

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 2nd December 2003 at 7.00 p.m.

- PRESENT:** The Mayor (Councillor A Gloak)
Councillors: D. Allen, A. Andrews, T. Billing, Mrs J Billing (left at 7.30pm) J. R. Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N. Cottle, E Higgins, E N James, J. S. Keery, K Mitchell, H Sharp, I C Tucker, Mrs J White.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors A F Willis

The meeting opened with a moment's silence.

109. REPRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Letter from Ann Tynan, Glastonbury Chiropractic Clinic regarding graffiti on her property at 14 Northload Street. This was noted by the Police. The Clerk will write to Ms Tynan, acknowledging her letter and informing her that she shall obtain advice from the Area Regeneration Officer from the District Council.

110. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor I Tucker – Planning Minutes item 8 ii)

111. REPORT FROM INSPECTOR DEAN, SECTOR INSPECTOR, WELLS

Inspector Dean reported on and answered questions regarding:

- Carnival crime figures – Over the 24hr period before and after the carnival there were 6 recorded crimes.
- Youth Watch.
- Street Police Station – Full time member of staff has been appointed to man the office.
- Traffic Warden duties – Community Support Officer will have the same powers as traffic wardens. At present the Inspector can ask his CSO's to assume traffic warden duties or keep them on police work eg. abandoned vehicles etc. He would like the views of the Council on how they should be used. The majority of members would like to see the CSO's used for duties other than those of a traffic warden.

- Community Support Officers – 6 will be working from Street from 15th December 2003. They will also cover Wells and Shepton Mallet. Members requested that these officers walk around residential areas to give confidence to residents.
- Community Speed Watch – Delay with equipment and risk assessments for suggested sites. Orders will now be placed. 20 volunteers are required to make a training day viable.
- Carnival – Council is supportive of carnival and would wish that the Police and carnival clubs work together.
It was AGREED to write to the Chief Constable stating this fact.
- LATS meeting – Inspector Dean confirmed that he intends to continue with this initiative in Glastonbury.

112. 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.

113. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

- i) The report of the meeting of the Town Hall and Car Park Committee held on 13th November 2003, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were noted and agreed.
- ii) The report of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 18th November 2003, copies of which had been circulated to each member was noted and agreed. The recommendation in respect of the proposal to set a precept for 2004-2005 for £100,000 was approved. The Mayor pointed out that this precept equates to an estimated Council Tax, per band 'D' dwelling of £34.50, a saving of £5.15 on last year's tax.
- iii) The report of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20th November 2003, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were noted and agreed subject to the addition of an address for item no. 6.

114. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Morland's Site Sub-committee – Councillor Tucker reported that the sub-committee had met with the RDA and the Prince's Foundation to discuss the Town forming a Trust to manage the listed buildings on the site. He reported that as well as the Bailey's buildings, the millhouse and the red brick buildings close to the mill would be retained. The RDA does have permission to demolish both the Bauhaus and Hepworth Buildings and due to road alignment it appears that the Hepworth Building will go. Concern was shown that the GCDT is in its early stages and possibly not ready to take on such a project. Councillor Mitchell reminded the Council that the Glastonbury Community Development Trust is a Limited Company with charitable status and would be the correct vehicle to use to manage the listed buildings.

After discussion it was **AGREED** that a meeting should be arranged to take place in the New Year between the Morland's Sub-committee, Glastonbury Community Development Trust, SWRDA, The Prince's Foundation and other interested parties to discuss the formation of a Trust within the Town to manage the listed buildings on the Morland's Site.

It was also **AGREED** that the Morland's Site Sub-committee should make recommendation to the Planning Committee regarding this Council's response to the first phase planning application for the Morland's site.

115. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications received from Mendip District Council since the last Planning Meeting were considered:

- i) Mrs and Mrs E Oliver – Ground floor extension (CAT A) – 5 Read Mead – FULL 'Supported'.
- ii) Mrs J Knight and Mr S Mansbridge – Creation of driveway with hardstanding for 2 vehicles (CAT A) – 83 Wells Road - FULL 'Supported'. *Additional comments:* We understand that this has the approval of the Highways Department.

116. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The County Councillor reported on:

- Council Tax
- Tor Bus
- Change of priority in Benedict's Street – Jeff Bunting is investigating possible change of priority which would be subject to a TRO.

Questions were taken regarding:

- Double yellow lines in Northload Street
- Speed camera in Bove Town
- Market Cross
- Speed camera signs along Coursing Batch

The County Councillor will contact the Somerset Highways with regard to these matters.

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

117. REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Brunsdon reported on

- District Council reserves

- Future of Area Board – These will continue with the planning function being dealt with at specific meetings at Shepton Mallet.

Councillor James reported on

- Regulatory Board – The granting of a licence for the 2004 Glastonbury Festival. He has spoken to the Licensee regarding funding additional live CCTV monitoring for the Town during the festival. He agreed to discuss costs with the Town Council.
- Council tax.
- Homeless numbers – Application numbers in April-September 2002 were 73 and in April-September 2003 there were 206 applications mostly from Glastonbury.

Questions were taken regarding:

- Parking attendants
- Residents Parking for Glastonbury
- Housing on Tor Leisure site
- Area Boards – There will be a saving of £2400 per meeting by removing the planning function.
- Street Trading

118. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

CCTV User Group – Councillor James attended a meeting on 24th November. Five cameras are now up and running in Glastonbury. Data is archived 24 hours a day and live monitoring is with volunteers at weekends. The scheme is proving to be effective and is being fully supported by Police. Additional volunteers are required. Councillor James asked the Clerk to arrange a Security Committee meeting for 14th January 2003.

National Trust – Councillor Brunsdon reported that the new officer, in place of Adrian Woodhall, a Gordon Hewston will be taking up his post from 2nd February 2004.

Glastonbury Conservation Society – Councillor Brunsdon is enquiring into funding to repair the Betrothal Couple carving on Mrs Pike's house in the Market Place. He has in principle obtained funding from County and District and asked that the Town Council considers paying a third of the cost. Approximate cost is £600 in total.

RESOLVED that the Town Council pays a third of the costs.

SALC – Councillor Cottle reported that he had attended an East Area meeting on 1st December discussion took place regarding Quality Council status, Councillors' expenses and Council Tax. Next meeting 14th March 2003.

GDCT – Councillor Mitchell reported that a Project Worker has been appointed.

119. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thorn Cutting – 10th December – Process from the Town Hall at 10.20am. All members welcome.

St Mary's Catholic Church Family Service – 14th December at 10.30am. All members welcome.

St John's Carol Service – 21st December – 6.30pm. All members welcome.

Senior Citizens' Tea Party at the Town Hall (hosted by the Mayor) – 23rd December at 3pm.

The Mayor wished all members of the Council a very Happy Christmas.

Engagements for November:

- British Legion Concert at the Town Hall on 1st November 2003.
- Read the lesson at the United Reform Church on 2nd November 2003.
- Presented prizes at the Brighter Kensington and Chelsea scheme on 3rd November 2003.
- Meeting of the Mayor's and Chairman's Group on 8th November
- Remembrance Day Parade and Service on 9th November 2003 in Glastonbury and in the afternoon attended the Service of Remembrance at Street
- Hosted a lunch at the Town Hall for members of the Vendee Regional Council
- Glastonbury Carnival
- Guest of Chairman of North Somerset Council at the Carnival parade in Weston-Super-Mare
- Hosted a reception at the Town Hall for the Carnival Clubs on 28th November
- Attended St. John's Bazaar, the Blessing of the Christmas Tree and the Mayor's Concert on 30th November

120. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Proposed by Councillor A Gloak, seconded by Councillor N Cottle and **RESOLVED** unanimously:

‘That this Council, being mindful of the service given to it and the Town of Glastonbury by Councillor Mrs Janice White and Councillor I Tucker over many years, hereby propose that the two said Councillors shall be given the freedom of the Town of Glastonbury’.

