

## Annual meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors: A Andrews, J Barron, T Billing, J Brunsdon MBE, L Browne, 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  
PC M Pople

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The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Reverend David MacGeoch.

### 1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor E James, seconded by Councillor J Brunsdon MBE and unanimously

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor J Coles be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor J Coles read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and informed the Council that he had selected Meningitis UK in memory of the late Jasmine Clare. A representative from Meningitis UK explained that they support scientists with research into vaccine development.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

### 3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor J Barron and unanimously

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor W Knight be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

### 4. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANTS-AT MACE

The Mayor appointed Messrs Michael King and Leslie Morse as his Sergeants-at-Mace for the ensuing year.

### 5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN TO THE MAYOR

The Mayor announced that the Reverend David McGeoch had agreed to act as his Chaplain for the ensuing year.

### 6. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CRIER

The Mayor announced that Graham Coles had agreed to act as Town Crier for the ensuing year.

## 7. POLICE REPORT

PC Mark Pople reported on the recent PACT priorities including litter and anti-social behaviour. Inspector Nicholson has extended the beat managers shift and will be increasing PCSO's duties including working extra shifts.

## 8. STANDING COMMITTEES

**AGREED** that the following appointments be made for the ensuing year.

Town Hall	Councillors: T Billing, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, S Cox, M Free, E N James, W Knight, P Preston, I Tucker and J White
Finance and General Purposes	Councillors: T Billing, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, M Free, E N James, J Keery, P Preston, H Sharp, I Tucker, J White
Property and Assets	Councillors: A Andrews, T Billing, L Browne, J Brunsdon MBE, S Cox, M Free, E N James, J Coles, J Keery, W Knight, P Preston, I C Tucker, J White
Planning	Councillors: T Billing, L Browne, J Brunsdon MBE (Advisory), S Cox, W Knight, P Preston, I Tucker
Security	Councillors: T Billing, J Barron, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, E N James, J Keery, H Sharp, J White and Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the Police, Community Watch and the District Council

The Town Clerk explained that a staffing committee was required to deal with Staff complaints and an Appeals panel with different membership.

Staffing	Councillors: M Free, I Tucker and J White
Appeals Panel	Councillors: T Billing, J Barron and J Keery

## 9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

**AGREED** that the following appointments be made for the ensuing year.

Glastonbury Tribunal	(1)	Councillor T Billing
Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Joint Committee	(8)	Councillors: L Browne, J Brunsdon MBE, Coles, M Free, E James, P Preston, I Tucker and one representative from Sharpham
Chamber of Commerce	(3)	The Mayor and Councillor: Knight
Citizens' Advice Bureau	(2)	Councillors: James, Browne
Somerset Associations of Local Councils	(3)	Councillors: Billing, Browne and Hull

Glastonbury Charities	(4)	The Mayor and Councillors: L Browne, E James and P Preston
St Edmund's Community Hall Management Committee	(5)	The Mayor and Councillors: Cox, Hull, Tucker and White
St Dunstan's Leisure Centre Management Committee	(2)	Councillors: M Free, S Cox
Talking Newspapers for the Blind	(1)	Councillor L Browne

## 10. BAILY'S/MORLAND'S UNOFFICIAL TRAVELLERS' SITE

Due to the length of the agenda it was **RESOLVED** to bring this item forward.

Tracy Aarons attended the meeting to explain that at present the site is tolerated, it has not been turned into a transit site due to the land being contaminated and it is the aim of the District Council to have the site closed by the summer and enforcement action will be taken if people do not move. An officer regularly inspects the site and at present there are 21 adults and 5 children living there. The A person living on the site has been given a key to the gate and is not allowing any more vehicles to enter the site. Ms Aarons confirmed that there are tolerated sites at Frome and Shepton Mallet but the Regional Spatial Strategy determined that the Mendip District must provide 87 pitches over the next 2 years and only 27 pitches exist at present. In an effort to meet requirements, Mendip District Council are now offering loans travellers who wish to purchase land through a Community Land Trust and confirmed that the Town Council could consider renting pitches to travellers. As far as she knew none of the neighbouring districts had yet met their target. Councillors had received complaints from Beckery residents about anti-social behaviour emanating from the site. Ms Aarons stated that the Police had informed her that there was nothing in the Police logs regarding the site. The Mayor urged people to contact the main Police number or dial 999 to report problems, otherwise the complaints would not be logged. She did not have figures on how many of the travelling community were war veterans.

## 11. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The draft calendar of meetings for 2010/2011, copies of which had been circulated to each member, was **APPROVED**.

## 12. SIGNATORIES TO BANK ACCOUNT

**RESOLVED** that Councillors: Andrews, Brunsdon and Coles remain as signatories to the HSBC bank accounts along with the Town Clerk and that Councillors Brunsdon and Sharp should remain as signatories to the Alliance and Leicester and Bank of Ireland accounts.

## 13. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 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 meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27<sup>nd</sup> April 2010, were received and noted.

- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 27th April 2010, were received and noted.

Councillor Free reported that Ed Chapman, Town Hall caretaker would be retiring at the end of the month and asked the Town Clerk to record the thanks of the Town Council in the minutes.

#### **14. NAMING OF ROADS ON THE MORLAND'S SITE**

Mendip District Council asked the Town Council to provide suggested names for a new road on the Morland's site and further names to be kept in reserve for future use.

**RESOLVED** to recommend that the road be a continuation of Morland Road and that the reserve names be Scott Road, Stokes Road and Hepworth Road.

#### **15. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Councillor White reported that she had met with Emily Burnell from the Somerset Youth Volunteering Network to discuss ideas for a mural on the side of the Cancer Research charity shop and that PCSO Jemma Lawson is still discussing a project to deal with the underpass and that she would be attending a St Edmund's Hall meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010.
- b) Councillor Preston invited Councillors to the Air Training Corp open day on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010, starting at 10am.
- c) Councillor Hull asked the Mayor to consider giving one of his free functions to host the Harvest Show in September.
- d) Councillor Keery asked that the Town Council write a letter of congratulations to the new MP Tessa Munt which was **AGREED**.
- e) Councillor Billing asked that the Town Council sends a letter of thanks to David Heathcoat-Amory which was **AGREED**.
- f) Councillor Hull suggested that the Town Council explores the possibility of funding via the Local Action Rural Community Fund. She also apologised for her lack of attendance at meetings due to pressure of work.

#### **16. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted.

- a) Glastonbury Pilgrimage Association – Invite to Pilgrimage – 19.6.10,k
- b) Mendip District Council – Grounds Maintenance Services in Mendip from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 – The Town Clerk was asked to report to the District Council that Councillors are concerned that long grass in play areas may cover broken glass
- c) Somerset County Council – The Management of public rights of way in Somerset
- d) Mendip District Council – Parish Information Bulletin – May 2010 – Councillor Knight suggested Councillors inspect their wards for listed buildings at risk

#### **17. 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.