

The Annual Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 10th May 2005 at 7pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillor A Andrews

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Maxine Marsh.

Prior to business The Mayor, Councillor N Cottle thanked all those people who had supported him during his year as Mayor, especially his Mayoress, Miss Tara Norton.

Councillor Gloak offered a vote of thanks to Councillor Cottle for his work on behalf of the Council over the past year.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Cottle, seconded by Councillor J Brunsdon MBE and unanimously

RESOLVED

That Councillor T Billing be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor T Billing read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and announced that his Mayoress would be his daughter, Miss Gina Billing. He then gave a short speech

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by The Mayor, Councillor T Billing, seconded by Councillor James and unanimously

RESOLVED

That Councillor J Coles be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANTS-AT-MACE

The Mayor announced that Messrs M King and V Jones had agreed to act as his Sergeants at Mace for the ensuing year.

4. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN TO THE MAYOR

The Mayor announced that the Reverend Maxine Marsh had agreed to act as his Chaplain for the ensuing year.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES

AGREED that the following appointments be made for the ensuing year.

Town Hall Councillors: A Andrews, T Billing, J Brunson MBE, N Cottle, A Gloak, E N James, E Higgins, I Tucker and J White.

Finance and General Purposes Councillors: D Allen, A Andrews, T Billing, J Brunson MBE, N Cottle, A Gloak, E James, J Keery, K Mitchell, H Sharp, I Tucker, J White and A Willis

Property and Assets Councillors: D Allen, A Andrews, T Billing, J Brunson MBE, E James, J Coles, N Cottle, A Gloak, E Higgins, J Keery, K Mitchell, I C Tucker, J White

Planning Councillors: D Allen, A Andrews, T Billing, J Brunson MBE (Advisory) , N Cottle, K Mitchell, I Tucker, A Willis and J White

Security Councillors: A Andrews, J Billing, T Billing, J Brunson MBE, N Cottle, J Coles, E James, J Keery, H Sharp, J White and A Willis, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Sergeant T Halliwell

Allotments Councillors: A Andrews, N Cottle, A Gloak and E Higgins

Morland's Councillors: I Tucker, J Brunson MBE, J Coles, E Higgins
Community representatives: Nancy Hollinrake, Stephanie Morland
Chamber of Commerce representative: Lesley Wright

Tercentenary Councillors: A Andrews, T Billing, J Coles, J Keery, I Tucker and Community Representatives

6. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

AGREED that the following appointments be made for the ensuing year.

Glastonbury Tribunal (1) Councillor White

Burial Joint Committee (8) Councillors: A Andrews, J Brunson MBE, T Billing, Coles, Higgins, James, Mitchell, Tucker and Cottle

Chamber of Commerce (3) The Mayor and Councillors: Keery and James

Citizens Advice Bureau	(2)	Councillors: Higgins and James
Somerset Association of Local Councils	(2)	Councillors: Cottle and T Billing
Glastonbury Charities	(4)	The Mayor and Councillors: Brunsdon, Higgins and Mitchell
St. Edmund's Community Hall Management Committee	(4)	The Mayor and Councillors: Cottle, Gloak, Tucker and White
St. Benedict's School Governors	(1)	To be appointed
St. John's School Governors	(1)	To be appointed
Levels & Moors Partnership	(1)	Councillor D Allen
St. Dunstan's Leisure Centre Management Committee	(2)	Councillors: Cottle and T Billing
Talking Newspaper for the Blind	(1)	Councillor Billing
Glastonbury in Bloom Cttee	(2)	Councillors: Gloak and Cottle
Robert Barton Trust Cttee	(1)	The Mayor
Tor Traffic Management White	(2)	Councillors: Brunsdon, Cottle, Tucker and White
Morland's Site, RDA Steering Group	(1)	Councillor Brunsdon
SRB Board	(1)	Councillor Higgins
Glastonbury Community Development Trust	(2)	Councillors: Coles and Cottle
Community Watch (New Body)	(2)	The Mayor and Councillor H. Sharp

7. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The draft calendar of meetings for 2005/2006, copies of which had been circulated to each member, was **APPROVED**.

8. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5th April 2005 which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee on 5th April 2005 which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

Councillor Sharp suggested that valuations should be arranged for the Council artefacts.

- c) The minutes of the Town Meeting held on 12th April 2005 were circulated to each member for information.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28th April 2005, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were noted.

10. PLANNING APPLICATION

- a) 1052521/006 – Mr E N James – Residential development – Erection of 6 dwellings and garages (BOARD) – land adjacent 24 Roman Way - OUTLINE

The following Councillors declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following application and left the room whilst this item was considered:

Councillors: J Brunson, J E Coles, A Gloak, E Higgins, E N James and K Mitchell.

