

**The meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor (Councillor T Billing)  
Councillors: D Allen, A Andrews, J Coles, N Cottle, A  
Gloak, J Keery, E N James, K Mitchell and Mrs J White

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: J Brunson MBE, E Higgins, H Sharp, A Willis

Prior to the meeting the Mayor invited members of the public to speak.  
A members of the public spoke in objection to planning application no. 067821/030.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer

**31. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations.

**32. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning application which had been received from Mendip District Council was considered.

067821/030 – Edgwarebury Estates and Tascon – Redevelopment of site to 23 flats (from 24 bedsits) and upgrading of courtyard (DEL) – Old Police Court, Benedict Street – **FULL APPLICATION**

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to allow the architect to speak.

The architect described the proposed new development and answered questions from Councillors.

It was **RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing orders to allow normal business to continue.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write to the Planning Authority supporting the development in principal, commending the parking provision and mentioning points which need to be addressed ie. reduction in proposed height of building onto Benedict Street, planting of trees too close to buildings and suggesting a Section 106 agreement is sought to deal with the telephone wires in Benedict Street ie. the introduction of underground ducting.

**33. DRAFT HOUSING STRATEGY – BALANCING HOUSING MARKETS  
2005-2008/9**

Jennie Wheeler of Mendip District Council presented this item.

Councillors were particularly concerned regarding the allocations policy as there are still people with local connections unable to obtain housing in Glastonbury. Ms Wheeler explained that the local connection rule is for rural areas eg. villages. The Councillors felt that the local connection rule should apply in Glastonbury and asked that at the first review of the strategy that the rule is looked at to see whether it could, in any way, be applied to Glastonbury.

Councillors were also concerned that the consultation period for this document was too short and did not give Councils time to respond.

Jennie Wheeler will provide the Council with a copy of the allocations policy.

### **34. REPORT OF COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER**

Police Constable Mark Pople reported on:

- CCTV monitoring during Glastonbury Festival
- Safer Business Award for Glastonbury
- Glastonbury Market moving to Magdalene Street on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2005 – The full beat team will be on duty
- Detection rates – Street Police Station best in Sector

Questions were taken regarding:

- Access for buses during market
- St John's Car Park entrance being blocked by builders
- Drinking of alcohol in St John's Car Park

### **35. MINUTES**

a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005, which had been previously circulated with the Agenda, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record, with the amendment that on page 10, item 26 Councillor Cottle had attended a SALC East area meeting and that Councillor T Billing did not attend.

b) The minutes of the Town Hall Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005, copies which had been previously circulated with the Agenda, were received and noted.

Councillor White was concerned about the suggestion that the pictures and photographs should be removed from the Council Chamber. Councillor Tucker confirmed that this was only a suggestion and a resolution to that effect had not yet been made. She was also concerned that the cost of any chandeliers should not fall to the taxpayer and suggested that these could be paid for by public subscription as were those in the main hall.

c) The minutes of the Property and Assets Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2005, copies which had been previously circulated with the Agenda, were received and noted.

Councillor Keery asked what the position was regarding the placing of a labyrinth at the Bere Lane. Councillor White confirmed that, after consultation with the residents, the Labyrinth Committee had decided to withdraw from that site. She also confirmed that the Abbey Trustees had approved the siting of a labyrinth in Abbey Park.

d) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005, copies which had been previously circulated with the Agenda, were received and noted.

### **36. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Pilgrimage on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2005 – Councillors should meet at the Town Hall ready to process to the Abbey at 11.50am. Invite to Councillors and partners to lunch with the Bishops in the Abbey Grounds after the Service.
- Mayor's Service – DVD or Video of the day available at a cost of £12.99. Orders to the Town Clerk.
- St Benedict's Church Service on the day of the Tercentenary – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 – Thanks to Councillors and Civic Party for attending
- Miracle Plays in the Abbey (This year's theme is Royal Occasions) – Complimentary tickets for Councillors on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2005
- Mayor's Concert – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2005

### **37. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Clerk reminded the meeting that the Royal Visit by The Duchess of Gloucester to unveil the Market Cross would be taking place on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at approximately 2pm. Councillors should be in the Council Chamber at 1.15pm. A gift of a basket of Somerset produce would be presented to the Duchess by the Mayor in the Council Chamber.

### **38. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The full report is attached to the official minutes.

Councillor Gloak mentioned that Glastonbury does not have a parish plan and this is being discussed at SRB.

Questions were taken regarding:

- Priority in Benedict Street
- Hospital bus service

Councillor Gloak left the meeting at this time (9pm)

### **39. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

The Town Clerk read a report from Councillor Brunsdon in his absence which covered:

- The new cleansing contract which has been won by Connaught.
- The new Capita contract which will run for the next 10 years
- Town Signage which revealed many anomalies and inadequacies

Councillor Coles reported on the increase in tourism in the area.

Councillor James reported that he is the sole District representative on the new Safety Partnership.

Questions were taken regarding:

- Dog fouling at Tor Leisure.
- The monitoring of building sites within the Town.

Councillor J White left the meeting at this time (9.15pm).

#### **40. REPORT FROM AREA REGENERATION OFFICER**

Ros Wilkins gave her apologies for not attending the meeting and had supplied a written report which was circulated to each member. The report, which is attached to the official minutes, covered:

- ARO Programme
- Market
- Glastonbury Festival
- Community Watch
- Glastonbury being awarded the Safe Business Award on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005

#### **41. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

a) Councillor James reported that Glastonbury Citizens' Advice Bureau is one of the busiest offices in Mendip, 50% of visits being for debt advice.

b) Councillor Tucker reported that BIRP had selected a preferred tenderer to carry out the feasibility study on the Morland's site listed buildings. A letter has been written to the Chief Executive of SWERDA to ask for a meeting between BIRP, SWERDA and the Princes Foundation to discuss their intentions with regard to the buildings.

#### **42. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2004/2005, ANNUAL RETURN AND STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE**

The Annual Return and Statement of Assurance were read to the meeting and completed by the Mayor (copy attached to the official minutes).

**RESOLVED** that the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated to each member with the Agenda, were agreed and adopted.

### **43. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and noted.

- a) InnCourt – Transfer of Justices Licence to Glen Russell Barker and Deborah Leigh Brown – George and Pilgrims Hotel – No objection
- b) Tor Leisure, Street Road – Notification of landlord’s consent for extension of main building
- c) British Telecommunications plc – BT’S proposal to re-align payphone provision to meet consumer demand. The Clerk will put up a notice in the boxes advising users that they will be converted to cashless card only ‘phone, with contact details on how to object.
- d) DEFRA – Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – AGREED that this should be placed on the September Council Agenda.

### **16. 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.

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Mayor, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2005