

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 3rd March 2004 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor A Gloak)
Councillors: D. Allen, A. Andrews, 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
Assistant Chief Constable S Otter
Sergeant Halliwell
Inspector Dean
Councillor J Mochnacz (Police Authority)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs J Billing, Mrs J White and A Willis

The meeting opened with a moment's silence.

154. ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE S OTTER

ACC Otter thanked the Chairman for inviting him to the meeting. He apologised for not providing an excellent service and explained that he is committed to providing a good service to rural communities. Attending Council meetings helps him to understand the issues important to the parishes and towns. He then gave a presentation and answered questions from Councillors and the public covering the following subjects:-

- Perception of the Police
- Communication
- Neighbourhood Watch and feedback to co-ordinators
- Community Speed Watch
- Safety Camera Partnership
- 12% increase in precept due to decrease in government grant
- Anti-social behaviour orders
- Police in schools
- LATs
- Traffic problems on A361 Glastonbury – West Pennard
- Community Support Officers

Councillors thanked ACC Otter for attending and praised the new management team based at Street Police Station.

155. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Tucker – Personal and prejudicial – Planning minutes

Councillor Cottle – Personal and prejudicial – Chamber of Commerce

156. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3rd February 2004, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

157. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

- i) The report of the meeting of the Town Hall and Car Park Committee held on 3rd February 2004 copies of which had been circulated to each member, was noted and agreed subject to an amendment to page 1 whereby '16 amp' should read '32 amp'.
- ii) The report of the Planning Committee held on 19th February 2004 copies of which had been circulated to each member was noted.

158. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Mayor advised District Councillors to consider their interests in the following application.

Councillor Coles and Higgins left the room.

- i) 109156/017 – South West Regional Development Agency – Former Morland's and Bailey' Factory site – Development comprising means of access, spine road and highways including bus lay-bys as amended on 24/02/2004 (CAT R) - FULL

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk and the Chairman of the Planning Committee should forward a letter to the District Council objecting to the application and reiterating the fact that this Council would like to see the siting of a roundabout on the A39, in place of the proposed T-junction and a pedestrian/cycle bridge in place of the proposed light controlled crossing from the bus lay by, which would allow traffic to move freely between the communities of Street and Glastonbury.

Councillor Higgins and Coles returned to the room

Councillor T Billing declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room.

- ii) 105667/008 – Mr M Slocombe – Land at Northload Street – Erection of single storey pitched roof garage for 4 cars and creation of 2 parking spaces – FULL

RESOLVED to forward a comment of 'no objection' to the District Council.

Councillor T Billing returned to the room.

Councillor K Mitchell left the meeting at 8.20pm.

159. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The County Councillor's report is attached to the official minutes which cover:

- Council Tax
- Speed Limit road signs
- Staffing at County Hall
- Tor Bus

Questions were taken regarding:

- W S Atkins
- Trip hazards outside 37 Wells Road

160. REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillors reported on and took questions regarding:

- Council Tax
- Cuts to management
- Increase in car park charges
- Skateboard park – Briefing note from Sarah Guscott
- Junction box in underpass – Thorndun Estate – Councillor Coles has arranged for the underpass to be swept and the box repaired

161. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- i) Beckery Island Regeneration Partnership to look at the future of the listed buildings on the site – Councillor Tucker reported that the first meeting of this new partnership was held on 24th February 2004. Once a Trust is formed, funding will be sought for a Feasibility Study to be carried out. Nancy Hollinrake and Councillor Tucker have registered the domain name beckeryisland.org.uk and it was AGREED that the Council should buy this name for £35.11.

Councillor Cottle declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item and left the room.

- ii) Glastonbury and District Chamber of Commerce and Trade – Councillor Keery proposed, seconded by the Mayor, that the Council funds the Chamber to produce an A4 sheet of paper with a map of the town and directions to the Tourist Information Centre to be issued from St Dunstan's car park to encourage visitors into the town. The leaflet will be evergreen ie. can be used from year to year.

RESOLVED to grant the sum of £2600 to the Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Cottle returned to the room.

- iii) **SALC** – Councillor Cottle reported on the recent East area meeting. Subjects covered were Musgrove Park Hospital and the formation of a Trust and Quality Council training for Clerks.
- iv) **GLASTONBURY LEISURE CENTRE** – Councillor T Billing reported that the Manager, Richard Burt and organiser of the Road Run is leaving to work in Shepton Mallet.

162. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- i) Mendip District Council – Road Closure Order – Vale of Avalon Vintage Vehicle Informal Road Run – Saturday 5th June 2004 – NO OBJECTION
- ii) Mendip District Council – Public Entertainment Licence – Glastonbury Classical Extravaganza – 30th July – 1st August 2004 – NO OBJECTION
- iii) Assistant Chief Constable S Otter, Avon and Somerset Constabulary – Partnership Funding for Police Community Support Officers – County Councillor confirmed that funds may be available via the LSP which will receive the income from second home council tax.

163. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor’s appointments for the month of February 2004:

- Morland’s Planning Meeting with Prince’s Foundation on 5th February 2004
- Police patrol at the start of their intensive week of patrolling in Glastonbury
- Carnival Club Prize Draw
- St John’s Church Service for the unveiling of the memorial plaque for the RAF Assn.

Mayor’s announcements:

- Annual meeting of the Town will take place at the Town Hall on 13th April at 7pm.
- Mayor and Mayoress will attend St John’s Church on Easter Sunday at 9.30am – Councillors are welcome to join them in the Church at 9.25am.
- The Mayor sought agreement to move the Council meeting scheduled for May 4th to May 11th and the Council meeting on June 1st to June 8th as the previous dates fall on a Tuesday following the Bank Holiday. **AGREED** to move the meetings as proposed.

164. NOTICE OF MOTION

- i) Proposed by Councillor A Andrews and seconded by Councillor Higgins and **RESOLVED** that this Council convenes a joint meeting or if necessary a series of joint meetings of the Glastonbury and Sharpham Joint Burial Committee to consider the future management of the cemetery’.

The Town Clerk will arrange a joint meeting within the next 6 weeks.

165. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk reported:

- Supporters of Abbey Park are now in receipt of the grant from this Council. The equipment will be ordered by the middle of March. They have received £7000 from the Local Network Fund towards adapting the play equipment for use by children with disabilities.
- Mendip District Council Parish Forum will take place on 22nd March 2004 at 7pm.
- St Benedict's School require a MLA governor for the school – Interested Councillors please contact the Town Clerk's office.
- Chilkwell Carnival Club require to know how many Councillors would be attending the Mix & Mingle evening on 12th March starting between 7.30 & 8pm.

Councillor T Billing informed members:

- The cinema would be at the Town Hall on 3rd March 2004 showing Peter Pan at 4.30pm and Last Samurai at 7.30pm.
- Ideas are coming in for ways to celebrate the Tercentenary

166. 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 _____
April 6th 2004