

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 1st August 2006 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors: J Billing, N Cottle, A Gloak, K Mitchell
Area Regeneration Officer
PCSO Mel Hunter

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Steve Bilsborough spoke regarding Glastonbury FM, a new not for profit community radio station
- Mrs A Friend spoke regarding illegal parking on the Market Cross

The Mayor presented Mr and Mrs Katz of Glastonbury, Connecticut, USA with a copy of the Town Seal to take back to their Town Council.

Councillor Brunsdon presented Mike King with a certificate of thanks for his donation for the repair of the Town Clock.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Tucker – Personal interest – Glastonbury Trademark
Councillor Higgins – Personal and prejudicial interest – Planning applications

46. MILLENNIUM CHILDRENS BOOK

Gill Booth explained that the book, which recorded the hopes for the future of children in words and pictures at the time of the Millennium is an important document which needs to be preserved. They are comb bound and need to be book bound to preserve them. Her hopes are that it could be rebound and lodged at the Town Hall.

The press undertook to put out an appeal for a local craftsperson who may be interested in taking on the job.

Councillor T Billing suggested that there is scope for the book to be digitally copied and accessed via the internet.

47. LEADER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Leader of Mendip District Council, Councillor K Maddock and the Chief Executive, David Thomson, took questions on the following points:

- Noise from Tor Leisure
- Lack of maintenance at Tor Leisure
- Bushes etc overhanging pavements
- Morlands – The installation of traffic lights whilst works are taking place at Morlands and the problems this has caused ie. extreme tailbacks throughout Glastonbury and Street. Councillor Maddock informed the Council that he is aware of the problems and had strongly raised the matter with the RDA and was hopeful that a roundabout would be reconsidered.
- Sale of land at Morlands by Mendip District Council to the RDA – David Thomson confirmed that the option to buy by the RDA had not been taken up as the CHP plant which was planned for that area of the site would not now be developed
- Flooding on Windmill Hill
- Decriminalisation of on street parking
- Evening parking in St John's car park
- Recycling

Councillors Keery, Sharp and White left the meeting.

48. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended the following events since the last meeting:

- High Sheriff's Garden Party
- Opening of warehouse and offices of Fragrant Earth
- Crop Circle event
- Mayor's concert

He announced that the Red Arrows would be flying over Glastonbury on 15th and 25th August 2006.

49. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invite to Burma Star service – St John's Church, 15th August 2006 at 12 noon.

50. GLASTONBURY TRADEMARK

Copies of the letter and Settlement and Licence Agreement from Glastonbury Festivals Ltd had been circulated to all members which grants to the Town Council a non-exclusive licence to use the trademark 'Glastonbury' provided such third parties are, in the reasonable opinion of Glastonbury Town Council, legitimate traders and organisations based in the town or locality of Glastonbury.

RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Clerk should sign the agreement on behalf of the Council. (Copy of signed document is attached to the official minutes).

51. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Special Council Meeting held on 27th June 2006, which had been circulated to each member, were received and noted.
- b) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th July 2006, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- c) The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 18th July 2006, were received and noted.
- d) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20th July 2006, were received and noted.

Councillor Higgins left the room for item 52a & b.

52. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) 054482/010 – Mr and Mrs W Farrow – Replacement of external UPVC windows and Velux roof lights and internal alterations – 46 & 46a High Street – Listed Building Consent
RESOLVED to recommend approval.
- b) 054293/009 – K P Martin Builders Ltd – Redevelopment of the site comprising 11 no. new dwelling units (house and apartments through conversion and new build) with associated vehicular access and parking (revision scheme to planning approval 054293/008) – Orchard Court, 3A Magdalene Street – Full application
RESOLVED to recommend refusal of the application and to forward the following comments to the Planning Authority.
'The Council is concerned about the density and quality of this development. This is a sensitive site, adjacent to Glastonbury Abbey, a scheduled ancient monument in a conservation area, therefore the development needs to be sympathetic to its environment.'

**Councillor Brunsdon did not vote on items 52a and b.
Councillor Higgins returned to the room.**

53. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon reported the following:

- In his capacity as Vice Chairman of District Council he would be meeting the Princess Royal at the Blue School, Wells in September.
- Outline planning applications - Future applications will require more detail
- Decriminalisation of parking

Questions were taken regarding:

- Robert Barton Trust
- People camping out on National Trust land near White Spring Café – The Town Clerk confirmed that the Police would be taking action later this week.
- Itinerants sleeping under cricket covers at Tor Leisure

It was **AGREED** that a Security meeting should be arranged with PC Pople and the local team.

54. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted. Copies of items b,c and d had been circulated with the agenda.

- a) Somerset Highways – Temporary closure of Bove Town from 1st August 2006 to enable the fitting of a fire hydrant.
- b) Somerset Highways – Somerset Direct and Highway related issues.
- c) Letter from Tor Dance Festival requesting permission to use Bere Lane recreation area on 20th August 2006.
The Town Clerk confirmed that Tor Dance Festival wished to hold a Circle Dancing workshop at Bere Lane. Concerns were shown by Councillors regarding road safety. The Town Clerk confirmed that the organisers had provided insurance details, carried out a risk assessment for the event, had undertaken to provide road crossing patrols and would inform residents in close proximity to the park that the event would be taking place.
After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to grant permission for this event to take place.
- d) Mendip District Council – Copy of e-mail from Martin Errington regarding dog bins – The District Councillors were asked to inform Mr Errington that dog bins are needed along Sedgemoor Way and Tor Leisure.

55. 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 to approved and signed by two members as the Town Clerk's authority to make the payments.

Mayor, 5th September 2006