

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 5th August 2008 at Glastonbury
Town Hall at 7pm**

PRESENT: Councillors: A Andrews, T Billing (Mayor), J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, M Free, E James, J Keery, W Knight, P Preston, H Sharp, I Tucker, Mrs J White

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
District Councillor J Barron
County Councillor A Gloak

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Hazel Pegg spoke regarding the lack of disabled access to the Council Chamber.
- Judi Hawkins spoke regarding the lack of consultation regarding the removal of the skateboard park
- Tim Pittman spoke regarding a forthcoming Classical concert at Glastonbury Abbey on 30th August 2008 in aid of the Royal British Legion and the planned presentation to Geoffrey Ashe.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer

49. APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Hull.

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P Preston – Personal interest – Post Office.

51. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Mayor and Councillors had been invited to the Burma Star VJ Service at St John's on 15th August 2008.
- The Mayor had received a letter from the Catholic Pilgrimage thanking the Council for attending.
- The Mayor had recently met with the installer of the webcams with a view to providing further cameras in the town showing the Tor and the Abbey Grounds.

52. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR C BARRY

The Mayor announced that Councillor C Barry had resigned from the Council due to ill health. A letter from Councillor Barry had been circulated to all Councillors in which she mentioned the lack of disabled access to the Council Chamber.

Councillor Brunsdon proposed a vote of thanks to Caroline Barry for her work whilst with the Town Council and for her pledges to help when she can, in the future.

Councillor Free was sorry to hear of Councillor Barry's resignation and assured Councillors that the planning application for alterations to the Town Hall, including disabled access to all areas had been submitted.

53. CHANGE OF DATE FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was proposed by Councillor E James and seconded by Councillor I Tucker that this Council reverts to having its regular Full Council Meetings on the second Tuesday of every month.

Councillor Keery proposed an amendment to include that the Council meetings be held downstairs to allow access for the disabled. Councillor James and Tucker agreed to withdraw their proposal. A vote was taken on the amended proposal and it was **RESOLVED** unanimously that from September 2008 this Council reverts to having its Full Council Meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and when possible, full Council Meetings will be held downstairs in the Town Hall in order to provide access for the disabled and that standing orders should be altered to incorporate the new date.

54. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1st July 2008, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record subject to the addition of the date of 20th September 2008 at item 44. The Mayor also pointed out that Councillor James had not in fact needed to declare an interest in Wearyall Hill as it was not discussed at the meeting.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15th July 2008, were received and noted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 15th July 2008 were received and noted.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Glastonbury & Sharpham Joint Burial Committee held on 22nd July 2008 were received and noted.

55. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT

Inspector Ray Hulin and Becky Smith, PCSO reported on the following:

- Sector is best performing on detection
- The drop in metal theft following a new initiative
- Pact Principles – targeting crimes which impact on people's lives

Questions were taken regarding the problem of cars parking on dropped kerbs including those with disabled badges.

56. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

A written report had been circulated to Members a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

Councillor Free asked whether the phasing of the Morland's lights could be altered as they were causing hold ups in the flow of traffic.

57. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon reported on problems at Wellhouse Lane and further discussions regarding toilet provision during carnivals

Councillor Barron reported that meetings were taking place regarding the site of the future Skateboard Park. He thanked Councillor Free for making a model showing how a skateboard park could be built opposite Morland's.

Councillor Sharp was concerned that consultation should take place with the users of the Park.

Councillor White left the meeting at 8.45pm.

Councillor Coles reported on a visit to Avalon Plastics.

58. POST OFFICE – WINDMILL HILL

It was proposed by Councillor A Andrews and seconded by Councillor E James that this Council seeks an urgent meeting with the Post Office and other interested parties for joint discussions about the possibility of reopening the Windmill Hill Post Office branch and what such a venture would entail which was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

The Town Clerk was asked to liaise with the Post Office Manager and the County Councillor.

59. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Sharp reported that he had spoken to the members of the now disbanded Bretenoux twinning committee and as far as they can recall the disbandment had been amicable. He also thanked the Glastonbury in Bloom team for the wonderful display in the Town.

60. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence of which copies of a,b,c,d,e,g,h had been circulated to Councillors was noted.

- a) Mendip District Council – Dispensations – Guidance for Town and Parish Councils in Mendip
- b) Mendip District Council – Off Street Parking Places Order 2008
- c) Mendip District Council – Provision of public toilets during 2008 Carnival events – The Town Clerk was asked to write again objecting to the removal of future funding for toilet provision
- d) Boundary Commission for England – Interim review of two parliamentary constituency boundaries in Somerset - Recommendations
- e) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Items of interest to Councillors and Clerks – July 2008
- f) Somerset County Council - Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Temporary Closure – Footpaths WS15/68, WS15/71, WS15/64, WS15/62 and WS15/58 – 6 months from 22nd July 2008 to enable construction of a pumped sewer pipeline to increase the capacity of the sewerage system
- g) Burma Star Association – Letter inviting Councillors to Annual VJ Service in

- St John's Church on Friday 15th August 2008 at 11am
h) Letter from Andrea Preston re Commercial Centre of Glastonbury

61. 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.

Chairman, 9th September 2008