

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Glastonbury  
Town Hall at 7pm**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Paul Lund invited members to the Free Public meeting on climate change on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

**76. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Andrews due to ill health.

**77. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**78. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor J Barron made his declaration of office. The Town Clerk confirmed that Councillor Barron had signed the document on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008 and she had forwarded his completed Register of Interests to the District Council.

**79. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor's reported that his concert which was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008 went well and that he has invited Wells Community Band to play during late night shopping on the Market Cross.

**80. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008, were received and noted with the addition of apologies from Councillor White.

## **81. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT**

Sergeant Edgington, Community Sergeant from Glastonbury and Street made a report in the absence of PC Pople whose wife had just given birth to a baby boy.

He introduced Special Constable Guest, one of two full time Special Constables in the Force. He is targeting anti-social drivers and illegal vehicles at present. He clarified that cars should not park on white lines including those marked around corners.

PCSO Becki Smith reported on police activities in Glastonbury over the past month including Alcohol seizures and increased patrols in Silver Street due to anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Cox asked about non-response by Police to alarms at McColls, Windmill Hill. Sergeant Edgington said he had no knowledge of this but would investigate the matter.

Councillor Tucker was concerned to have heard that the licensing officer from Mendip District Council had been asked to back off from Glastonbury. Ros Wilkins confirmed that there had been a complaint received about the officer but following investigations the officer had resumed duties in Glastonbury.

## **82. AREA REGENERATION OFFICER REPORT AND SKATEBOARD PARK**

Ros Wilkins explained that negotiations are ongoing with SWERDA regarding the leasing of the skatepark site.

The Youth have been consulted and Skatepark developers who expressed an interest have been sent the technical specification and conditions. On 3<sup>rd</sup> November the tenders will be opened in the presence of Councillors Glanville and Barron. On 4<sup>th</sup> November Councillors will have a chance to see the preferred plans at the Town Hall at 2pm. The Youth will be shown the plans on 6<sup>th</sup> November and on 8<sup>th</sup> November there will be a chance for the public to see the plans at the Town Hall between 11am and 2pm.

Councillor Tucker was concerned that the alternative site had not been taken into consideration and asked to see the SWOT analysis which had been undertaken on the two sites. This had been promised at an Assets meeting with the leader of the District Council and officers when discussion took place over the possible sale of District Council assets to the Town Council. He had been concerned at reports from parents of skaters who were unhappy with the consultation. Ros Wilkins explained that the Youths had been fully consulted and the grants depended on consultation with the Youth, not parents.

Councillor Cox was concerned that the designs could be altered during the building process and stressed that the contract contained clauses to prevent changes.

Ros Wilkins confirmed that a user group was being formed to deal with future maintenance.

#### **84. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Brunsdon confirmed that the District Council has no investment with the Icelandic Banks.

Councillor Barron also confirmed that District Council money is in short term investments.

Councillor James reported that Glastonbury won best Town in Mendip in Bloom and thanked Councillor Gloak.

Councillor Coles has arranged a meeting with the Environment Agency and Matthew Williams, Planning Officer regarding the Rushes development.

Councillor Tucker left the meeting (8.30pm)

#### **85. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

A copy is attached to the official minutes.

Councillor Gloak confirmed that the County Council has £25 million invested in three Icelandic banks. The money is at risk but not lost.

Questions were taken regarding:

- Glastonbury road signing project
- Road rage outside the Morland's site
- A361
- Hinkley Point – County Council does not approve of any extension

Councillor Gloak agreed to arrange a sign visit to Coursing Batch for the Highways Officers including Beverly Norman.

Councillor Coles was pleased to see St John Ambulance is providing support to carers.

Councillor Sharp wished to acknowledge the work carried out by Glastonbury in Bloom.

#### **86. PLANNING APPLICATION**

Planning application no. 025332/038 – Wyrall Park Bowls Club – Construction of new toilet facilities – FULL

**RESOLVED** to approve the application subject to the inclusion of full disabled access.

#### **87. LETTER FROM RESIDENT REGARDING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN HIGH STREET**

This matter was referred to the Security Committee meeting being held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

## **88. TWINNING SIGNS**

Councillor Sharp reported that two quotations had been received for the production of the twinning signs.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Sign and Design, the company who produced the present Town signs, using monies from the Tourism fund.

## **89. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Free reported that the Emergency Plan is coming together and the working party have identified the need for equipment, including alternatives to sandbags as these are not now provided by the District Council. He confirmed that the Town Clerk had identified monies in the security fund which could be utilised.

It was proposed by Councillor Free, seconded by Councillor Hull and **RESOLVED** that this Council allocates an initial sum of £1000 to the Emergency Planning Committee, to purchase a stock of Aquasacs (alternative to sandbags), emergency equipment and to produce information leaflets for Glastonbury residents'.

## **90. GLASTONBURY RADIO.NET**

The Town Clerk explained that for the broadcasts to continue, Glastonbury Radio.Net would need to charge the Town Council £150 per month also due to the station selling a programme to the States on Tuesday nights, the Town Council had been asked if they would be prepared to change the night of the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to thank Glastonbury Radio.Net for all their help but to decline any further broadcasting of the Town Council meeting.

Councillor Hull suggested that the Town Council discusses the idea of broadcasting the meetings with Glastonbury FM who have invited members to their open day. She said that as a community radio station, not just internet based, this would be more inclusive.

**AGREED** that the Town Clerk should write to Steve Bilsborough at Glastonbury FM on the matter.

## **91. TOR FAIR**

Councillor Knight reminded members that Tor Fair has been going for 800 years in Glastonbury. He recently contacted the organiser, Henry Chipperfield who reported a disastrous year due to the bad weather and location. He is concerned that the town may lose the fair and therefore asked for permission to pursue the idea of moving to an alternative site in Glastonbury.

**RESOLVED** to give Councillor Knight permission to investigate alternative sites for the Fair.

## **92. DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES SURVEY**

It was **AGREED** that Councillors M Free, P Preston, E James, J Brunsdon and T Billing would meet on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008 to formulate a response.

### **93. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Hull reported that the Levels and Moors have £2.2 million for projects. She also reported on the launch of a new Local Food Directory partially funded by the District and County Councils.

She brought members attention to the Sustainable Communities Act and how Transition Towns fits with the objectives of the Act.

### **94. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a) Somerset LINK – Invitation to LINK Information Event
- b) Somerset County Council and District Councils – Council question time events across Somerset
- c) The Standards Board for England – Town and Parish Standard
- d) Mendip District Council – Leisure Facility Audit and Forward Plan
- e) Mendip District Council – Parish Information Bulletin – October 2008
- f) Royal British Legion – Invite to Poppy Appeal Concert on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and Remembrance Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008 – Members were concerned that a parade would not be taking place. The Town Clerk was asked to find a parade marshall and organise the parade on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- g) Glastonbury FM – Invite to Open Day on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008
- h) Sustainable Environment Company – Press release – Invite to free public meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008

### **95. 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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**Chairman, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008**