

The meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 6th September 2005

PRESENT: Councillors: D Allen, A Andrews, J Brunsdon MBE, J Billing, T Billing (Mayor), J Coles, N Cottle, E Higgins, E N James, J Keery, K Mitchell, H Sharp, I C Tucker, A Willis

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
Sergeant Titus Halliwell
Mrs Ros Wilkins, Area Regeneration Officer

APOLOGIES: Councillors: Mrs J White, A Gloak

Prior to the meeting members of the public spoke:

- In objection to the planning applications to be considered during the meeting.
- In support of busking in Glastonbury.

The meeting was opened with a prayer from the Mayor.

He confirmed that busking would be discussed at the next Security meeting to be held on 19th September 2005.

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor E Higgins declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application nos. 104907/005 and 067821/030.

He left the room for items 61a and 61b and took no part in the decision made.

61. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 104907/005 – Erection of 9 no dwellings and conversion of existing dwelling into 2 no flats with associated vehicular access, parking and landscaping (DEL)

RESOLVED to object to the application for the following reasons: Car parking provision does not comply with the District parking policy of 1.5 spaces per unit; the development will add to the already congested area; poor access; loss of street scene; no emergency access. (A copy of the detailed response is held in the Town Clerk's office.)

b) 067821/030 – Redevelopment of site to 23 flats (from 24 bedsits) and upgrading of courtyard (amended description) – Old Police Court, Benedict Street – Edgwarebury Estates – FULL

RESOLVED to forward the following comments to the District Council: The Council commends the overall layout of the development, although it is felt that the height reduction of the south facing building by 50cm is insufficient and a height reduction to two storey would be preferable.

Councillor Higgins returned to the room.

62. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

Sergeant Halliwell reported that during summer leave periods Street Police Officers had covered Glastonbury and this has caused inconsistencies in Policing.

He informed the Council that he would be visiting Brighton in the near future, along with PC Pople and Ros Wilkins to discuss best practise regarding anti-social behaviour. They will report back to the Security Meeting on the 19th September.

He was asked about policing St John's Churchyard and he informed the Council that the alcohol byelaw cannot be enforced on private land and that it could not be included in the designated area.

Discussion then took place regarding the churchyard. It was suggested that the railings on the East side should be raised to deter people breaking into the churchyard when the gates are closed at night.

63. REPORT FROM AREA REGENERATION OFFICER

Ros Wilkins reported on:

- Community Watch description training at the Town Hall on 15th September 2005 at 6pm
- Sustainable Communities Award – Submission of application to ODPM
- Production of a film of members of Glastonbury Community Watch highlighting Glastonbury as an exemplar Town in community involvement in fighting crime – Copies available in October
- Market – The new market has been running for 7 weeks. There are now 30 regular stalls and a waiting list. During the 13 week trial period different operations will be tried and from 20th September the road will be closed to all traffic, including buses. The District already have permission to close the road. Fliers will be handed out at bus stops each Tuesday before the complete closure and there will be a fixed taxi rank at each end of the market. The traders at the top of the town have been offered stalls.
- Signage is being addressed and permanent market signs will be erected if the market becomes permanent. The County have admitted the signage into the Town has been incorrect since the relief road was opened.

Councillor Mitchell left the meeting at this time, 8.40pm.

64. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- a) Mendip District Council – Draft Road Closure Order – Remembrance Day Parade – Sunday 13th November 2005
- b) Somerset Highways – Road Closure – Benedict Street – Commencing 25th September for 3 weeks
- c) Robert Barton Trust – Letter to Mayor from Nik Hiscock
AGREED to invite representatives to the next meeting to give an overview of their future plans for the Glastonbury Self-help Centre
- d) Avalon Fairshares – Invite to gathering of Glastonbury organisations
- e) Probus Accountants – Report from internal auditor on 2004/2005 Accounts with no matters to be raised with the Council

65. MINUTES

Copies of the following minutes had been previously circulated to members.

- a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 2nd August 2005, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the Town Hall meeting held on 2nd August 2005 were received and noted.
- c) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 25th August 2005, were received and noted.
- d) The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 25th August 2005 to discuss matters for a meeting with the Chief Executive and Leader of the District Council were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

The Town Clerk reported that the meeting was productive. The Chief Executive had agreed to attend two Council meetings per year and the Leader accepted the fact that the District Council should be providing an officer to attend BIRT and Morland meetings.

- e) The minutes of the Property and Assets Committee meeting held on 25th August 2005 were received and noted

66. TOR BUS

The Mayor reported that he had met with Nina Fry, Street Parish Council Chairman and other interested parties to discuss the possibility of a figure of eight Tor Bus service for Glastonbury and Street. After discussion it was felt that this would not be feasible.

Members felt that a meeting should be called to discuss the future of the Tor Bus and it was **RESOLVED** to hold a meeting on 18th October 2005 at 7.30pm.

67. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

This report was tabled in the County Councillor's absence. A copy is attached to the official minutes.

68. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Brunsdon reported on:

- Misuse of resident's dustbins in Wellhouse Lane. An officer has visited and the situation has improved.
- Boundary Commission

Councillor Higgins reported on:

- Bartletts Farm
- His appointment as District representative on Levels and Moors Partnership

Questions were taken regarding:

- Butleigh Moor being used as a motorcycle track
- Recycling – It was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to the District Council regarding cardboard recycling and the difficulties residents have disposing of items which are not accepted in the door to door collection.

69. 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, 4th October 2005