

Meeting of the Council held on 9th February 2010 at Glastonbury Town Hall at 7pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Apologies were accepted from Councillor Hull

Public Participation took place prior to the meeting when Jo Fryer spoke regarding planning application no. 2010/0013; John Dando spoke regarding the carnival shed site and Paul Hanley spoke regarding the revoked late licence at Abbey Moor Stadium

150. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor W Knight – Personal interest – Planning application no. 2010/0013
Councillor J White – Personal interest – Planning application no. 2010/0013
Councillor J Coles – Prejudicial interest – Abbey Moor Stadium
Councillor J Barron – Prejudicial interest – Abbey Moor Stadium

Councillors Barron and Coles left the room for the following item.

151. ABBEY MOOR STADIUM LICENCE

A representative from Abbey Moor Stadium presented a petition to the Mayor, which had been signed by 906 people in support of a late music licence at the Abbey Moor Stadium which had recently been revoked.

It was **RESOLVED** to support, in principle, the applicants' appeal to restore the late licence at Abbey Moor Stadium.

Councillors Barron and Coles returned to the room.

152. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that since the last meeting he had represented the Town at the Carnival Club Presentation at the Town Hall on 23rd January 2010 and a Mendip District Council CCTV meeting.

He reported that in future there was a possibility that the Mendip District Council Parish Forum will take on the work of the Community Partnerships.

153. REQUEST FROM GLASTONBURY CHILKWEEL GUY FAWKES CARNIVAL LTD

A letter had been received from Glastonbury Chilkwell Carnival Club asking the Town Council to contribute to the cost of clearing a rhyne bordering Butler Park and Town Council land at Common Moor.

It was **RESOLVED** to contribute £250 towards the work.
(Power to deal with ponds and ditches - Public Health Act 1936, s.260)

154. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT

Beat Officer for Street, PC Dalton reported in the absence of PC Pople.

The next PACT meeting will be on 21st April 2010 at the Town Hall at 7pm.

He was asked to investigate whether a traffic order could be put in place to prevent cars backing into Archers Way (one way street) from the High Street.

155. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Mr Grabham, Traffic Engineer, Somerset Highways gave a presentation on provision of Speed Indicator Devices in Glastonbury.

He confirmed that Coursing Batch was not on the programme and it did not fit the criteria.

Councillors pointed out that Coursing Batch has a speed limit of 20mph and therefore they consider that the road fits the criteria. Mr Grabham agreed to look into the matter and report back to the Council.

Mr Grabham confirmed that the Town Council would not be permitted to purchase and site its own speed indicator device.

156. HOUSING DISTRIBUTION

A representative from Mendip District Council, gave a presentation as part of an informal consultation on the Local Development Framework, which replaces the Local Plan, prior to the formal consultation which will take place in August and September of this year.

157. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th January 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 held on 26th January 2010 were received and adopted.

158. TOWN HALL ALTERATIONS AND DISABLED ACCESS

The Mayor thanked Councillor Free for all the time and energy he had put into the project thus far.

Councillor Sharp agreed that disabled access was desirable but was concerned that the budget for the project was £200,000 including £20,000 contingency and thought a meeting should be held to inform the public.

Councillor Billing reminded the Council that a risk assessment would be required.

Councillor Free confirmed that he has assessed the project for risks so far.

It was **RESOLVED** that a working group of the Town Hall Committee should manage the project, consisting of Councillor Free, Councillor Brunsdon, Cox and Tucker.

159. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application received from Mendip District Council was considered:

Planning application no. 2010/0013 – Mr and Mrs J White – Erection of a building to provide bathroom, laundry and dish washing facilities at Wick Farm, Wick Lane, Wick

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval.
Additional comments to be forwarded to the Planning Authority – The Town Council is happy with the design and materials used and fully supports this application from a business which contributes to the economy of the town.

160. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The report from the County Council was circulated to all members.

Questions were taken regarding:

- Street lights in High Street
- Road signs
- Possibility of enhancing the entrance to St John's Car Park to allow access to coaches
- World Heritage Site status for Glastonbury

Councillor Keery suggested that to cause major upheaval for schools and parents that Somerset Highways prioritise gritting and clearing school bus routes.

161. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Barron reported:

- A forecast of zero increase in the Council Tax for 2010/2011.
- A new contractor would be taking over the Beckery Cottages in March/April 2010.
- There is the possibility of a new cardboard and plastic kerbside recycling collection and trials are to take place shortly.

Councillor James confirmed that Councillor Barron's final point was in response to the District Council public consultation, which had revealed a strong demand for cardboard and plastic kerbside collections.

Councillor Brunsdon reported that he and Councillor Tucker had attended another meeting with the consultants carrying out the Glastonbury Conservation Area Appraisal and that the scheme would be made public in the near future.

162. TOR LEISURE

Councillor Cox asked the Town Clerk to record in the minutes that he has a personal interest in Tor Leisure as a former employee. He also wished the Town Clerk to minute that he feels uncomfortable when the Town Council discusses Tor Leisure as it would appear that the Council is treating a local businessman unfairly.

Councillor Sharp stated, that this was not a case of the Council treating the leaseholder unfairly, but the Council carrying out its responsibility to make sure the sports facilities for the Town are kept in good condition and available to all those who wish to use them. He has been told there are health and safety problems at the premises, which have been deemed to be unsafe by qualified surveyors, and with a footfall of 50,000 annually this is naturally of concern to him.

163. LOADING BAYS FOR LOWER END OF GLASTONBURY HIGH STREET

The Town Clerk confirmed that, in consultation with the Chamber of Commerce, she had sent letters to traders in the High Street asking them to arrange for deliveries to the rear of their premises, if possible, to help reduce congestion.

164. POLICE STATION FOR GLASTONBURY

Councillor Barron confirmed that he believed that the Town Council would be offered the Northload Street toilet block on a 99 year lease at a cost of £1500 per annum.

The Town Clerk had not yet received communication from the District Council regarding this matter.

165. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Councillor Tucker announced that a recruitment evening for the Fire Service would be held on 24th February 2010 at 7pm at the Fire Station. He asked for permission to hang a banner on the Town Hall which was given.
- b) Councillor Keery announced that he and the Town Clerk had met with the Headteacher of St Dunstan's School. The school now has the responsibility of delivering 14-19 Diploma courses and major alterations are planned for which the majority of the funding is in place. The school will be making a presentation after the Planning Meeting on 27th April 2010 to inform the Council and to request possible match-funding.

Councillor Preston left the meeting at this juncture at 9.45pm

166. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence, which had been circulated with the agenda, was noted.

- a) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Items of interest to Councillors and Clerks
- b) Glastonbury Tourist Information Centre – Letter enclosing new Glastonbury and Street Leaflet and thanking Glastonbury Town Council for their financial support
- c) Somerset Art Works – Letter thanking Glastonbury Town Council for support over the last year with a copy of their Annual Review

167. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

It was agreed to invite Malcolm Williams from Mendip District Council to the next meeting.

168. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT WEST MENDIP PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Councillor Brunsdon reported that due to lack of business the March meeting had been cancelled.

169. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was **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

Mayor, 9th March 2010