

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 14th August 2012 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, M Free, I Forster, S Henderson, J Keery, W Knight, D Michell, H Sharp, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker

APOLOGIES: County Councillor A Gloak

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
PCSO Spencer Bishop
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden – Macebearer

Public Participation

Mr Sig Lonegren spoke on behalf of the Feversham Lane Surgery Patient Participation Group. He asked for the yellow lines in Sedgemoor Way to be limited to increase parking for the surgery.

Mrs A Friend spoke about the dangerous driving encouraged by the road merger at the Morland's traffic lights.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor, Councillor I Tucker – Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – Director of adjoining land to skate park and Red Brick Buildings

43. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Prior to the election of the Deputy Mayor, the Town Clerk reported that the Mayor had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Preston which she read to the Council. The Council asked the Town Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mr Preston for his work as a Town Councillors and supporter of the Air Training Corps. The Town Clerk would inform the District Council immediately and the vacancy will be advertised.

It was proposed by Councillor Coles, seconded by Councillor Michell and unanimously **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Sue Thurgood as Deputy Mayor until 30th April 2012.

44. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Bishop reported on the last PACT meeting. He informed the Council that PC Kevin Stridley had been appointed to Street.

Questions were taken from Councillors regarding drunks outside a shop in Northload Street and the lack of response from Police. PCSO Bishop said that if there is no response please ring back the 101 number and stress the importance.

Councillor Henderson asked whether the local Police hours could be altered to cover times when anti-social behaviour takes place ie. later than midnight.

Councillor Henderson also suggested that the Town Council looks at the activities of the licensed premises and ask for a review of the licences if it is felt necessary.

Councillor Cottle was concerned about people sprawled about in St John's Car Park under the influence of alcohol. PCSO Bishop said that the Police were continually working on the problem.

Councillor Free asked whether the Police could help with the control of badly driven vehicles, in particularly in response to Mrs Friend's representation in public participation.

The PCSO confirmed that a Section 59 could be issued to a car owner who persistently causes problems on the roads.

45. MINUTES

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10th July 2012 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a true record.

b) The minutes of the meeting of the Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Board held on 17th July 2012 were noted

c) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24th July 2012 were accepted

d) The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 24th July 2012 were accepted

e) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 31st July 2012 were accepted

f) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 31st July 2012 were accepted. Councillor Michell said that she had said that fish slops were put down the drain on the Market Cross pavement and not on the market cross steps

g) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on 2nd August 2012 were accepted

h) The minutes of the emergency meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 2nd August 2012 were accepted

46. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors Coles and Henderson provided written reports.

Councillor Brunsdon reported on the Watts Corner Play Equipment. He said that as the residents were opposed to the play area the officer recommendation was that the money would go to the Town Council to provide equipment elsewhere in the town. The Town Council had made it clear that they wished the play area to be developed at Watts Corner.

Councillor Cottle reported that he is working on improving the car parks on Windmill Hill. He is also discussing possible transfet of land at Folliot Road to the Town Council. He said that the Scrap Store is interested in setting up in the Red Brick Buildings.

Councillor Henderson said traders had been complaining about rubbish left outside a café in Benedict Street and he had been assured that it would be removed by Friday.

Councillor Coles said there was a new enforcement officer at the District Council who would be tackling the problems at Coldharbour Bridge and illegal traveller sites.

47. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

In his absence the County Councillor report had been circulated via email to the Councillors.

48. ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION

Councillor Brunsdon reported that the Conservation Officer is looking for a contribution towards the costs of implementing the Article 4 Direction.

The consultation regarding the placing of solar panels on front elevations would finish on 16th August 2012.

49. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS AND AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Code of Conduct written by the Somerset Monitoring Officers.

Councillors who had not already attended training were encouraged to do so.

50. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Councillors Sharp's membership of the Town Hall Committee.

51. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk was asked to forward suitable dates to members and to arrange a meeting as soon as possible.

52. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he had received a letter from a new group called the Mendip Carers Signposting Project, set up to support carers. He had been invited to their first open day at the Town Hall on 18th September 2012 at 10am. He encouraged Councillors to attend.

53. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Thurgood said that a new Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator was needed following the resignation of Councillor Preston.

Councillor Coles said that he had tried to get the Olympic Committee to agree to sending the flags to Glastonbury to be placed on the Tor, on Bank Holiday Monday to no avail.

Councillor Knight reported that Tor Fair would open with a Blessing on 11th September 2012. The following Wednesday there will be free rides for Avalon School children.

Councillor Henderson said that Rob Taylor from Tor Sport and Leisure would be attending the next meeting with an update of the situation since Avalon Leisure took over the lease.

54. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Mendip District Council – Play equipment at Watts Corner – Consideration of matter by District Planning Board on 15th August 2012 – Councillor Brunson was asked to reiterate the thoughts of the Town Council at the District Planning Board.
- b) Glastonbury United Reformed Church – Invitation to 350th Anniversary Service on 4th November 2012 at 10.30am – **AGREED** to accept the invitation

55. 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 September 2012