

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2003 at 7.00. p.m.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors D. Allen, T Billing, J Coles, N Cottle,  
E Higgins, A F Willis

The meeting opened with a moment's silence.

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

Mr Guy Pursey spoke to the meeting regarding vandalism to property in the High Street, especially on Friday and Saturday nights. He is unhappy about the lack of Police presence within the town. He has noted that many of the culprits seem to emanate from Hanover Square and Silver Street after the nightclub closes.

Councillor James confirmed that CCTV would be going live this weekend and that more volunteers for the monitoring station are required.

**80. REPORT FROM SERGEANT T HALLIWELL**

The Police Officer noted the comments from Mr Pursey.

He reported on:

- Anti-social behaviour
- CCTV
- Hanover Square and Silver Street and the possibility of the proprietor of Heroes reducing opening hours
- Problem of cars being broken into around the Tor – He will be discussing with Mendip District Council the possibility of a mobile CCTV camera being used. The Council was concerned that the lack of traffic warden cover is maybe exacerbating the situation. **AGREED** to write to the Chief Constable regarding the lack of traffic

wardens and the concerns that Community Wardens would be expected to carry out traffic duties.

Questions were taken regarding:

- Street Traders
- Boy Racers – The Traffic Unit at Wells is targeting boy racers
- Community Support Officers – 6 to be based at Street Police Station
- Traffic wardens - The Council was concerned that the lack of traffic warden cover maybe exacerbating the situation. **AGREED** to write to the Chief Constable regarding the lack of traffic wardens and the concerns that Community Support Wardens have the same powers as traffic wardens and would be expected to carry out traffic duties along with their other duties

## **81. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2003, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

## **82. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

- a) The report of the Town Hall and Car Park Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2003 was received and noted.
- b) The report of the Planning Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2003 was received and noted.

## **83. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The County Councillor reported on:

- Double yellow lines in George Street – These are now complete
- Future relief roads on the eastern side of the County
- Museum store in George Street – No plans at present for demolition and development
- Next year's budget and extra pressures being forced upon the County by central government

Questions were taken regarding:

- State of pavements in the High Street – A full survey has been ordered
- Speed camera signs in Chilkwell Street and Coursing Batch
- Change of priority in Benedict Street
- Fire at Wick – Has requested official report

The full transcript of the County Councillor's report attached to official minutes.

## 84. REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillors reported on:

- Selection process for new Chief Executive
- Restructure of senior management
- Reshuffle of cabinet
- Toilet provision
- Skip for old yellow pages at in Safeway car park
- Increase in homelessness in the area which is an enormous problem. Homeless people must be housed by law.

And took questions regarding:

- Play equipment at Windmill Hill which this Council pledged to match fund – Councillor Brunsdon will chase up the relevant officer at Mendip

Councillor Mrs Billing has noted that there is lack of provision of play equipment for the disabled child within Glastonbury. She has obtained details of a swing for wheelchair users which could be situated in the Abbey Park. She would like to propose the Council match funds this project and has identified other willing funders.

**AGREED** to form a sub-committee to discuss the enhancement of the Abbey Park. Councillors Tucker, Mitchell, Brunsdon and Mrs J Billing as members.

The Mayor has asked Councillor Mrs J Billing to carry out an audit of play provision within the town.

## 85. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

**Austin Memorial Homes** – Councillor Andrews reported that Mrs Faye Robinson would be retiring from the Committee at the next meeting.

**Glastonbury Development Trust** – Councillor Mitchell reported that the Project Worker had resigned but a replacement was about to be appointed. The community survey is in progress.

**St Edmund's Community Hall** – Councillor Mrs White reported on a proposed youth shelter and upgrading of the surrounds of the hall.

**Forget me not Club** – Councillor Mrs White reported that the Chairman and Secretary have resigned and replacements are being sought. New members are also required.

**National Trust**- Councillor Brunsdon informed the Council that after 7 years of looking after the Tor Adrian Woodhall would be moving to another post. **AGREED** that the Clerk should write a letter of thanks on behalf of the Council.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – Councillor Sharp reminded Councillors that a Co-ordinator meeting has been arranged to encourage networking and will be held at the Town Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2003.

**Hospital** – Councillor Sharp was pleased to inform the Council that the ‘cutting the sod’ ceremony for the new hospital at Tin Bridge would take place on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2003 at 11am. The Council thanked Councillor Sharp for all his efforts regarding the acquisition of a hospital for Glastonbury and surrounding area. He also reported on the opening of a private hospital in Shepton Mallet, which would be carrying out 10,000 operations pr year, some on behalf of the National Health Service.

