

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2003 at 7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor (Councillor A Gloak)  
Councillors: D. Allen, A. Andrews, T. Billing, J. R. Brunson MBE, J Coles, N. Cottle, J. S. Keery and Mrs J White.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors J Billing, E Higgins, E N James, K Mitchell, H Sharp, I C Tucker, A F Willis  
Sergeant T Halliwell

The meeting opened with a moment's silence.

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

None.

**96. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

**97. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th November 2003, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

**98. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL**

The following reports of committees of the Council were received and noted:

- a) Town Hall and Car Park Committee held on 30th September 2003
- b) Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 30th September 2003
- c) Morlands sub-committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2003
- d) Planning Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2003

Councillor Andrews pointed out that the Conservation Officer should be involved in the planning application for 10a High Street as he believes that the outside wall on the building has historical significance. The Town Clerk will report this to Mendip District Council.

## **99. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Security Committee** – Councillor Billing reported that CCTV is now up and running and the quality extremely good. The Mayor requested a sample photograph for the Council to inspect. Due to the Data Protection Act and Human Rights Act there are problems obtaining copy photographs but Councillor Billing will investigate the possibility.

**Town Hall Committee** – Councillor Billing reported that the Town Hall Committee were impressed by the film demonstration by Film Air of Bath and a cinema quality film show will take place at the Town Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2003. Further details to be announced at the next Council meeting.

## **100. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The County Councillor reported on:

- Fire at Norwood Farm
- Speed signs and speed management programme
- Waterways advisory board
- Street lights – Wells Road, Old Wells Road and Windmill Hill
- IT training for 14-19 years old
- Street Road crossing and lack of illumination – Councillor Tucker is investigating the possibility of upgrading the present light
- Heavy goods vehicles from local haulier using incorrect route through Glastonbury – Town Clerk to write and inform company that the incorrect route is being used

There is an outstanding query from Councillor White as to why the change of priority at the junction of Benedict Street and Garvins Road has not been implemented. The County Councillor will endeavour to obtain a reply for the next meeting.

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

## **101. REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**Councillor Brunsdon reported on**

- The need to report broken wheely bins to the District Council immediately to prevent further damage
- Public enquiry regarding Ashwell Lane development
- No free parking in Mendip District Council car parks during the Christmas period

**And answered questions regarding**

- Illegal parking

Councillor Brunsdon gave the following introduction regarding public convenience provision:

‘Mendip District is a predominately rural area with five main towns. The population is 100,000 but increases significantly with tourists. Currently Mendip District Council provides 13 toilet blocks (one of which is temporary) based in the five towns. The stock is generally old, dated and attract criticism from customers/users. There has been a general lack of investment in terms of development, maintenance and repairs.

Mendip District Council wishes to provide one high quality public convenience block/facility in each town in the future. It also wishes the cleansing and maintenance standards to be high and responsive. There is an expectation that consumers of the service will always be greeted with a pleasant smelling, well-ventilated and clean facility for use.

This procurement process seeks a contractor who can provide cleansing, maintenance and who can also deliver entirely (in partnership with others if necessary) new facilities through a three year development and investment plan. These processes will be totally managed by the successful contractor with Mendip District Council acting as the client only. It is the authority’s intention, however, to retain ownership of the land and newly built facilities.

A number of the town councils will be taking over some of the existing toilets, others will be closed for use, re-use or demolition. These facilities will be dealt with by Mendip District Council separately from this contract. However, at all times through the contact there will need to be one public convenience facility in each town provided through the contract.’

He went on to add that the proposal from the District Council is to provide an exemplar toilet block at the top of St John’s car park near the canopy, to demolish the Northload West block and return it to car parking provision. The District Council would like a proposal from the Town Council regarding taking over Magdalene Street and the Abbey Park toilets. There is no proposed provision for Butt Close although temporary provision for the summer months will be considered.

Councillor Brunsdon reported that he and other Councillors had met with the Abbey Park supporters group and the Princes Trust regarding upgrading the park facilities. There had been a suggestion that the Town Council could help with funding the project, part of that project being to upgrade the toilet block including moving the entrance to the front of the building.

With the information relayed to Council by Councillor Brunsdon in mind the Mayor withdrew his notice of motion as per the agenda and asked the Chairman of the Town Hall and Car Park Committee to come back to the Council with its recommendations regarding toilet provision within the town.

Councillor Keery suggested that Butt Close should be considered as a site for the toilet block and coach park to encourage visitors to walk down the high street to generate more business especially for the top of the town.

