

**Meeting of the Council held at Glastonbury Town Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 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, J White

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were accepted from Councillors L Browne, S Cox, E James, H Sharp and I Tucker

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

The proprietors of Padma (Glastonbury) Ltd spoke regarding the problems of tables and chairs in front of premises adjacent to their shop.

The County Councillor undertook to investigate the case.

Andy Merrifield from Somerset Racial Equality Council spoke regarding equality and diversity training for Councillors.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

**65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**66. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reminded Councillors that the Tour of Britain Somerset leg would be finishing in Glastonbury tomorrow.

The Mayor reported on a successful trip to the Island of Patmos which is twinned with Glastonbury and thanked the Deputy Mayor for representing the Town at the Axbridge Pageant whilst he was away.

**67. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT**

PCSO Spencer Bishop reported on the following

- Integration of the Street and Glastonbury teams which consists of 3 PC's and 10 PCSO'S.
- Visit to Totnes on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to see how their police deal with street drinkers.
- PCSO Becky Smith's departure to work as a Police Officer with Gwent Police.

Councillor Hull was concerned that there may have been a discrepancy in procedure at the possibly racially motivated incident at Tor Leisure. PCSO Bishop undertook to look into the matter.

Councillor Barron reported that the cricket screens had been damaged once again.

#### **68. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Councillor Gloak informed the Council that on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 9am the Freeman of the Town would be exercising their rights to drive sheep down Glastonbury High Street in support of the Wool Council.

He also reported that he had arranged for the Town Hall webcam to be trained on the Tour of Britain finishing arch.

#### **69. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

District Councillors reported on:

- West Mendip Partnership on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010 at Glastonbury Town Hall when Benefit Fraud would be discussed and there would be a presentation by Sonia Pike of Mendip Citizens' Advice Bureaux.
- PACT Meeting
- LEP
- Bartlett's Farm
- Travellers' Site

#### **70. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

The National Trust - Councillor Brunsdon reported that there had been over 100 sheep on the Tor over the tourist season, without incident.

#### **71. TOWN HALL ALTERATIONS – UPDATE FROM CHAIRMAN OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE**

Councillor Free updated the Council on the work to the Town Hall which to date included raising the steps and balcony and introducing new drainage. Examples of new toilets windows and the fan window were on display and generally admired. An adjusted budget for the work was circulated to all members showing that the work so far had come in under budget therefore increasing the contingency fund.

Councillor Brunsdon was encouraged by the report and thanked Councillor Free.

#### **72. APPROVAL OF BORROWING APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD FOR PART-FINANCING OF TOWN HALL DISABLED ACCESS AND IMPROVEMENTS**

The Town Clerk had circulated a report recommending a borrowing application to the Public Works Loan Board to part-finance the following capital works.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council should apply for a fixed rate loan, over 9½ Years not over 10, using equal instalments of principal (EIP) and include the annual loan charges in the annual precept.

### **73. ST BRIDES CLOSE PLAYPARK**

Councillor Free was disappointed to note that all the play equipment had now been removed from the play park.

District Councillor Barron undertook to investigate the matter.

### **74. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE**

A letter had been received from the traffic management group at Somerset County Council. It explained that the two year funding for provision of SID'S fund siting of Speed Indicator Devices at Wells Road and Street Road would cease in October. and that they were offering the Town Council the option of funding either or both locations for a further year, for an annual contribution of £350.00 per location.

**RESOLVED** to contribute £350 per location ie Wells Road and Street Road plus a further £350 to fund a sign to be situated along Chilkwell Street/Coursing Batch.

### **75. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS**

Following an offer from the Somerset Racial Equality Council at the last meeting to undertake Equality and Diversity Training for Councillors and community leaders, it was **AGREED** that the Council should undertake training and invite other community leaders to take part.

The Town Clerk reminded members that training for Councillors was an important part of being a quality council.

### **76. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Councillor Hull reported that the Harvest Show would be taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at the Town Hall and that she was now a Councillor representing the Green Party. She also circulated information regarding Somerset Land for food.
- b) The Mayor announced that all Councillors were invited to the dedication of the new Sea Cadet standard taking place at HMS Excalibur on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7pm.

### **77. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010 were accepted with the following amendments to items 18 (g) and 19 (a). .

**18(g) - RESOLVED** to alter the response to recommend refusal due to reports of antisocial behaviour when public arrive and leave the building; lack of sound proofing of building and unsafe passage of the public when leaving the venue due to no pavement and a poor footpath.

19(a) – **RESOLVED** to recommend that the tables and chairs should be sited away from the building within a roped surround and not permitted on market day.

#### **78. PLANNING APPLICATION**

The following planning application was considered:

2010/1821 – Mr N Taylor - Single storey extension with balcony over – 38 The Roman Way – Householder Planning Permission

**RESOLVED** to recommend approval.

#### **79. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

- a) Somerset County Council – Temporary Road Closure – St John’s Square, Glastonbury – 3 evenings starting from 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010 to enable resurfacing and associated works to be carried out
- b) Somerset County Council – Temporary Road Closure – The Close, Glastonbury – 1 day starting from 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to enable resurfacing and associated works to be carried out
- c) Somerset County Council – Temporary Road Closure – King Street, Glastonbury – 3 weeks starting from 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to enable repair works to be carried out to a wall
- d) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Invite to Annual General Meeting and Area General Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at Woolavington – Councillor Preston volunteered to attend
- e) Somerset Heritage and Libraries Services – Review and planning for the future of the library service in Somerset - Invitation to attend focus group meeting

#### **80. 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, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010**