

Annual meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 8th May 2012 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: None

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

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor J Cousins, seconded by Councillor D Michell and unanimously

RESOLVED

that Councillor I Tucker be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor I Tucker read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and code of conduct.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by the Councillor Tucker, seconded by Councillor N Cottle and unanimously

RESOLVED

that Councillor P Preston be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

4. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANTS-AT MACE

The Mayor appointed Gary Knight and Terry Dowden as his Sergeants-at-Mace for the ensuing year.

He explained that due to ill health Michael King had resigned from his position as Macebearer after 12 years service. The Mayor therefore proposed that Mike King be appointed Honorary Mace Bearer to the Council with membership of the Guild of Macebearers, which was unanimously agreed. The Mayor gave Mr King a token of the Council's appreciation.

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.

The Town Crier announced that he had raised £115 over the past year for the Friends of West Mendip Hospital and £190 for the Tourist Information Centre.

7. STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Town Hall	Councillors: A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, I Forster, M Free, S Henderson, W Knight, D Michell, P Preston, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker
Finance and General Purposes	Councillors: J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, I Forster, M Free, S Henderson, J Keery, D Michell, P Preston, H Sharp, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker
Property and Assets	Councillors: J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, I Forster, M Free, J Keery, W Knight, D Michell, P Preston, H Sharp, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I C Tucker
Planning	Councillors: A Black, J Brunsdon MBE (Advisory), I Forster, S Henderson, D Michell, P Preston, S Shepherd, S I Tucker
Security	Councillors: J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, I Forster, J Keery, D Michell, H Sharp, S Shepherd, S Thurgood and Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the Police, Community Watch and the District Council

8. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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

Glastonbury Tribunal	(1)	Councillor J Cousins
Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Joint Committee	(8)	Councillors: J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, M Free, S Henderson, D Michell, P Preston, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker and one representative from Sharpham
Citizens' Advice Bureau	(3)	Councillors: N Cottle, J Cousins and J Keery

Somerset Associations of Local Councils	(2)	Councillors: J Cousins and I Forster
Glastonbury Charities	(4)	The Mayor and Councillors: Jon Cousins, D Michell, S Shepherd and S Thurgood
St Edmund's Community Hall Management Committee	(5)	The Mayor and Councillors: A Black, N Cottle, J Cousins
St Dunstan's Leisure Centre Management Committee	(2)	Councillors: M Free and S Thurgood
Glastonbury in Bloom		Councillors: W Knight and J Cousins
Glastonbury Community Development Trust		Councillors: J Coles, P Preston
Talking Newspapers for the Blind	(1)	Councillor D Michell

9. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The draft calendar of meetings for Town Council and Planning Meetings for 2012/2013, copies of which had been circulated to each member, was **APPROVED**.

10. SIGNATORIES TO BANK ACCOUNT

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

11. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10th April 2012, 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 24th April 2012, were received and noted. Councillor Keery said that he was present at the meeting.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 24th April 2012, were received and noted.
Councillor Free reported that the central processor on the scissor lift had been replaced, a new filter fitted, the mechanism altered on the gate and since last Tuesday it had not broken down.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Councillor Thurgood said that she had attended the Restorative Justice introduction and training at Street Police Station and found it worthwhile.
- b) Councillor Preston invited Councillors to an open day at 914 Air Cadet Unit at the Drill Hall, Street Road. He said that the Unit is going from strength to strength and has a membership of 64 cadets.

- c) Councillor Cousins said he had been pleased to attend the May Day celebrations and encouraged other Councillors to attend in future.
- d) Councillor Keery invited Councillors to purchase a ticket to attend a Save the Children Fund raising concert featuring three local choirs at the Town Hall on 29th June 2012.
- e) County Councillor Gloak said that the flares for the Tor were now on sale at local shops for £3.
- f) Councillor Michell said that the 7th contest of the Bards of Ynyswitrin would be taking place on 10th May 2012 with the Bard Making on 19th May 2012 at the Assembly Rooms.
- g) Councillor Sharp congratulated the Road Run Team for an excellent event and asked that the Town Council write to thank them.
- h) The Mayor, Councillor Tucker announced that his charity for the year would be Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.
- i) The Mayor announced that Jessie Henderson had arranged a working party to clear the square between St John's Car Park and St John's Church at 3pm on 10th May 2012 should anyone wish to join in.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Somerset County Council – Temporary Road Closure – Kennard Moor Road – To be closed for 5 days from 11th June 2012 to enable repairs to parapet and saddle over bridge
- b) Glastonbury Clifton Diocesan Pilgrimage Committee – Invite to Catholic Pilgrimage on 8th July 2012 at 2.15pm.

The following correspondence was considered:

- c) Mendip District Council – Play equipment at Watts Corner, Glastonbury

The letter stated that the District Council holds Section 106 monies to provide play Equipment for pre-school children for Watts Corner but, it became apparent at a public meeting, that the residents were not happy for the equipment to be situated near their homes nor were residents of St Dunstan's Park happy to have the equipment there instead. As no agreement had been reached the decision will now be left to the District Council Planning Board who are seeking the views of the Town Council.

After discussion the Town Council **RESOLVED** to recommend to the District Council, that in accordance with the original planning application, this Council believes that a play area should be installed in the Watts Corner estate and that Mendip District Council installs the equipment in an appropriate location on the estate.

14. 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.

Councillor Cousins abstained from the vote.

Mayor, 29th May 2012