form a Committee to discuss Quality Council status for Glastonbury Town Council. The Council **AGREED** that a Committee should be formed with the Deputy Mayor as Chair.

**46. 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.

**The meeting concluded at 9pm**

**Mayor** \_\_\_\_\_  
**August 5th 2003**