Councillor Mrs White and Councillor Tucker were delighted to accept and thanked the Council.

Councillor Andrews left the room and took no part in the following decision.

iii) Proposed by Councillor J R Brunsdon and Councillor I Tucker ‘That Glastonbury Town Council approves the sale of a narrow strip of land being part of the cemetery extension (urgently needed), in order to regularise the disputed boundary and at

the same time retain maximum green screening – as per the decision taken by the Glastonbury and Sharpham Joint Burial Board in July 2003’.

It was ascertained that the land in question had not been consecrated.

It was proposed by Councillor Higgins and seconded by Councillor Cottle ‘That in view of conflicting advice regarding the sale of the land that the motion is deferred until such time as further advice is obtained and all Town Councillor’s and Sharpham Parish Meeting informed’. A vote was taken (3 for and 9 against) thus the proposal was defeated.

The motion proposed by Councillors Brunson and Tucker was **RESOLVED** by a vote of 9 for and 3 against.

The Clerk will inform the Clerk to the Burial Board and Sharpham Parish Meeting of the outcome.

Councillor Mitchell left the meeting.
Councillor Andrews returned to the room.

iii) Proposed by Councillor Keery, seconded by Councillor Mitchell and **RESOLVED** unanimously (as amended) ‘That the Council authorise spending, from balances, to fund tourism related projects aimed at promoting business in the town during the 2004 summer season. Projects must be under the auspices of a recognised business/tourism organisation, be fully costed, and the spending confirmed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee’.

121. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Sharp reported that a further meeting of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators had taken place. It was decided to divide Glastonbury into the four wards with each ward having a designated co-ordinator. These co-ordinators will maintain contact, assist in forming a network system and hopefully will have meetings among themselves. One potential scheme is ready for an inaugural talk, which will take place in the New Year.

Councillor James thanked Councillor Sharp for instigating the Neighbourhood Watch meetings.

Councillor White informed members that there is an appeal pending against the refusal of planning permission for Fourways Caravan Park, Wick. **AGREED** that the Clerk will arrange for the Council to be represented at the appeal.

Councillor White left the meeting.

122. CORRESPONDENCE

i) Transfer of Justices’ Licence – Little Chef, Wirral Park – Elaine Alison Lindsay –
NO OBJECTION

- ii) Letter from Chair of the Police Authority to MPs regarding shortfall in Police Authority Budget 2004/05 – A copy of this letter had been forwarded to all members. **AGREED** the Clerk should write to the MP echoing the concerns of the Chair of the Police Authority.

123. REQUEST FOR GRANT FROM GLASTONBURY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The Mayor explained that as the documentation had not been received in time for the Finance Meeting and the precept had now been agreed the Council would have to look at its finances before giving further financial aid. **AGREED** that the decision should be deferred to the next Council meeting.

124. MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL – INCREASE IN PARKING CHARGES

The proposed increases were noted. No comments were felt necessary although it was noted that season ticket charges are substantially higher than those of St Dunstan's Car Park. **AGREED** that St Dunstan's car park charges should be reviewed at the next Town Hall and Car Park Committee meeting.

125. TOR BUS

AGREED that a meeting be arranged once funding arrangements are confirmed.

126. GLASTONBURY AND STREET AREA BOARD

Next meeting to be held at Glastonbury Town Hall at 6.30pm on 10th December 2003.

127. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr G Pursey had provided drawings of his proposed alteration to shop fronts on the High Street and Church Lane. Council members commended the design.

Councillor Billing reminded members of the Film Show which has been arranged at the Town Hall for 19th December 2003 at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Zapps and the Town Hall at a cost of £3.

128. 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 _____
January 6th 2004