

Meeting of the Council held at Glastonbury Town Hall on Tuesday 8th April 2011 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies were accepted from Councillors T Billing (illhealth)

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk

Public participation

Councillor Hull suggested that County Farms could be allocated as provision for travellers through Community Land Trusts.

Hazel Pegg suggested that as EMA is being cut, to help students financially that the Tor Bus route could be extended to Strode College.

Helen Moore asked the Town Council about the collapsed wall at Abbey Park and reported that children are now clambering over the rubble.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Mayor's Chaplain.

162. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Tucker – Tesco's.

163. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Coles circulated a list of all the events he had attended on behalf of the Council since the last meeting.

164. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT

PC Pople reminded members that the next PACT meeting would be held at the Town Hall on 13th April 2011 at 7pm. The last PACT priorities were anti-social behaviour on the Paradise Estate, dog fouling in Benedict Street area. He informed members that the Police Team were working on resurrecting the Radio Link project whereby local traders and organisations communicate through a radio link to increase security and were hoping to regenerate the Community Speed Watch.

With regard to a letter received from a local trader about anti-social behaviour on the Market Cross, PC Pople said that any disorder needs to be reported by calling 999.

165. PRESENTATION BY KEVIN SHAW, MENDIP YMCA

Kevin Shaw, Operations Manager, Mendip YMCA gave an overview of the work of the Mendip YMCA. He hoped there would be scope in the future to work with partners to provide youth provision in Glastonbury, particularly in St. Benedict's ward due to the loss of the youth club. The County Councillor was asked to investigate whether the County Council would be allowing the use of the building in Benedict Street for a youth club, free of charge and whether there is any chance of Glastonbury receiving funding from the transitional fund provided to the County Council by central government.

It was **RESOLVED** to form a group to liaise with Somerset County Council, YMCA etc. to discuss future provision from the new Town Council.

166. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The County Councillor provided a written report to Councillors.

Councillor Preston said he was waiting for a response from the County Council as to whether the extra money from government could be used to subsidise late night and Sunday buses.

Councillor Keery asked the Town Council to write to the County Council regarding the reduced opening hours of the recycling centres, suggesting that they continue to open daily, with reduced hours, instead of closing twice a week.

167. REPRESENTATIVE FROM TESCO

Ian Thorn, representing Tesco attended the meeting. He said that as far as he was aware a Section 106 Agreement would be negotiated as part of the planning application. Councillors were concerned about the possible back up of traffic and the affect the planned road access would have on emergency services.

Councillor Tucker said he had not heard from Tesco regarding his suggestion of pedestrian access and was concerned that traffic will come into the rear and leave at the rear, bypassing local businesses. He said to the District Councillors that when it comes to planning, the Highways only advise and to remember how the traffic lights came into being at Morland's when a roundabout would have been more suitable.

168. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- Councillor Brunsdon reported on street cleaning in the town and asked people to report fly tipping as soon as possible.
- Councillor Barron reported on dog fouling.

169. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

A report had been received from St Benedict's Church regarding the Christmas Buffet lunch which provided a free meal, entertainment and company for 100-120 people on Christmas day. The Town Council were thanked for their generous contribution.

170. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor White informed the Council of the Somerset Youth Volunteering Networks efforts in painting the Thorndun Estate underpass and asked for a

thank you letter to go to SYVN. She hoped that the Town Council would continue to tackle graffiti, particularly the archway through to Butt Close, as well as keeping an eye on litter along Street Road and Wearyall Hill.

Councillor Barron said that Councillor Billing was doing a tremendous job at the TIC along with the Chairman, Mary Parker. The Town Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mary Parker for both their efforts.

He informed members that St Benedict's Church would be holding a tea party in celebration of the Royal Wedding from 2pm-4pm on 29th April 2011.

The Mayor reported that he had been informed that the Anglican Pilgrimage would not be taking place this year.

Councillor Preston invited Councillors to the Air Cadet Open Day on May 21st 2011 from 10am-3pm.

The Mayor thanked all those Councillors who would not be standing for election and wished those standing the best of luck.

He presented Councillor White, who would not be standing for election, with a bouquet of flowers in thanks for her 36 years of service on the Town Council. She said she had thoroughly enjoyed her time on the Council but felt it was time to retire.

The Town Clerk read out a letter of resignation from Mr L Morse, Mace Bearer. It was **AGREED** to ask the local newspaper to place an article in their next publication to ask for volunteers to take up the position.

She also read a letter from County Councillor Alan Gloak thanking the Town Council for honouring him with the Freedom of the Town.

Councillor Tucker reported that the Town Council would be lighting the bonfire at Northover Park at 7.30pm on 29th April 2011 in celebration of the Royal Wedding. He updated members on progress at the site.

Councillor Sharp reported on fund raising for Lalibela which has contributed to purchasing anti-malaria nets, the Safe Motherhood Project, TTBA Kits, Fistula repair for 51 women, Chicken Breeding Project for Women, Lalibela Secondary School, funding of a health post and a clean water project. Over the past six years his project has raised over £100,000.

171. NOTICE OF MOTION

It was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Barron that the lights at the Skateboard Park be set to go out at 9pm each evening in an attempt to minimise anti-social behaviour and disturbance. A vote was taken and the motion was not carried.

172. NOTICE OF MOTION

It was proposed by Councillor J Keery, seconded by Councillor J White and **RESOLVED** that shortly after the appointment of the new Council there should be a meeting of the Security Committee and other interested parties to discuss how to deal with problems relating to the High Street.

173. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th March 2011, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read, accepted and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22nd March 2011 were accepted.

174. PLANNING APPLICATION

The following planning applications were considered:

2011/0137 and 2011/0318 – CWS Engineering Ltd, Park Farm Trading Estate, Park Farm Road – Demolition of existing spare parts store and sales office and extension to existing workshop for new offices, spare parts store, canteen and toilets and creation of a covered storage area with associated alterations – Full Planning Permission

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

175. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Letter from Somerset County Council, Chief Executive – Connecting Devon and Somerset – Superfast Broadband – The Town Clerk was asked to register support of the Town Council for the project
- b) Letter from RKM & S Zapp – Glastonbury Town Centre – The Town Clerk was asked to write to inform RKM & S Zapp to call 999 should disorder occur in the Market Cross area. The Town Clerk was asked to report the matter to the Chief Inspector.

The following correspondence was noted:

- c) Letter of thanks from Headteacher of St Dunstan's School for grant aid
- d) Avon and Somerset Police Authority Newsletter

176. 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, 11th May 2011