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

**Skateboard Steering Committee** – Councillor Brunsdon reported that the time has come to form a management committee. The Mayor will investigate.

**Somerset Association of Local Councils** – Councillor T Billing reported that he and Councillor Mrs J Billing had attended the All Areas SALC meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2003. The agenda consisted of a presentation of the Chief Executive of the County Council, update on Quality Parish Councils, local plans, indemnities for members and officers, allowances for elected members, parish warden funding, code of conduct and a presentation by Chief Superintendent Snell. Next East area meeting to be held at Glastonbury Town Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003 at 7pm.

## **103. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Remembrance Sunday** – Councillors and partners invited to gather at the Town Hall between 10.15am and 10.30am to process to the War Memorial to arrive between 10.40-10.45am. After the ceremony we will proceed to the church and meet afterwards at the Conservative Club.

**Mayor's Concert** – Bertie's Big Band will be performing. This will take place on Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. All proceeds are for Save the Children Fund.

The Mayor announced that his engagements for October were:

- The RAF Benevolent Concert at Wells Cathedral
- Launch of the record slow dance at Millfield School, Edgarley
- St John's Church Harvest Festival
- Fund raising event in Bath as a guest of the Mayor of Bath
- Launch of the shirt sponsorship scheme at the Glastonbury Football Club
- Cutting of the sod for the new community hospital – (first patient to be admitted on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2005)
- Poppy Appeal launch at Weston-super-Mare
- Reopening of the Victorian Music Hall in Crewkerne

## **104. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Clerk advised the Council on the following matters:

- Her attendance at the Annual meeting of Parish Councils and Somerset County Council

- The completion of the external audit by Moore Stephens Accountants on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2003 there being no matters drawn to the attention of the Council.
- The Market Place Christmas tree will be erected on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2003.
- Blessing of the Christmas Tree on the Market Place organised by Glastonbury Christians Together will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2003 at 4pm. All members and their families are encouraged to attend. Please meet at the Town Hall from 3.15pm.
- Next Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators meeting led by Dave Elson, Neighbourhood Watch Administrator will take place at the Town Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.
- Mendip District Council have placed the order for the play equipment for Windmill Hill match funded by this Council to the amount of £5000.
- The West Mendip Credit Union are carrying out a social audit and have identified the Town Council as stakeholders. Therefore they are asking members to complete and return a questionnaire (circulated to members at the meeting).

#### **105. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Mendip District Council – Road Closure Order – Remembrance Day Parade, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2003, Glastonbury Carnival 14-16 November 2003 and Christmas Street Fair 20<sup>th</sup> December 2003 – No objection
- b) Trethowans Solicitors – Transfer of Liquor Licence to Peter John Toogood and Dawn Elizabeth Underwood, Mid Somerset Leisure Centre, Godney Road – No objection
- c) Bond Pearce – Transfer of Liquor Licence to Steve Concannon and Jenny Searle, Safeway Store, Street Road – No objection
- d) Somerset County Council – Local Transport Plan Annual Progress Report Summary 2003 – Copy letter previously circulated to members was noted. Copy of summary available from Town Clerk.
- e) Mendip NHS Primary Care Trust – Summary of Annual Report of the Director of Public Health – Copy previous circulated to members and noted. Councillor Keery is concerned that 3 wards of Glastonbury have been identified in the five most deprived wards in Mendip for children, older people and all ages and proposed that the Council invite the Director of Public Health to a future Council meeting. AGREED to invite Dr Caroline Gamblin, Director of Public Health, Mendip Primary Care Trust to the January meeting to discuss what the Primary Care Trust will be doing to address needs of Glastonbury eg. carrying out a Health Needs Assessment and an action plan as in Shepton Mallet.

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

Next meeting to be held at Glastonbury Town Hall at 6.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2003.

## **107. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Councillor White advised that the Brewhouse Youth Theatre will be presenting 'Bartholomew's Fair' in the Abbey Grounds next summer. A request for help in kind or funding will be presented to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- Councillor Coles advised that the Morland's Film Show raised £1171.00 for the Skateboard Park. A copy of the video has been lodged at the Rural Life Museum.
- Councillor Cottle had been concerned to hear that the street cleaner has been injured by a syringe whilst on duty and that he should be provided with the correct protective equipment. The Mayor has been speaking to Turning Point about the possibility of providing 'sharps bins' in public toilets and other areas of the town to combat the problem.

## **108. 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** \_\_\_\_\_  
**December 2nd 2003**