

**Meeting of the Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Glastonbury Town Hall at 7.15pm**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk

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Public participation from 7pm – 7.15pm

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

**70. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors S Cox, due to holiday and marriage, Councillor Barron and Councillor Andrews due to holiday.

**71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M Free – Personal interest – Planning.

**72. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor and Councillors for attending the Burma Star service in August 2009.

**73. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT**

Walter Antoinello, Police Volunteer asked for the support of the Council in attempting to persuade local traders to not stock high alcohol content drinks and invited Councillors to a meeting with the District Enforcement Officer to discuss the scheme.

**74. PROVISION OF DIRECT ACCESS ACCOMMODATION, MAGDALENE CLOSE, GLASTONBURY**

Tracy Aarons, Group Manager - Built Environment - Mendip District Council and the New Business Manager from Carr Gomm explained the project and answered questions.

**75. MINUTES**

a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2009, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record subject to the following amendments:- Page 18 – health risks should read 'alleged health risks'. Councillor Hull asked that it be

recorded that she disagreed with the amendment and Page 21 – Minute 67 – Councillor Free had asked the Town Council to write to Harry Patch’s family.  
b) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2009 were received and noted.

Councillor Preston asked that Committee members make an effort to attend meetings on a more regular basis.

## **76. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

District Councillors reported on West Mendip Partnership.

Councillor Barron reported that the Skateboard Park was going well but no-one yet had returned quotations for the toilets.

He confirmed that Mendip District Council do not fund the Frost Fair.

Councillor Tucker thanked the District Council for granting £4000 to Beckery Island Regeneration Trust for repairs to the roof.

Councillor Free was disappointed that there did not appear to be funding to provide play equipment at St Bride’s Close Playpark.

Councillor Brunsdon reported that the Tesco planning application had been approved.

Councillor Hull understood that the Officer had recommended refused asked whether it was usual for Councillors to disregard Planning Officer recommendations. Councillor Brunsdon replied that in certain circumstances this occurs when the benefits to the community would appear to outweigh the Officer’s concerns.

## **77. OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Browne reported that Talking Newspapers have a recipient group of 43 and at the National Conference they were rated as highly as groups which use digital recording.

Councillor Billing reported that Mary Parker had been elected Chairman of the Board and the new brochure will be produced soon.

## **78. REQUEST FROM AUSTIN MEMORIAL HOMES FOR GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL TO TAKE OVER FROM KNIGHTSTONE HOUSING AS MANAGEMENT AGENTS**

Councillor Browne said that there would be no financial implication to the Town Council who would charge the Trust administration costs.

The Town Clerk reported that she has been in consultation with the Trust and was aware of what would be involved.

It was felt that the Homes would be better managed locally and therefore it was **RESOLVED** that Glastonbury Town Council takes over from Knightstone as the Management Agents for Austin Memorial Homes.

## 79. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Hull announced that the Harvest Show would be taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at the Town Hall and encouraged Councillors to compete, to which a number agreed.

Councillor Knight invited people to the blessing of the Fair at 10.45am on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009 when the Fair will provide free rides to children with special needs.

Councillor White reported that more graffiti had appeared in the Town. It was **AGREED** to ask the road sweeper to report any new graffiti so that removal can be attempted as soon as possible. It was suggested that good murals deter graffiti artists and that a request should go to the Charity shop in the High Street for permission to paint a mural on their wall.

## 80. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted.

- a) Mr C Wilkinson – Litter on Market Cross and expansion of outside seating area
- b) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Invitation to Annual General Meeting and Area General Meetings - Woolavington Village Hall – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 12.30pm
- c) Environment Agency – Flood Risk – Glastonbury – **AGREED** to invite Environment Agency to a meeting to discuss the matter and to invite the MP
- d) Somerset County Council – A361 Red Route Exhibition Forum – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009, 3pm-7pm – Nunney Village Hall – Councillor Sharp and Browne **AGREED** to attend.
- e) Somerset County Council – Highways Act 1980 – Section 115E – Licensing of Pavement Café Areas – The Town Clerk was asked to write asking to be involved in the license consultation.
- f) Somerset County Council – Governors for Mendip Schools – Councillor Browne expressed an interest in St Dunstan's School and Councillor Knight expressed an interest in St Benedict's School.
- g) Glastonbury Harvest Show – Thank you and invite to Councillors
- h) Community Council for Somerset – Invitation to Annual General Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 4pm at Burtle Village Hall

## 81. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor Sharp asked for an update on Tor Leisure Centre which was **AGREED**.

## 82. 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, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009