

## **Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: D Allen, A Andrews, J Barron, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles (Mayor), A Gloak, E James, J Keery, H Sharp, I Tucker and J White

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: T Billing, E Higgins and K Mitchell

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
Mike Allen, Age Concern  
Sergeant A Pritchard  
Hugh Bulpitt, PCSO

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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Hazel Pegg had circulated a briefing note to all Councillors explaining that Glastonbury Online, on advice from a trade mark lawyer, had made formal objection against Glastonbury Festivals Ltd application for a European Trademark to protect businesses and organisations in the Town. The lawyer had sight of the licence agreement offered to the Council and said it was not legally binding.

It was agreed that a meeting should be held to allow members of the community to discuss the matter with representatives from Glastonbury Festivals Ltd and to come to a legally binding agreement which would protect the Town's interests. The Town Clerk agreed to arrange the meeting to include Town Councillors, Glastonbury Online, Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce, Glastonbury Community Development Trust, Glastonbury Festivals Ltd and other interested parties, for the following week.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

### **31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Tucker declared a personal interest in relation to Glastonbury Festivals Ltd

### **32. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In his capacity as Mayor, Councillor Coles announced he had attended the following events since the last meeting.

- a) Centenary celebrations – Collett Park, Shepton Mallet
- b) Yeovil Town Council Mayor's Service
- c) Somerset County Council – Chairman's Civic Dinner

- d) Mayor's Sunday
- e) Queen's Birthday Service – St John's Church
- f) Vendee Photograph Exhibition, Rural Life Museum and reception for French visitors
- g) Opening of Police Station for Glastonbury
- h) Millfield Prep. School concert
- i) Investiture of Shepton Mallet Town Council Chairman
- j) Launch of a search engine for Glastonbury

### **33. REPORT FROM POLICE**

Sergeant Pritchard reported on recent changes in local policing including the opening of a Police Office in Glastonbury which would allow Officers more time in Glastonbury leading to a more visible police presence. He also reported that Custody facilities have been reopened at Wells Police Station. This has allowed the arrest rate to triple.

A Police representative will attend the Council meeting. That representative will take any issues away and report back to the following meeting.

Hugh Bulpitt reported that the main parking problem in Glastonbury is around the Tor and that the team had managed to improve the situation by issuing numerous tickets. The market closure had not been too much of a problem apart from disabled drivers parking at the top of Benedict Street on double yellow lines, causing an obstruction. They continue to move drinkers from the High Street and at the bottom of Wellhouse Lane.

Questions were taken regarding:

- Drinkers near Conservative Club
- Possible visual obstruction by vehicle in Northload Street
- CCTV Van
- Patrols

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

Ros Wilkins reported on:

The draft ARO Budget 2006/2007

Made in Glastonbury Project

Shop front project - to allow owner/occupied businesses a 50-50 grant to freshen up premises.

### **35. PARTNERSHIPS FOR OLDER PEOPLE PROJECTS**

Mike Allen, Project Manager for Age Concern gave a presentation on their 'Partnerships for Older People Project'. He explained that the Somerset POPP Partnership is a Somerset County Council led partnership project that aims to establish 50 Active Living Centres by 2008. These community-led centres will create local forms of prevention, challenge ageist stereotypes, emphasise active citizenship, and aid the development of relevant new services. Each centre will cater for people aged 50 and above. Age Concern is presently advertising for a leader volunteer for Glastonbury and would be

grateful for any leads. A briefing note was circulated to members and the Town Clerk.

### **36. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following announcements were made:

- Invite to Councillors to Coombe House Gardens on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006
- St Edmund's Hall AGM – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2006
- Mayor's Concert – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006, 8.30pm at the Town Hall
- Councillor Mitchell's forthcoming marriage at the Town Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2006 – **AGREED** that congratulations should be sent from the Council
- Ian Rands has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to Conservation in Somerset. **AGREED** that a letter of congratulations should be sent on behalf of the Council.

### **37. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2006, were received and noted.
- c) The minutes of the Property and Assets meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006

Councillor Tucker confirmed that the staff appraisals had taken place.

### **38. PLANNING APPLICATION**

101262/006 – Erection of 4 retail units – Land at Dyehouse Lane – amendment to access – **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal of this amendment.

### **39. ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT AND LETTER FROM PROBUBUSINESS LTD**

A copy of this document had been circulated to all members. It confirmed that in the internal auditor's opinion the Financial Statements have been properly prepared in accordance with current guidelines and the Council's system of internal controls is adequate and effective. The report recommended that there should be a report showing expenditure compared to budget attached to the Council minutes.

### **40. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET**

Copies of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and the Annual Return and Statement of Assurance had been circulated to members for approval.

**RESOLVED** that the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and the Annual Return and Statement of Assurance for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006, were approved and adopted.

The Mayor and Town Clerk signed the Accounts and the Annual Return.

#### **41. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Brunsdon reported on:

- Wellhouse Lane residential dustbins
- The completion of Stone Path, Bushy Coombe
- Installation of 2 kissing gates at Five Acre Fields
- West Mendip Partnership Board

Questions were taken regarding:

- Sign for Footpath to Tor at Wellhouse Lane to discourage people from a dangerous walk along Coursing Batch.

It was AGREED that should the National Trust be unable to help that the Town Council could arrange for a sign to be placed in the appropriate place.

Councillor James brought to the Council's attention that 25% of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary budget is to be met from the parishes.

#### **42. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

The report was circulated to members and attached to the official minutes.

Discussion took place regarding a speed visor sign. The Town Clerk will endeavour to obtain information with a view to purchasing a sign for use by the Town Council.

Questions were taken regarding:  
Removal of bus stop in Wells Road

#### **43. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and noted. Copies of a & c had been circulated with the agenda.

- a) Avon and Somerset Policing Plan
- b) Somerset Higways – Temporary Road Closure – Kennard Moor Drove – To commence 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 for 3 weeks
- c) Regional Spatial Strategy
- d) Probusiness Services – Reduction in audit fee

#### **44. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments, a copy of which had been circulated to all Councillors and 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, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2006**

