

The meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 7th June 2005 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: D Allen, A Andrews, T Billing, J
Brunsdon MBE, N Cottle, J Coles, A Gloak, J Keery, H
Sharp, I Tucker and A Willis

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillors: J Billing, E Higgins, E N James, K
Mitchell and Mrs J White

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

19. MINUTES

a) The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on May 10th, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

Councillor Cottle reported that there was not room for another local authority member on the Glastonbury Community Development Trust but that they had written to the Council suggesting that there should be close liaison with Councillor Cottle and Coles instead.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will write to the GCDT requesting a meeting to discuss the Town Council's representation on the Trust.

b) The minutes of the Burial Board held on 10th May 2005, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were received and noted.

c) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 26th May 2005, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were received and noted.

20. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

a) A11087/000 – Churchill Retirement Living – Erection of 3 x static advertising boards, 2 x CRL Flags and 1 x NHBC flag and specification boards (DEL) – Former Abbey School, Magdalene Street - ADVERTISEMENT

RESOLVED to forward the following response:

'No objection subject to permission being granted for no more than 18 months after the first property is offered for sale'.

b) 1182427/000 – Mrs K Dimambro – Single storey rear extension (DEL) – Southfields - FULL

RESOLVED to forward the following response:

'No objection'.

c) 100581/020 – Western Challenge Housing Association – Retrospective erection of timber fence on top of stone boundary wall (DEL) – Norlet Court - FULL

RESOLVED to forward the following response:

'No objection'.

Additional comments: The Council is disappointed to learn of yet another retrospective application. Although there is no objection to the timber fence, in the interests of health and safety it would be desirable to investigate how children could be deterred from walking along the wall.

21. REPORT FROM POLICE OFFICER

In Sergeant Halliwell's absence, Inspector Dean gave a report which covered:

- The new Licensing Act
- Glastonbury Festival – Enhanced policing in Glastonbury June 20th-3rd/4th July 2005-
- Reducing key crime area
- Detection rates

Inspector Rob Dean also gave a short report on the work of Glastonbury's dedicated PSCO Mel Hunter. He explained that he would be seeking funding later in the year to enable Mel Hunter to continue next year and pointed out the value of a local funded PSCO.

Questions were taken regarding:

- CCTV – Communications are improving and the monitoring room will have a Police radio from September 2005.
- Speeding traffic – Inspector Dean reminded the Council that Community Speed Watch is active in Glastonbury and could be deployed to hot spots

22. NEW RECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEME

Lesley Rowan of Mendip District Council gave a presentation on the new recycling regime which starts on 14th July 2005.

23. REPORT OF AREA REGENERATION OFFICER

Ros Wilkins reported:

- Due to staff illness the Market would now move to Magdalene Street during the first week of July 2005.

- The draft Area Regeneration Budget was approved by the GAS board with the inclusion of a £500 fund for graffiti removal from properties of private individuals
- That the St John's car park survey is complete and finding will be released shortly
- That Glastonbury was well on its way to obtaining a Safe Business Award from the Home Office
- That the Youth Shelter would be erected on 8th June 2005 – Ros confirmed that leaflets had been sent to the residents.

24. REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

a) Councillor Brunson reported on:

- GAS Board – Chris Arscott will speak regarding on street parking
- Seats – 2 to be returned to outside St John's and 3 outside Heritage Foods
- Seats will be bolted down when returned.
- His election to Vice-Chair of the District Council

b) Councillor Coles congratulated Councillor Gloak on his appointment as Chairman of the County Council

25. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Gloak circulated a written report to all members which is attached to the official minutes. In the report he mentioned:

- His appointment as Chairman of the County Council.
- Wakefield using Antisocial Behaviour Act 2003 to deal with travellers and provided a copy of Hansard from 19th May discussing this.

He took questions regarding the A361 and the lack of central white lines at the 'dogs leg'.

26. OUTSIDE BODIES

a) Councillor Cottle reported his attendance at a SALC East area meeting when he was voted chair. He is concerned about declarations of interest by members and that these are adhered to.

b) BUSHY COOMBE FOOTPATH

Following the successful outcome of the previous application, Councillor Brunson reported that the Conservation Society wished to put in a further bid to the Community Access Fund to improve the area at the top of the hill. He also stated that £300 match funding would attract a £2500 grant.

RESOLVED that a joint application with the Council and Conservation Society should be made with £300 match funding from the Town Council.

27. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- a) Parishes Information Bulletin
- b) Road Closure Order – Mayor’s Parade – Sunday 19th June 2005
- c) Road Closure Order – Pilgrimage Processions – 9 & 10th July 2005
- d) CCTV – Service Legal Agreement – Receipt of signed final document
- e) Balancing Housing Markets – A Housing Strategy for Mendip 2005-2008/9 – Consultation document
RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to invite representatives from Mendip District Council to the next meeting to discuss housing allocation
- f) Open Space at Bere Lane – Letter enclosing title deeds and information that the land should be in the Trusteeship of the Council
RESOLVED that this should be dealt with by the Property and Assets Committee
- g) Urban Future – 1st Edition of a newsletter that explains how the SWRDA is helping to meet the challenges faced by our towns and cities
- h) Somerset Mayors’ Charity Inaugural Event – Invitation to participate in fund raising activity for Somerset charities
- i) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Items of interest to Councillors and Clerks
- j) Zurich Municipal – Letter offering annual membership of Local Council Advisory Service (£195pa) including one place at a Health and Safety Seminar and additional delegate at the cost of £30.
Due to booking deadlines the Clerk had pre-booked this. It appears on the schedule of payments therefore and expenditure was approved.
- k) Transfer of notice for New Justices’ Licence – Elachi Tandoori, 62 High Street from Iqbal Miah to Atiqur Rahman, Oliur Rahman and Salim Ahmed
- l) Avon and Somerset Police – Newsletter from Superintendent Andy Marsh

28. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Attendance at church service at St Benedict’s on the day of the Tercentenary 23rd June at 10.30am. The Civic Party will be attending and all Councillors and partners are welcome.
- b) Pilgrimage procession on 9th July 2005 – Details to follow
- c) Tercentenary fun day at the Abbey on 18th June 2005. Free entrance to the Abbey. Opening ceremony by the Mayor and Queen Anne (Muriel Mudie) at 11am.

29. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Councillor Brunsdon reported that the works to the Tor should be completed by the end of this week.
- b) Councillor Tucker reported that Beckery Island Regeneration Partnership was soon to become a Trust and that the Feasibility Study Brief is out to tender again.

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.

Mayor, 5th July 2005