

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10th July 2012 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors: M Free (Illness), P Preston (absent due to family commitments), S Thurgood (Holiday)

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
PC M Pople
County Councillor A Gloak
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden – Macebearer

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

30. REPORT FROM KAREN DEVERELL, MANAGING DIRECTOR, MENDIP YMCA

Karen Deverell apologised for having nothing to report regarding the proposal from the YMCA to provide youth workers for Windmill Hill Youth Club. Somerset County Council are still going through a HR exercise. Contracts for the youth workers on the Hill run until 31st August 2012 and she hoped to have a proposal with the Town Council before then.

31. POLICE REPORT

PC Mark Pople reported on the last PACT meeting and police activity over the past month and that there had been a significant reduction in reported crime. The next PACT meeting will be held at the Town Hall on 25th July 2012.

Councillor Henderson noted that the anti-social behaviour around the Market Cross had improved.

Councillor Cottle asked that the team patrol Windmill Hill area more regularly.

32. REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE VOLUNTEER NETWORK

A representative gave details to Councillors about a project put together by the Network to address three issues; to increase use of the drop in centre; to develop a training programme regarding drug use including alcohol and to pilot a scheme with local pubs for 15-17 year olds. The Network would then provide central administration for the projects. The funding needed for the year would be £11,000.

The Mayor referred the matter to the Youth Provision Committee and asked for the next meeting to be held in the evening.

PC Pople hoped that a member of PACT could go to the next Pubwatch meeting to discuss the pub project with them.

33. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting of Glastonbury Committee held on 22nd May 2012, were approved. The Chairman announced that the next meeting would be held on 6th September 2012 at 7pm. Councillor Sharp said that he had pointed out new Town Signs should say Lalibela, Ethiopia.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on 29th May 2012, were approved.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29th May 2012, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26th June 2012, were approved. Councillor Preston was not present at that meeting.
- e) The meeting of the Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Board held on 26th June 2012 were noted. Councillor Brunsdon said that the Board hoped to get sheep on the green burial site soon.

34. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Written reports were received from Councillors Coles and Henderson. Councillors Brunsdon and Cottle gave verbal reports.

35. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The County Councillor report had been circulated via email to the Councillors.

Councillor Black was interested to hear there were under spends at the County Council and asked the County Councillor to investigate whether the money could be used for underfunded projects. Councillor Gloak said that £10,000 had been allocated to each member for health and wellbeing projects.

Councillor Cottle asked for the County Councillor to arrange for repairs of the potholes in his ward to be repaired and for hedge trimming to take place.

The Mayor said that he and the County Councillors had spoken to focus groups at St Dunstan's School about youth provision in the town. The County Councillors had mentioned the possible plans for a youth café at the Red Brick buildings which the young people had thought to be a good idea. One of the points raised by the young people were the lack of toilets at the skatepark. The County Council said that the Red Building Building Co. would be prepared to site the youth café in their building. The Mayor asked the County Councillor that if the Town Council could find funds for the youth café project could the County Council do the same. The County Councillor said that he could apply to the County for funds via the community fund.

Councillor Sharp said that he was not aware of the new developments at the Red Brick Buildings and said that he thought Councillor Tucker should declare an interest as an adjoining property owner which he duly did. He felt that this matter should be considered by the Youth Provision Committee which was **AGREED**.

Councillor Keery commended the work going on at the Red Brick Buildings and asked whether the toilet for the youth café could be used by the skateboarders.

As Chairman of the Red Brick Building Co. the County Councillor declared an interest and said that he would investigate the matter with the Red Brick Building Co.

Councillor Coles said that there was a chronic need for foster carers in Somerset.

36. PLAYGROUND PROVISION IN GLASTONBURY

The Town Council is being consulted on future provision by Mendip District Council (response required by mid August 2012) and whether the Town Council wishes to take responsibility for any playgrounds. The Mayor referred the matter to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

37. NEW CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS AND AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

Councillors had been supplied with the Code of Conduct adopted by the County and District Councils and that recommended by the National Association of Local Councils.

Councillors were asked to study both Codes for adoption of one at the next meeting.

Changes to standing orders, to include the new Code, will take place following adoption.

38. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended 12 occasions on behalf of the Town since the last meeting.

He thanked Councillors for delivering the Jubilee leaflets and all those involved in the Jubilee celebrations, including the Town Hall staff for making all the events a success.

39. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk arranged for the next Town Hall Committee meeting to be held on 31st July 2012 at 7pm and the Property and Assets Committee to meet afterwards at 8pm.

The Town Clerk said she had received an email from Councillor Preston who asked her to inform the Council that he wished to resign as Chairman of Planning and the position of Deputy Mayor due to personal reasons.

It was **AGREED** to hold an informal meeting after the Finance and General Purposes Meeting on 24th July 2012 to discuss the matter.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that a resident was in the process of making an insurance claim against the Town Council and asked that Councillors not discuss the matter with the resident should they be contacted.

Councillor Keery informed the Council that the Save the Children Choir Concert held at the Town Hall had raised £2148.

Councillor Sharp said that as Avalon Leisure was now the leaseholders of Tor Sport and Leisure he did not feel there was need for further meetings of the working party, which was **AGREED**.

40. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Somerset County Council – Mendip Strimmer Project – Invite to nominate one or more volunteers to be trained in the use of a petrol driven strimmer - **RESOLVED** to nominate a volunteer from the Conservation Society and for the course fee of £60 to be paid from the training budget. Councillor Cousins suggested contacting Ditcheat Parish Council to see how they are benefitting from the Community Payback Project.
- b) Somerset County Council – Changes in Somerset County Council's Youth and Community Service – One-off grant for youth provision at Windmill Hill – The Town Clerk confirmed that this money would be held by the Town Council for the provision of youth workers for the youth club at Windmill Hill.

The following correspondence was noted:

- c) NHS Somerset – Consent for Tesco Stores Ltd to be included in the NHS Somerset Pharmaceutical list at Wirral Park Road, Glastonbury
- d) Parents & Friends of St Benedict's Junior School – Letter of thanks for grant of £3500 for provision of Adventure Playground
- e) Letter of thanks from sculptor of Glastonbury Peace Candle
- f) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Somerset County Council – The final recommendation for Glastonbury was that there would be two County Councillors for Glastonbury and Street which would become one ward. As this final recommendation did not concur with the wishes of Glastonbury Town Council ie. to leave the two wards intact with one member for each ward it was **RESOLVED** to write to the Speaker of the House, as Chairman of the Consulting Committee, to reject the proposal and ask for a proper investigation into Glastonbury and Street with a copy to the MP. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the Boundary Commission for the full and considered rationale behind their decision. As one of the reasons for amalgamating Glastonbury and Street was that there were fewer electors in Glastonbury, Councillor Cousins said that the Town Council should be encouraging more people to register to vote to increase those numbers.
- g) The mayor circulated a copy of a letter from Yeovil Town Mayor commenting on the excellent disabled access to the Town Hall. The Mayor had noted the coloured crest on the Yeovil Town Council headed paper and asked Councillors to think about using a coloured crest for Glastonbury to be considered at a later date.

41. 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, 14th August 2012