

**Meeting of the Council held at Glastonbury Town Hall on Tuesday 12th
October 2010 at 7pm**

PRESENT:	Councillors: A Andrews, J Barron, T Billing, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles (Mayor), M Free, L Hull, W Knight, P Preston, J Keery, H Sharp, I Tucker, J White
APOLOGIES:	Apologies were accepted from Councillors L Browne (work commitments), S Cox (work commitments), E James (family commitments)

The following members of the public spoke prior to the meeting.

- Mr Jones spoke regarding the traveller site at Morland's and how he and the other residents are working to purchase their own land and hope to move soon
- Mr P Bishop spoke regarding a future planning application for Bartlett's Farm.
- Mrs Rafferty spoke regarding planning application no. 2010/2035 and informed Councillors that she has existing permission to erect further buildings at the site at Brinham Lane, Wick contrary to the Council's comments

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Free declared a personal interest in item 10b – Planning minutes.

82. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor circulated a list of his engagements since the last Council meeting.

83. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT

PCSO Shelly Day reported on the PACT priorities of litter, street cleaning and antisocial behaviour.

84. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The County Councillor circulated his report which was to make members of the Council fully aware of the implications for Glastonbury when the construction of Hinckley C power station is built, or being built.

Councillors thought this could be a good opportunity to highlight the need for the Southern Distributor Road.

The County Councillor also reported on the success of the sheep drive down the High Street and thanked the Freemen for taking part. He hoped this could be an annual event each second Monday in October at 9.05am.

85. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

District Councillors reported on:

West Mendip Community Partnership
Traveller's site
Tor Leisure
Bartlett's Farm

Councillor Tucker was concerned that the District Council had promised that the traveller's site on the Morland's site would be disbanded by the end of summer, but still remains.

Councillor Barron said that the Government had frozen monies for new sites. He will provide a written report for interested Councillors.

Councillor Barron also reported that due to government cutbacks of 25% over the next 4 years there would be little chance in the near future for new equipment to be provided for St Brides Close playpark.

Councillor White asked for the litter-pickers to deal with Wearyall Hill and Street Road prior to carnival.

86. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Billing had attended a focus group meeting regarding the future of the library service.

The Town Clerk was asked to write to the County Council in support of the local library and inviting a representative to a Council meeting to explain the 'catchment area' which would appear to be showing Glastonbury library in a detrimental light.

Councillor Tucker was pleased to report that Beckery Island Regeneration Trust now has the key of Northover Mill. The roof is in better condition than originally thought and activity will be seen on the site soon. The Trust were applying for further funds and match funding and he was confident the project would succeed.

Councillor Tucker also reported that the Town Council was now in possession of the old Morland cycle shed land. It was **AGREED** that the hedges should be cut and the area tidied up. Public consultation will need to take place regarding future use of the land. It was hoped to involve young people in the project.

87. FROST FAIR 2010

Councillor W Knight reported on the success of the Frost Fair 2009 and supported the application for a grant of £750 by the Chamber of Commerce for this year's Fair on 11th December. He confirmed that the activities would start at the top of Town to improve footfall to the shops in that area, following complaints.

RESOLVED to grant £750 to the Chamber of Commerce for provision of Santa's sleigh and reindeer on the day of the Frost Fair.

(Local Government Act 1972, s.144.)

As the event promotes tourism it was **AGREED** that money from the Tourism Fund should be utilised.

88. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Free updated Councillors on the alterations to the Town Hall.

Councillor White proposed that a letter should go to the Abbey to thank them for their event on the evening of the Tour of Britain.

89. MINUTES

a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th September 2010, 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 Planning Committee meetings held on 21st September 2010 and 1st October 2010 were accepted. It was noted that Councillor Billing was present at the meeting on 21st September 2010.

90. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Letter from Local Authority Publishing Company Ltd – Offer to publish a Glastonbury Official Guide free of charge – **AGREED** that this should be passed to the Tourist Information Office.
- b) Letter from Avon and Somerset Police Authority – Community Policing Awards Launch 2010 – **AGREED** to nominate PCSO Spencer Cox and PC Mark Pople

The following correspondence was circulated for information:

- c) Mendip District Council – English Heritage re-grading of the Church of St Benedict from Grade B to Grade 1
- d) Letter from Flourish Homes re Annual Review April 2009 – March 2010
- e) Letter from Somerset County Council re Annual Report 2009/2010

91. AUDITED ANNUAL RETURN

The Town Clerk reported that she had received the audited Annual Return and Audit report for the year ended 31 March 2010 from the external auditor which stated, that on the basis of their review, in their opinion the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting their opinion were:

- a) The Council does not always record the power under which expenditure is made and should ensure the power under which expenditure is made is evidenced in the minutes.
- b) That they have confirmed with the Council that expenditure was monitored against budget. However, there is no evidence of this in the minutes. The

Council should ensure that expenditure is regularly monitored against budget and that this process is evidenced in the minutes.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should arrange for assistance in preparing the budget report from the accountant.

92. 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, 9th November 2010