## **86. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor announced the:

- British Legion concert with Yeovil Town Band at the Town Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2003
- Mayor’s concert on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2003 with Bertie’s Big Band
- Remembrance Sunday Service – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2003
- That tenders should be in for the Skateboard Park by November, work to start December/January.

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

- Glastonbury and Street Sea Cadets inspection on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2003
- Presentation of trophies and announcements of certificates by SW in Bloom.
- Mendip in Bloom prize night on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2003
- Launch of SRB/Chamber of Commerce reception at the Town Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2003
- Launch of St Dunstan’s Youth Watch on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2003 at St Dunstan’s School
- Presentation of prizes at Tor Leisure Ultimate End of Tour frizbee competition on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September 2003
- Met with the Prince’s Foundation, along with other members regarding the Morland’s site on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2003
- Opened the garden at Coombe House on 27<sup>th</sup> September in aid of Save the Children Fund (Mayor’s charity)
- Presented certificates to winners in Glastonbury in Bloom on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2003.

## **87. RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE TO FORM A SUB-COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PROVISION OF SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN**

It was **AGREED** that this should be dealt with by the Finance and General Purposes Committee – Meeting arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003.

## **88. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Proposer: Councillor T Billing  
Seconders: Councillors J Coles and D Allen

‘That the full Council approve the purchase of the speed detection device recommended by the Avon and Somerset Police at a cost of £154.80 plus three tabards @ £12.50, for use only by Glastonbury Community Speed Watch and that the Glastonbury Speed Watch Scheme shall be launched and subsequently managed by the Security Sub Committee’.

As the proposer and seconders were not present Councillor Andrews proposed that standing orders were suspended to allow the Council to deal with the matter and moved the motion on behalf of the absentees. The Mayor suspended standing orders.

**RESOLVED** that the motion be accepted.

Councillor Keery felt it unsatisfactory if standing orders were to be suspended every time the mover of a motion was not at the meeting to move the motion.

**Standing orders were reinstated.**

## **89. RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT**

Copies of the Risk Assessment and Management document had been circulated to each Councillor.

**RESOLVED** that the Council accepts and approves the Risk Assessment and Management document.

## **90. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Clerk advised the Council regarding:

- a) Her attendance at the Mendip District Council Parish Forum on Development Control on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2003.
- b) The Morland’s film show to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2003 – Proceeds to the Urban Surfers for the skateboard park.

Councillor Tucker advised that:

- c) He is obtaining quotes for the lights on the crossing on Street Road
- d) He has obtained a quotation for a lift to the upper floor of the Town Hall to allow disabled access.

**AGREED** to instruct Peter Goolden Designs to provide drawings for the work.

## **91. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Letter from Chair of Governors, St. Benedict’s C of E V A Junior School – Appointment of Councillor Mrs J D Billing as MLA Governor - **NOTED**

- b) Addition to Justices' Licence for Becketts, 43 High Street – Brigid Forbes-Ray – **NO OBJECTION**
- c) Atkins – Proposed temporary road closure – St Benedict's Close – One week starting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2003 to enable sewer relining works - **NOTED**
- d) Mendip District Council – Somerset Waste Partnership Doorstep Recycling Promotion Project – **COPY CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS AND NOTED**
- e) Somerset County Council – Annual Meeting of Parish Councils and Somerset County Council on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2003 – The Clerk had arranged for herself and Councillor White to attend. Councillor White gave her apologies for now being unable to attend.
- f) Somerset County Council – Fire Safety in the Community – Parish/Town Council partnerships – **COPY CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS AND NOTED.** Councillor Tucker reported that this initiative is in response to a Government White Paper to improve fire safety in the community. Glastonbury officers have been trained and will be embarking on a road show next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2003, targeting the elderly.

## **92. GLASTONBURY AND STREET AREA BOARD**

Next meeting to be held at Glastonbury Town Hall at 6.30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2003.

## **93. OTHER BUSINESS**

Sergeant Halliwell reported that Special Constables have been carrying out extra patrols in Glastonbury and informed the Council that to provide extra police cover for Glastonbury on Friday and Saturday would cost £22 per officer. He confirmed that the officers would be based at Street and if diverted whilst on duty in Glastonbury the Council would be recompensed for the lost cover.

The Council passed the matter to the Security Committee for consideration.

Councillor James informed the Council of the telephone number of the Wells CCTV monitoring station.

Members are concerned that communications to Street Police Officers seems to be difficult at present and Sergeant Halliwell confirmed that the civilian front desk employee is on long term sick leave.

**AGREED** to write to the Chief Constable regarding civilian staff shortages at Street Police Station.

## **94. 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** \_\_\_\_\_  
**November 4th 2003**