The following Councillors declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following application although they had been granted dispensation by the Standards Board to enable them to speak and/or vote on any business coming before Glastonbury Town Council relating this application:

Councillors: D Allen, T Billing, N Cottle, J Keery, I Tucker, Mrs J White, A Willis, H Sharp.

The Mayor suspended Standing Orders in order for the public to speak.

Ms L Lovell spoke regarding her objection to the application.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

Discussion took place when it was pointed out by Councillor White that the land is zoned for housing in the local plan and that previous permission had been given for 2 houses. Councillor Cottle was concerned regarding the Highways aspect. A vote was taken and it was RESOLVED that the following response should be forwarded to the District Council: 'Glastonbury Town Council has no objection to this development as it is understood that the land lies within the development zone' with an additional

comment stating that ‘As there is an increase in the access points to the site the Highways Department should be made aware of this and consulted’.

Councillors: J Brunson, J E Coles, A Gloak, E Higgins, E N James and K Mitchell returned to the room.

11. CCTV – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL

A copy of this agreement had been circulated to each member.

The District Council had requested that Glastonbury Town Council along with Wells, Shepton Mallet and Frome Councils sign the Agreement which commits all parties to contribute £6000 per annum for CCTV monitoring costs only for the next three years.

Councillor James spoke to this item but stated that he understood that the original agreement stood for one year only and felt that Glastonbury was receiving a raw deal as it has fewer cameras than the other towns. He also felt that the monitoring hours need adjusting.

Councillor Tucker felt that as partners the Council should co-operate with the District Council. Despite this he asked the District Councillors to endeavour to increase the number of cameras for Glastonbury and improve liaison with Police for a better service.

A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the Agreement as it stands.

12. OPEN SPACE AT BERE LANE

A letter had been received from the District Council stating that the Bere Lane Recreation Space should be in the Trusteeship of the Town Council and should not have been passed to the District in 1972. The District therefore feel that the Town Council should take on the maintenance. The Clerk is in negotiation with the District Council regarding the maintenance of this piece of land.

13. CLEANING OF SKATEBOARD PARK

Councillor Gloak explained that the District Council does not have a budget for this and suggested that this Council provides a cleaning service for the skateboard park. The Town Clerk confirmed that the District have offered to train the staff.

RESOLVED that this Council should provide a cleaning service for the skateboard park under the remit of the Property and Assets Committee.

14. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) The Mayor announced:

- Millfield Tercentenary Concert at the Town Hall on Thursday 23rd June 2005
- Tercentenary Fun Day at the Abbey on Saturday 18th June 2005
- The Civic Party’s proposed attendance at St Benedict’s Church at 10.30am for the Tercentenary on Thursday 23rd June 2005

- Full peal of bells at St John's for the Tercentenary
- b) Councillor Keery reported that he has heard that there is a possibility that 8-10 members of Glastonbury Council, Connecticut, USA will visit Glastonbury during the Tercentenary year, possibly around the time of Glastonbury Extravaganza ie 31st July – 7 August 2005.
- c) Councillor J Brunsdon reported that the works at the Tor were going well and should be finished during the next month.
- d) The Town Clerk announced:
- That the Chamber of Commerce wish to resurrect the Annual Skittles Match with the Council and have booked the King William Skittle Alley for 7pm on 29th June 2005. Councillors interested in taking part should inform the Town Clerk's office.
 - The Chamber of Commerce would like two representatives of the Council to attend a meeting regarding signage in the Town on 19th May. **AGREED** that Councillors: Brunsdon and Tucker should attend.
 - That the Market Cross restoration is now complete and the next stage is to illuminate the Cross and install bollards and hanging baskets in the Market Place area. This project will be undertaken by Glastonbury in Bloom and jointly managed by Glastonbury in Bloom and the Town Council.

Councillors: Cottle, Gloak and Mitchell left the room whilst Glastonbury in Bloom was discussed.

- That if the grant funding granted was not through in time that the Council could loan Glastonbury in Bloom £5000 to be returned when the grant is received.

Councillors: Cottle, Gloak and Mitchell returned to the room.

- The next Tercentenary events will be Dr Sue Jennings performance of the Wife of Bath at the Town Hall on 21st May 2005 and the Folk Night at the Town Hall on 28th May 2005. Entrance to the Folk Night is free.
- The BBC programme 'Flog it' will be at the Town Hall on Sunday 15th May from 10am-4pm.

15. AREA BOARD

RESOLVED that the Clerk should request that the subject of on street parking in Glastonbury and what steps the District Council is taking to combat this is placed on the agenda for the next Glastonbury and Street Area Board on 8th June 2005.

16. SIGNATORIES TO THE BANK ACCOUNT

RESOLVED that Councillors: Andrews, Brunsdon, Higgins and Mrs J

Czornij should continue as signatories to the bank account and that Councillor T Billing (The Mayor) be added to the authorised list of signatories with the removal of Councillor N Cottle.

17. 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.

Mayor _____
June 7th 2005