

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 8th June 2004 at 7.00. p.m.

PRESENT: The Mayor (N Cottle)
Councillors: D. Allen, A Andrews, Mrs J. Billing, T. Billing, J. R. Brunsdon, J. E. Coles, A. Gloak, E. W. Higgins, E. N. James, J. S. Keery, K. Mitchell, Dr H Sharp, I C Tucker and Mrs J E White

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillor A Willis

The meeting opened with a moment's silence.

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

District Councillor Les Bennett introduced himself as the new Chairman of the Glastonbury and Street Area Board. He explained that now the planning and licensing boards will meet at the District Council offices, this will leave more time for Area Boards to address local issues. He invited the Council to put forward two subjects for discussion at the next meeting scheduled for 16th June and asked that in future the District Council would like two weeks notices for agenda items. He confirmed that Town Councillors would be encouraged to take part in debate.

16. GLASTONBURY AND STREET AREA BOARD

RESOLVED to recommend for discussion the Morland's Planning application and Street Trading.

17. COUNCILLOR A WILLIS – APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Councillor Willis due to illness and to waive the six month rule of non-attendance.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Gloak and Councillor D Allen - prejudicial and personal interest in Mendip Community Transport

19. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

Sergeant Halliwell reported the crime figures for Glastonbury beat since 1st April 2004 as 46, this is a decrease of 34 on the same period last year. He informed the Council of the Force website address – www.avonandsomerset.gov.uk.

Questions were taken regarding:

- Thefts from cars on Tor
- 24 hour drinking
- Detection rates
- Apprehension of offenders
- Anti-social behaviour Orders

20. INSPECTOR DEAN – POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS

Inspector Dean answered questions regarding:

- Policing during festival
- Dealing with unruly youngster
- Speed Watch – Volunteers are insured under the Police Policy and risk assessments must be made before a new location is used

Inspector Dean explained that he was looking for match funding from the Council for an SRB application to fund the employment of a dedicated Police Community Support Officer for Glastonbury.

RESOLVED in principle to part fund a Police Community Support Officer for Glastonbury with a contribution of £3000, total cost of PCSO per annum being £26,000.

21. DRAFT AREA REGENERATION BUDGET

Anne Goldsmith, Mendip District Council Area Regeneration Officer presented a draft budget for 2004/2005 which she will be presenting to the Area Board on 16th June 2004.

RESOLVED that a meeting chaired by Councillor Billing should be called before 16th June 2004 to discuss the draft. Councillors who wish to be involved to contact Councillor T Billing.

22. MINUTES

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

23. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22nd May 2004, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were received and noted.

24. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The County Councillor reported that he and Councillor Tucker had attended a meeting at County Hall to discuss the possibility of setting up a major training and skills centre on the Morland's site. The group will meet again on July 22nd.

Councillor Sharp queried the length of time it is taking to erect speed signs on the A361.

25. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillors reported on:

St John's Centre
Homeless in Mendip – Successful bid for government funding
Weed control
Public enquiry – Charous, Ashwell Lane

Questions were taken regarding:

Traffic Wardens
Licensing
Environmental policy

26. NOTICE OF MOTION -DOUBLE YELLOW LINES – NORTHLOAD STREET

Following a meeting between Jeff Bunting of Somerset Highways, Councillor T Billing and Councillor Gloak a report was circulated to members detailing proposals for double yellow lines in Northload Street.

Proposed by Councillor T Billing, seconded by Councillor A Gloak and **RESOLVED** 'That this Council accepts the recommendations for the double yellow lines in Northload Street'. (Copy of report attached to official minutes).

27. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised he had represented the Council at the following events since the last meeting:

- Male Voice Choir concert
- Abbey Twinning Reception Buffet Supper
- Somerset County Museum Buffet Supper
- Weston-Super-Mare Mayor's Charity Event
- Avalon Vintage Car Road Run
- Assembly Rooms Salsa Night
- British Heart Foundation Bike Ride on the Levels

The Town Clerk reported the following:

- Mayor's Sunday – 20th June 2004 – Councillors to meet in the Council Chamber at 11am ready to join parade at 11.15am.
- Pilgrimage – 10th July 2004 – Councillors and partners are invited to attend the 12 noon eucharist and lunch afterwards with the bishops. Councillors to contact Town Clerk if attending. The Mayor will not be attending therefore the Deputy Mayor will represent the Council.

Councillor Billing announced that the Passion of Christ would be playing on 9th June 2004 at the Town Hall.

28. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mendip District Council – Letter outlining new arrangements for Glastonbury and Street Area Board - NOTED
- b) Glastonbury and Street Talking Newspaper – Letter of thanks for use of the Town Hall – NOTED
- c) Mendip Strategic Partnership – Letter informing Council of Draft Community Strategy consultation – NOTED
- d) Society of Local Council Clerks – Invitation to Regional One Day Conference 12th July 2004 on Funding and Managing Community Projects at £30 per person
RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will attend.
- e) Somerset County Council – Letter and timetables regarding Sedgemoor/Mendip Taxi links partnership - NOTED
- f) Avon and Somerset Constabulary – Letter from Inspector Rob Dean regarding ‘Don’t do it campaign’ launch on 8th July from 8.30-10.30am at Wells Town Hall
RESOLVED that Councillors T Billing and J Brunsdon will represent the Council at the event.

29. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor J Billing updated the Council on the progress in purchasing a disabled swing for the Abbey Park. She has secured match funding for the Council’s contribution and intends to purchase a swing shortly. The original swing was to have been for wheelchair users. The fact that this requires a supervisor precludes that and Councillors agreed a swing for the disabled child with a swing for an able child beside it should be purchased instead. Councillors thanked Councillor J Billing for her initiative.

Councillor Sharp left the meeting at 9.40pm.

30. 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 payments.

Meeting ended at 9.50am

Mayor _____
July 6th 2004