

## **Meeting of the Council held at Glastonbury Town Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: A Andrews, C Barry, T Billing, J Brunsdon MBE (Mayor), J Coles, S Cox, M Free, L Hull, E James, J Keery, W Knight, P Preston, H Sharp, I Tucker, J White

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk

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### **126. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public spoke regarding:

- Mean Feet grant application
- Tor Leisure
- Green Day at the Town Hall

Prior to the meeting the Mayor spoke about the life of Ex Councillor and Mayor of Glastonbury, Susan Openshaw who had recently passed away. A minute's silence was observed.

### **127. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Councillor L Browne.

### **128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J Keery – Personal and prejudicial interest – Planning application no. 094539/005.

### **129. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Councillor White informed the Council that in response to her invitation several Councillors had assisted in clearing rubbish from Wearyall Hill.
- b) The Mayor announced his attendance, accompanied by Councillor White, at the Carnival Presentation Dinner.
- c) The Mayor informed the Council that a ceremonial silver gilt key, originally presented to Councillor William A L Hucker JP on the occasion of the opening of the new post office, High Street, Glastonbury in August 1938 had been gifted to the Council on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008 by Mr J Crossman, nephew of William Hucker.

### **130. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT**

PSCO J Lawson reported on that she was meeting with community speed watch twice weekly. She reminded Councillors that the follow up PACT meeting would be taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at Glastonbury Town Hall.

Questions were taken regarding:

- The cash machine fraud at Morrisons and whether advice could be given showing what to look out for in the way of cameras.
- Boy racers at Tor View Avenue late at night.

### **131. AREA REGENERATION OFFICER REPORT**

Ros Wilkins reported that the skateboard was now being lit on Friday and Saturday evenings. The District continues to make ongoing repairs and check the site for safety daily.

She is still working with other agencies regarding youth provision and confirmed that the Youth band initiative will be up and running soon on a Tuesday night.

Councillor Free was concerned that the park is lit only on a Friday and Saturday night.

Councillor White asked about the success of the Frost Fair. Ros Wilkins confirmed that the quality of the stalls had been disappointing but she hoped to encourage a more diverse selection of people to join the committee to offer a more rounded event.

### **132. SOMERSET HIGHWAYS – A361**

In the absence of the Chief Traffic Engineer, Gary Frecknell, Transport Team Leader, Somerset Highways reported to the Council regarding the A361.

He explained that the A361 was now classed as a 'red route' ie high casualty route. He said that problems are being address through the Regional Spatial strategy and that a workshop meeting, with all stakeholders, would be held soon.

Work continues regarding freight routing in conjunction with the Regional Freight Forum and it is hoped that preferred routes will be incorporated in satellite navigation tools within three years. He highlighted the problems with international freight.

He confirmed that trading standard are enforcing weight limits and that officers are aware that the escape route could be extended at Bristol Hill.

The Mayor hoped that the Chief Traffic Engineer could attend a Council meeting in the near future.

### **133. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

A copy had been circulated to members and an original copy attached to the official minutes.

Councillor Sharp asked Councillor Gloak if he could speak with the Police to arrange for speed monitoring along the A361 at Coursing Batch.

### **134. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008, which had been circulated to each member with the agenda, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008 were accepted.  
**(Copies enclosed)**

**RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Billing as Chairman for the following items.

### 135. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Mr and Mrs J Leney – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2 dwellings (DEL) – Ridgeway, Leg of Mutton Road, Glastonbury, BA6 8HJ – Full application

Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to approve this application.

- b) Mr Affleck-Edwards – Erection of 3 dwellings, associated garaging and new access (DEL) – land adjacent to St Benedict's Church – Full application

Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to approve this application with the additional comment that this Council is sad to see the loss of a community building.

Councillor Brunsdon did not take part or vote on items 135 a and b.

### 136. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon reported that following a meeting with a planning officer, he had been informed that the building site along Wells Road would be closed down if the developer did not show moves to address conditions which have not been met.

He also reported on

- Mendip District Council building awards won by Tanneries and the Gauntlet Shopping Precinct
- Approval of retrospective planning for Fourways, Brindham Wick.
- New CCTV camera in Magdalene Street
- Planning application from Priority Sites for the Morland's site.

Councillor James reported that the District Council would be setting the budget next week and Council Tax would increase by 3%, subject to approval.

Councillor Coles confirmed that Mendip Housing would be checking the safety of all hot water systems in their properties.

Councillor Barron reported on:

- A meeting with the SWRDA regarding the Morland's site
- Tor Sport and Leisure – Attempt to include the playing fields in the alcohol free zone.
- Avalon Plastics. He confirmed that the leaseholder of Tor Leisure was neglecting his duties and informed the Council that the Wessex Football Club had moved from the site to Somerton, the cricket club were having problems as the outfield was not accepted to their league and the tennis courts remain unusable.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write to the Chief Executive of the District Council stating the concerns of the Council and asking that the District Council takes action to ensure that the facilities are restored.

Councillor Barron left the meeting.

### 137. GLASTONBURY RADIO.NET

Ross Hemsworth, Managing Director of Glastonbury Radio.Net, explained that he would like permission from the Town Council to broadcast Council meetings on Glastonbury Radio.Net which is an internet radio station.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to approve that full Council meetings are broadcast for a trial period of 12 months from Mayor Making on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2008.

### **138. APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY GRANT AID FROM MEAN FEET DANCE**

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to offer Mean Feet an interest free loan of £400.

### **139. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Hull reported on Transition Towns and Energy Efficiency Training.

Councillor Billing reported

- the Twinning Group had written to the Mayor of Patmos.
- the disability Access Company Ltd would be visiting the Town Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

Councillor Sharp updated the Council on funding which has been secured for projects in Lalibela.

### **140. GLASTONBURY TOWN PLAN**

A report recommending that the downloadable Glastonbury Community Town Plan document from Mendip District Council's website be moved Glastonbury Town Council's website as proposed at the Glastonbury Town Meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2006.

**RESOLVED** to allow this move with the approval of Mendip District Council.

### **141. CORRESPONDENCE**

**The following correspondence was noted. Copies of C & e had been circulated to members with the agenda.**

- a) Somerset Highways – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Temporary Road Closure, Roman Way for one week starting from 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008 to enable a sewer connection to be carried out
- b) Somerset County Council, Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit – Invite to Councillors to attend Parish Flood Fair 21 or 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008
- c) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Summary of Consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England
- d) Letter from Audit Commission – Appointment of external auditor for five years from 2008/2009 to 2011/12 – Moore Stephens Chartered Accountants, Bath

No member declared an interest in the company appointed as external auditor.

- e) Somerset Market Towns Forum – Somerset's Community Networking Solution  
**(Copies of c & e enclosed)**

### **142. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments, now tabled, 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, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008**