

## **Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: D Allen, A Andrews, J Billing, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles (Deputy Mayor), A Gloak, E Higgins, E James, H Sharp, J White, A Willis

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: T Billing, N Cottle, J Keery, K Mitchell and I Tucker

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**In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Coles took the chair.**

### **70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Higgins declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application no. 116335/002.

### **71. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Deputy Mayor reported that was honoured that he had made a presentation to Julie Haddon who with her group raised £4000 for the charity 'Little Heart Matters' by walking from Lands End to Glastonbury.

### **72. GLASTONBURY SELF-HELP CENTRE**

Nik Hiscock, Director of the Robert Barton Trust and Simon Gardiner gave a presentation of the future intentions of the Trust now that funding has been granted by the Lottery Fund.

They confirmed that the Silver Street Community Advice Project will help excluded, vulnerable people, categorised as homeless. It will offer health education, training and personal development opportunities.

They also confirmed that they work closely with service providers but not have adequate mental health assistance.

**RESOLVED** that the Council should write to Mendip PCT and the Mental Health Team highlighting this fact and the importance of their support.

### **73. MINUTES**

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

a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2005 were taken as read and signed by the Deputy Mayor as a correct record.

- b) The minutes of Planning Committees held on 13<sup>th</sup> September and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2005 were received and noted.
- c) The minutes of the Security Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005 were received and noted. Sergeant Halliwell will provide the Town Clerk with information regarding the plan formulated to combat anti-social behaviour to be passed to Councillors.

#### **74. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER**

Sergeant Halliwell advised the Council that he would be leaving the Avon and Somerset Constabulary on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005 to take up a post with the Metropolitan Police.

The Councillors wished him well and called for a vote of thanks to be recorded for all the good work he has done for Glastonbury.

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

Ros Wilkins reported that as agreed at the Security Meeting the busking group had met and that a place and date for auditions had been set for 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at 7pm at the Town Hall. She asked for the support of the Council.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council supports the initiative.

Councillor Sharp was concerned about noise nuisance in the High Street and he proposed, seconded by Councillor Higgins that the Council should allow street entertainment but not to include playing musical instruments or singing.

A recorded vote was called for.

Voting for the proposition – Councillors: E Higgins and H Sharp (2)

Voting against the proposition – Councillors: D Allen, A Andrews, J Billing, J R Brunson, J Coles, A Gloak, E James, J White and A Willis (9)

The proposition was lost.

Other matters covered in the report were:

- The trial of a linear market which worked extremely well
- Success of the market which is growing each week
- Success at getting through the first round of the ODPM Sustainable Communities Award.
- Community Watch training session

#### **76. EDAW CONSULTANTS**

The representatives from EDAW who had been appointed to carry out the final SRB Evaluation, including forward strategy invited Councillors to an SRB Focus Group meeting at the Town Hall at 6pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005.

#### **77. PLANNING APPLICATION**

**Councillor Higgins left the room for this item.**

Taylor Woodrow Developments Ltd – Land North of Wells Road – Creation of wetland area – FULL

RESOLVED to approve the application.

**Councillors Higgins returned to the room.**

## **78. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The County Councillor reported on:

- Northload Street/Sedgemoor Way
- Lighting in Wells Road
- Affordable Rural Housing Commission

Questions were taken regarding:

- Heavy good vehicles from Shepton Mallet
- Flashing signs
- Contingency for emergency road treatments in bad weather

## **79. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Councillors reported:

- Malcolm Williams would be attending BIRP and Morland's meetings on behalf of the District Council.
- Plastic recycling facilities have been placed in Morrison's car park
- Council tax increase to be less than 3%

## **80. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

a) Councillor Brunsdon advised that for National Apple Week the National Trust would be holding an Apple Day on the Tor on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2005.

b) Councillor Gloak reported that the SRB had identified the need for a Parish Plan for Glastonbury.

c) Councillor Allen reported that the TIC required another Trustee. It was confirmed that Councillor Cottle had expressed an interest and that his details should be forwarded to the Manager.

d) Councillor Willis congratulated Glastonbury in Bloom on the wonderful displays in the Town this year. AGREED that a letter of thanks should be forwarded to the Committee.

## **81. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and noted.

- a) Somerset County Council – Provisional Local Transport Plan (2006-2011). Main document plus all supporting documents available at [www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset/ete/transport/localtransportplans/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset/ete/transport/localtransportplans/) under Local Transport Plan 2
- b) SWRDA – Highlights 2005 brochure

- c) BT – Letter confirming receipt of the Council objections to conversion of two telephone boxes to cashless mechanisms
- d) Somerset Levels and Moors Partnership – Annual Report 2004/2005

## **82. REPAIRS TO BIER HOUSE DOORS AND STONEMWORK, GLASTONBURY CEMETERY**

Councillor Brunsdon informed the Council that the Bier House at the Cemetery required essential works to the doors and stonework above. He reminded the Council that owners of listed building have a duty to keep them in good repair. The Town Clerk confirmed that this work would be classed as capital works and therefore it would be in order to use monies from the Council Capital Fund.

**RESOLVED** to make available £3233 from the Council's Capital Fund to allow the Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Board to affect the works as soon as possible.

## **83. CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL – ATTENDANCE AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

It was agreed that the following topics should be forwarded to David Thomson for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

**CCTV** – Glastonbury contributes £6000 a year towards CCTV Monitoring at has fewer cameras than the other towns. Will the District Council consider increase the number of cameras in Glastonbury?

**Planning developments and car parking** – Will the District Council consider overriding the government directive for urban areas and class Glastonbury as rural?

**Social housing** – Will the District Council consider amending its system to allow people more points for longstanding local connections?

## **84. ITEMS FOR AREA BOARD**

It was agreed that the following items should be raised at the Glastonbury and Street Area Board on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2005:

Parking of heavy goods vehicles in the High Street; poor road surfaces in Benedict Street; repairs needed to Chilkwell Street railings.

## **85. 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, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2005**