

## **Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: D Allen, A Andrews, T Billing (Mayor), J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, A Gloak, E N James, J Keery, K Mitchell, H Sharp

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: N Cottle, E Higgins, I Tucker, Mrs J White, A Willis  
Ros Wilkins, Area Regeneration Officer

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk

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### **115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **116. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor announced that he would be attending the Mendip YMCA Open Day on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

### **117. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Brunsdon reported that the Market Cross was vandalised on New Year's Eve. He has contacted Strachey and Strachey who quoted a figure between £1500 and £2000 for repair.

As CCTV was in operation Councillor James was asked to look at the coverage.

Councillor Sharp challenged the culprit to come forward before he was identified from CCTV. It was hoped the press would make sure this appeared in the local newspaper.

### **118. NORTHLOAD STREET TOILETS**

The Town Clerk and Councillor Gloak reported that they had met with Mendip District Council officers to discuss the Northload Street toilets. They were informed that this block would be closed immediately when the new block in St John's car park came into use.

The matter of the transfer of the freehold to the Town Council was discussed but the District Council were only prepared to offer a license to operate the toilets.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that this Council takes control of Northload Street car park toilets on licence from Mendip District Council (conditions to be agreed and the necessary repair work completed prior to acceptance) for the rent of one peppercorn per annum.

## **119. 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> December 2005 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2005 were received and noted.

## **120. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

A copy is attached to the official minutes.

The County Councillor reported on:

- Rationalisation of Police Forces in England
- VISOR sign for Chilkwell Street
- Chicane in Chilkwell Street
- Abbey Gatehouse
- Blocked drains

Questions were taken regarding:

- Lack of lighting at Zebra crossing on Street Road
- Northload Street yellow lines

## **121. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**Councillors reported on:**

- Gum removal programme for Glastonbury
- GAS Board resolution to close Magdalene Street to all traffic during the Tuesday market, including buses
- Audit Commission
- Empty properties in Mendip and the Housing List

Councillors were disappointed at the outcome of decision taken at GAS Board regarding the market and it was **RESOLVED** to write to the Chief Executive with concerns regarding the decision.

## **122. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Councillors reported on:**

- A361 Action Group
- Speed Watch volunteers for Chilkwell Street/Coursing Batch awaiting training by Police

### **123. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted.

- a) LAMP – Proposed structure for a new partnership to replace LAMP and the Parrett Catchment Project.
- b) Somerset Fire and Rescue Service – Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) – Year 3 Action Plan
- c) Glastonbury St John's Church Clock – Replacement computer (£575 + VAT)
- d) Somerset County Council – Somerset Local Transport Plan (2006-2011) – Consultation. Meeting at Mendip District Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2006. Agreed that Councillor Sharp should attend on behalf of the Council.

### **124. 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, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006**