

Annual meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 6th May 2008 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: A Andrews, C Barry, T Billing, L Browne, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, S Cox, M Free, L Hull, E James, J Keery, W Knight, P Preston, I Tucker, Mrs J White

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Apologies were accepted from Councillor H Sharp

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Jane Sanders spoke to object to the installation of wifi in Glastonbury Town Centre on behalf of the 3% of people suffering from electro-sensitivity.
- b) Andrea Preston spoke regarding drugs being distributed in the High Street and the need for a police station in Glastonbury.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Reverend Martin Mudie.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor E James, seconded by Councillor I Tucker and unanimously

RESOLVED

that Councillor T Billing be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor T Billing read and signed the acceptance of office and during his acceptance speech he declared his chosen charity to be the 'MarthaCare Trust'.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor M Free and unanimously

RESOLVED

that Councillor E James be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANTS-AT MACE

The Mayor announced that Messrs Michael King and Leslie Morse had agreed to act as his Sergeants-at-Mace for the ensuing year.

4. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN TO THE MAYOR

The Mayor announced that the Reverend Martin Mudie had agreed to act as his Chaplain for the ensuing year.

5. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CRIER

The Mayor announced that Graham Coles had agreed to act as Town Crier for the ensuing year.

6. STANDING COMMITTEES

AGREED that the following appointments be made for the ensuing year.

Town Hall	Councillors: T Billing, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, M Free, E N James, W Knight, P Preston, I Tucker and J White
Finance and General Purposes	Councillors: A Andrews, T Billing, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, M Free, E N James, J Keery, P Preston, H Sharp, I Tucker, J White
Property and Assets	Councillors: C Barry, T Billing, L Browne, J Brunsdon MBE, S Cox, M Free, E N James, J Coles, J Keery, W Knight, P Preston, I C Tucker, J White
Planning	Councillors: C Barry, T Billing, L Browne, J Brunsdon MBE (Advisory), S Cox, W Knight, P Preston, I Tucker and J White
Security	Councillors: T Billing, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, E N James, J Keery, H Sharp, J White and Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and Police

7. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

AGREED that the following appointments be made for the ensuing year.

Glastonbury Tribunal	(1)	Councillor L Hull
Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Joint Committee	(8)	Councillors: L Browne, J Brunsdon MBE, Coles, M Free, E James, P Preston, I Tucker and one representative from Sharpham
Chamber of Commerce	(3)	The Mayor and Councillors: James and Knight
Citizens' Advice Bureau	(2)	Councillors: James and Sharp
Somerset Associations of Local Councils	(2)	Councillors: Billing and Browne
Glastonbury Charities	(4)	The Mayor and Councillors: J Coles, L Browne and P Preston
St Edmund's Community Hall Management Committee	(5)	The Mayor and Councillors: Cox, Hull, Tucker and White

St Dunstan's Leisure Centre
Management Committee (2) Councillors: M Free, S Cox

Talking Newspaper for the
Blind (1) Councillor L Browne

8. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The draft calendar of meetings for 2008/2009, copies of which had been circulated to each member, was **APPROVED**.

9. SIGNATORIES TO BANK ACCOUNT

RESOLVED that Councillors: Andrews, Brunsdon, Coles and Billing should be signatories to the HSBC bank accounts along with the Town Clerk. Councillors Brunsdon and Sharp should remain as signatories to the Alliance and Leicester account.

10. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Councillor Hull reported on the Local Action of Rural Communities meeting.
- b) Councillor White reported on the opening of the Youth Café at 11 Monkeys Café for Years 10 and 11 from 4-6pm.
- c) Councillor Coles reported that an enforcement order had been placed on the Rushes development and that the developer is fully aware of the issues.
- d) Councillor Free reported that residents on the periphery of the Rushes site now felt in danger of flooding due to land being raised.
- e) Councillor Hull reported that there would be a Transition Glastonbury LIMBS public meeting re planning for low impact buildings on 19th May 2008 at the Bay Tree Café from 7pm-9pm.
- f) Councillor Hull reminded Councillors that a 'Time to Plan' consultation day regarding the Sustainable Community Strategy would be held at the Town Hall on 13th May 2008.

11. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1st April 2008, 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 meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22nd April 2008, were received and noted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 22nd April 2008, were received and noted.

12. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Councillor Free reported on the first meeting of the Emergency Planning working party. He said that the working party had ascertained that the major threat for Glastonbury would be flooding, therefore members are approaching the utilities and other agencies to find out what plans are in place to deal with flooding. Councillor Free reported that the next meeting is scheduled for 5th June 2008 at 7pm and as this is not a Council Committee any interested parties are invited to attend.

13. BOUNDARY COMMISSION

A request had been received from Butleigh Parish Council to support their objection to the proposed changes by the Boundary Commission to exclude Butleigh from the Wells Constituency.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk should write to the Boundary Commission with the objection.

14. TWINNING WITH PATMOS

Councillor Knight proposed, seconded by Councillor Coles and **RESOLVED** by 12 votes and 4 abstentions, that this Council approves the formal twinning of Glastonbury with Patmos, Greece.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted. Copies of a.,b,c,d,e,h & I had been circulated with the agenda.

a) Letter from St John's Church Council regarding parking of funeral and wedding cars in Glastonbury High Street.

The Police confirm that the road is narrow outside the church and parking causes problems.

AGREED that the Mayor should meet with the Church Council to discuss the matter.

b) Letter from Chief Superintendent Nikki Watson, District Commander, Yeovil Police Station, Horsey Lane, Yeovil

c) Letter from Clive Miller & Associates Limited – Affordable Housing Site Identification Project

d) Letter from Post Office acknowledging receipt of Town Council's objection to proposed closure of Windmill Hill Post Office

e) Letter from Mendip District Council regarding the Local Development Framework Core Strategy

f) Somerset County Council – Road Closure – A361 Bere Lane – Closure for 2 days from 14th May 2008 – Resurfacing and associated works

g) Mendip District Council – Road Closure – Glastonbury Mayoral Parade – 18th May 2008

h) Information received from Mendip District Council regarding Section 106 Agreements

i) Letter from Glastonbury Tourist Information regarding nomination of Councillor Hull to the Board of Directors informing the Council that the Board was unable to accept the Council's nomination as Councillor Hull is involved in a Bed and Breakfast establishment not registered with the TIC, and that there would be many occasions when she would have to declare an interest and therefore be asked to leave the meeting.

Councillor Hull clarified that she was involved in establishing the B+B business which operates at Jacoby Cottage and has helped in its running over the years, albeit mostly on a voluntary basis. However, she has independent employment outside the B+B and derives no financial benefit from it.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to resubmit Councillor Hull's name as the Town Council's representative on the Board of Glastonbury Tourist Information Centre.

16. 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.

Mayor, 3rd June 2008