

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2004 at 7.00 p.m.**

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

The meeting opened with a moment's silence.

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**142. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2004, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

**143. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL**

- i) The report of the meeting of the Security Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2004, copies of which had been circulated to each member, was noted and agreed.
- ii) The report of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2004 copies of which had been circulated to each member was noted and agreed.
- iii) The Town Hall Committee recommended that a regular booking of the main hall for the first Tuesday evening of the month should be accepted. This requires the choir to move to the small hall, beneath the Council meeting, which is a condition of the remission they receive. The recommendation was accepted by Council on a 12 month trial basis.

**144. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

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

Questions were taken regarding:

- Ashwell Lane

- Speed Camera signs – A361
- Abbey Gatehouse – Removal of speed hump which is causing vibration
- Underpass at Thorndun Estate – Ward Councillors agreed to speak to Becks
- Butt Close yellow lines
- Heavy traffic from Dunball to the outskirts of Glastonbury
- Use of minor roads
- Building sites affecting Highways
- Benedict Street and Garvin Road

#### **145. REPORT OF SERGEANT T HALLIWELL**

Sergeant Halliwell reported on and took questions regarding:

- A spate of graffiti throughout the town
- Windows broken in High Street
- Squatters – Property owners are responsible
- Untaxed vehicles
- Soup Kitchen – Will speak with proprietor and remind him to move
- Market House Inn – No response to a 999 call
- Lack of traffic wardens – Community Support Officers will carry out traffic duties
- Heroes – The Police have been in close consultation with the owner and neighbours. There have been proposals put forward to alter the architecture of the street and removing a light, which seems to attract a crowd. The Mayor expressed concern at the removal of the light, for safety reasons. The Police will not be recommending a change in the opening hours when the licence is renewed.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write to the authorities on behalf of the Council asking that drinks are no longer served after 1am and doors close at 2am.

#### **146. REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**District Councillors reported on and took questions regarding:**

- Car on Windmill Hill
- Resident's Parking – County Council matter but District could take over responsibilities. Several officers would be required to implement.
- Flyposting
- Betrothal Couple – Kellands have been commissioned to carry out the restoration
- 3% rise in budget, meaning cuts in posts and grants but investment in safer, cleaner streets
- Floodlighting at Tor Rugby Club
- Tor Bus – Funding appears to be secure

#### **147. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- i. Carnival invitation to all members and partners to a Mix & Mingle evening on 12<sup>th</sup> March starting between 7.30 & 8pm.

- ii. Thank you letter from Christians Together for the Council's involvement in the Tree Blessing and Epiphany Carols.
- iii. Letter from supporters of Abbey Park requesting release of grant monies to assist with their application for SRB funding. **AGREED** to release the monies. The Town Clerk confirmed that Councillors Tucker, Brunsdon, Cottle and J Billing are the Council's representatives for S.O.A.P. and that regular updates and financial details are received and to this date are in order.
- iv. Councillor Tucker reminded members of the Morland's Planning Day to look at the future of the listed buildings on the site to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2004 from 10 – 4pm at the Town Hall. This is to be facilitated by the Prince's Foundation, Regeneration Through Heritage.

#### **148. CORRESPONDENCE**

**The following correspondence, which had been copied to Councillors, was noted:**

- i) St John's C of E Infants' School – Letter from Chair of Governors regarding problem outside St John's kitchen thanking the Council for its involvement
- ii) Avon and Somerset Constabulary – Letter regarding criminal damage to Christmas Tree

#### **149. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor and Mayoress engagements for January 2004:

- Meeting of the Mayor's and Chairman's group on 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- Glastonbury Carnival Dinner and Disco – 9<sup>th</sup> January
- Methodist Church Service on 11<sup>th</sup> January
- Planning meeting for proposed visit of the friends of the Abbaye de Saint Pierre and
- Mayor of Chard – Charity Ball – 17<sup>th</sup> January
- Opening night of Camera Club exhibition – 23<sup>rd</sup> January
- Gangs and Features Carnival Group Dinner and Disco – 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Tor Rugby Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

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

Next meeting to be held at Glastonbury Town Hall at 6.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2004.

**AGREED** The Mayor will attend to object on the Council's behalf against the proposed development at 41 Benedict Street.

#### **151. 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.

**Due to the confidential and financial nature of the following items the press and public were excluded from the meeting.**

**152. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

- i) Land for sale
- iii) Works to allotments – **RESOLVED** to pay up to £300 to clear vacant allotments and divide accordingly to form smaller, more manageable plots and **AGREED** to reform Allotment Committee with Councillors Gloak, Higgins, Andrews and Cottle to assist in management of the site.

**Mayor** \_\_\_\_\_  
**March 2nd 2004**