

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

PRESENT: The Mayor (N Cottle)
Councillors: D. Allen, A Andrews, T. Billing, J. R. Brunson, 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, Mrs J Billing.

The meeting opened with a moment's silence.

31. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Dr S Jennings distributed leaflets and gave a presentation on the Mayor's Charity, Roma Romania.
- b) Paul Branson informed the Councillors of a forthcoming production of the opera 'Bethlehem'.
- c) Councillor K Mitchell informed the meeting that St Dunstan's School has been successful in attaining Performing Arts School status.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor N Cottle – Planning application – 059718/007 - Personal
Councillor T Billing – Planning application – 059718/007 – Personal and prejudicial
Councillor T Billing – Planning application – 059057/020 - Personal
Councillor Higgins – Planning application 101210/003 & 059718/007 – Personal and prejudicial
Councillors J Keery, A Gloak and K Mitchell – Personal and prejudicial - Planning application 059057/020

33. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

Sergeant Halliwell introduced PC Mark Pople as the new Glastonbury Community Beat Officer. He reported that for the period from 1st April 2004 to date crime figures show a 40% reduction in crime compared with the same period last year.

Questions were taken regarding:

Street Trading
Parking in Benedict Street
Illegal parking in Northload Street
Butleigh Old Road

CCTV Liaison

34. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th June 2004 which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record subject to a change to Communications and Announcements, deleting that the Mayor attended the Male Voice Choir concert.

35. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall and Car Park Committee held on 8th June 2004 were received and noted.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24th June 2004, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were received and noted.

36. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Higgins left the room for the following planning applications.

- a) 101210/003 – The Silverwood Partnership – Erection of 71 residential units (DEL) – Land between Wells Road and Old Wells Road – OUTLINE

‘No objection’.

Councillor T Billing left the room for the following application.

- b) 059718/007 – Residential redevelopment of existing garage site comprising 18 apartments (DEL) – Avalon Coaches Garage, Northload Street – FULL

‘Objection’.

Additional comments: The Council commends the improvement in the architecture although there is concern at the lack of community space and parking and the danger this poses to children.

Councillor T Billing returned to the room.

Councillors Gloak, Mitchell and Keery left the room for the following item.

- c) 059057/020 – Somerset County Council – Construction of a new purpose built extension comprising teaching facilities for music and special education needs; alterations to existing accommodation to provide a drama/dance studio at St Dunstan’s Community School, Wells Road – FULL

‘No objection’.

The Town Clerk to write in full support of the application.

Councillors Gloak, Mitchell, Keery and Higgins returned to the room.

37. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The County Councillor reported on:

The Somerset and Exmoor National Park Joint Structure Plan 1996-2016 (Copy lodged at the Town Clerk's office)

Meeting with SWERDA regarding Morlands and a training and skills project

Presentation of SRB Report to Mendip District Council Cabinet and Area Board

Parret Sluice

Burglary Strategy meeting at Dillington House

Re-establishment of the paper shredding project

Questions were taken regarding:

Priority in Benedict Street

Priority at Sedgemoor Way/Feversham Lane

38. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillors reported on:

The Charous Appeal – The appeal was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate on environmental grounds.

Agreed that the Town Clerk should write to the Planning Department reiterating that enforcement, in this case, is vital.

Young Peoples Shelter on Windmill Hill – Delay in provision due to residents' objection to the proposed site on the Mound. Consultation with residents is ongoing.

Disposal of surplus land belonging to the District Council.

39. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

a) Glastonbury Leisure Centre – Newly appointed manager is Stuart Mapstone. The previous manager, Richard Burt will continue to organise the annual Glastonbury Road Run.

b) LAMP – Footpath Improvements – The Conservation Society have identified Bushy Coombe footpath as needing attention and recommend this as a Tercentenary Project. The Town Clerk to write to the County Council with recommendations.

c) Chamber of Commerce – Councillor Keery presented the Glastonbury leaflet produced by the Chamber of Commerce with money from the Council Tourism fund. It is distributed in St Dunstan's Car Park and at other outlets in the town and is intended to attract visitors further into the town.

d) BIRP – Councillor Tucker reported that the Trust is being formed and a leaflet advertising the listed buildings is being produced. The Partnership is looking for a commitment from SWERDA regarding the buildings. He had attended a meeting with SWERDA and the County Councillor as a representative of BIRP.

40. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he would be attending a public meeting on 14th July 2004, 7pm at the Riflemans Public House to discuss Chilkwell Street and Coursing Batch.

Moat Boat Race, Wells – Agreed that The Mayor, Councillors Tucker, Brunsdon, Billing and Coles will enter on behalf of the Council.

41. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk reported the following:

- a) Councillors attending the Pilgrimage on 11th July 2004 should meet at the Town Hall by 11.30am
- b) Tercentenary Meeting has been arranged for 13th July 2004 at 7pm
- c) Carymoor Annual Open Day – 11th July 2004
- d) Councillor T Billing reported that the film Troy would be showing at the Town Hall on 7th July 2004 at 7pm.
- e) Mendip District Council handed over the Magdalene Street and Abbey Park toilets to the Council on 1st July 2004. Any interested Councillors should meet at the Town Hall on Friday 9th July 2004 to carry out an inspection. Councillor Dr H Sharp is concerned that the Northload West toilet block is scheduled to be demolished next year.
- f) Councillor T Billing reported that the film Troy would be showing at the Town Hall on 7th July 2004 at 7pm.

Councillor Dr H Sharp reported:

- g) The advisory speed limit signs for Coursing Batch are still not in place.
- h) Completion of the new hospital is scheduled for Valentine's Day 2005, opening a month later.

42. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mendip District Council – Road Closure Order – Glastonbury Pilgrimage 10 & 11 July 2004 – NOTED.
- b) Michael John Blake and Dawn Michelle Barry – Notice of intention to apply for transfer of justices' Licence – The King Arthur, Benedict Street – NOTED.
- c) Mr N Thomas-Webster – Letter of thanks to Glastonbury Town Council regarding the weekend of Glastonbury Festival – NOTED
- d) Avon and Somerset Police Authority – Policing Plan Summary 2004/2005 – NOTED
- e) Somerset County Council – Proposed strengthening and repairs of Great Withy Bridge for September 2004 – NOTED
- f) Somerset County Council – Annual meeting of Parish Councils and Somerset County Council to be held on 26th October 2004 – Invitation to Council to contribute to agenda. The Mayor asked members to come to the next meeting with agenda items.

43. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2003/2004, ANNUAL RETURN AND STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2004, copies of which had been circulated to each member with the agenda, to be agreed and adopted.

Councillors T Billing and N Cottle had performed a satisfactory internal financial review on 6th July 2004. Report attached to official minutes.

44. GLASTONBURY AND STREET AREA BOARD

Next meeting is to be held at Glastonbury Town Hall on 25th August 2004 at 6.30pm. The Mayor asked that members come to the next meeting with suggested agenda items to be submitted to the District Council.

Councillor Gloak left the meeting at 9.12pm.

45. OTHER BUSINESS

Agreed that the Town Clerk should write to David Horn at the County Council asking for full details regarding the Ridge Road route.

46. 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 9.20pm.

Mayor _____
August 3rd 2004