

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 9th April 2013 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: A Black, J Barron, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, J Cousins, N Cottle, J Keery, W Knight, D Michell, H Sharp, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker (Mayor)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were accepted from Councillors: Free, Forster and Henderson

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
PS Martha Spikes
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden – Macebearer

Public Participation

- Sara Clay informed members that she would be organising another Glastonbury Fringe with the assistance of Councillor Henderson. She is looking for general support from the Town Council and asked for use of the front of the car park for the launch.
- Jay Pritchard presented a proposal to the Town Council on how he, through Glastonbury Online could arrange to repair the webcams in the town.
- Terry Napper said he previously reported graffiti in Northload Street but it has still not been removed.
- Paul Lund invited members to the GFM AGM being held at the Red Brick Buildings on 10th April at 7.30pm.

157. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

158. POLICE REPORT

Police Sergeant Martha Spikes reported on recent police activity in Glastonbury. She said that PCSO Gemma Lawson had left the Force. The team is currently tackling car crime and has put up posters warning motorists parking around the Tor. The police volunteer is being sent to park near the Tor as a deterrent which seems to be working. Sergeant Spikes suggested the parking warning signs could be improved. The team continues to work with Magdalene Court on anti-social behaviour. Detection rates are up from 36% to 40% and crime numbers are down. Due to Glastonbury's night time economy, shift patterns have been changed to cover Friday and Saturday nights.

Councillor Keery said that he believed that under the Localism Act, Councils can charge licensed premises for Police time and maybe this could be investigated.

159. MINUTES

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th March 2013 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a true record.

Councillor Cousins reminded the Mayor that Councillors had been asked to return to this meeting with names of people they wish to be involved in a working group to discuss the Town's Heraldic Device and Motto.

It was **RESOLVED** to hold a working party to discuss the Towns Heraldic Device and Motto consisting of Councillors: Barron, Brunsdon, Cottle, Cousins, Michell, Thurgood, Shepherd and to approach the following people to ask whether they wish to be involved: Geoffrey Ashe, Morgana West, Barry Taylor, David McGeoch, Rev James Finan, Rev E Ridout, Dr Adam Stadt, Dreow Bennett, John Martineaux, Lokabandu.

With regard to the webcams it was **AGREED** that Glastonbury Online should be given permission to continue resurrecting the webcam service in the Town.

b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26th March 2013 were approved.

c) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on 2nd April 2013 were approved.

160. TOWN HALL ALTERATIONS

A summary of events and recommendations written by Councillors Cousins, Sharp and Thurgood, the Town Hall Alterations Scrutiny Committee was presented by Councillor Cousins. It was **AGREED** this should be placed on the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting.

With regard to the step lift, Councillor Cousins said that Pickerings Lifts were putting together details relating to the warranty.

161. BUDGET REPORT

The budget report was considered. It was noted that the income from Town Hall lettings was down on last year.

162. 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.

163. REQUEST TO SOMERSET HIGHWAYS

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to request that in the interests of safety for road users and pedestrians, a 20 mph limit be imposed on Magdalene Street, High Street, Chilkwell Street and Coursing Batch.

164. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon, Coles, Cottle and Henderson provided reports.

Councillor Cousins asked who was responsible for the signage around the Tor. It was assumed that the County Council were responsible and he suggested that they were contacted to discuss improving the signage.

165. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Gloak had provided a written report which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Councillor Sharp said that he is astonished that an application of £34,000 for the Red Brick Buildings had been made by the County Councillor on behalf of the Town Council without their knowledge. He said that the Town Council should ask for clarification on the matter. Councillor Keery said that the money had been sent to the Town Council and as far as he was aware the money was for youth provision in the Town Centre and not specifically for the Red Brick Building. The Town Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting between herself, Councillor Sharp and Councillor Gloak to clarify the matter.

166. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Barron reported on:

- Allotment Association AGM. He said that over the past year gravel has been purchased for the tracks around the site and the water pipes have been repaired to the satisfaction of Bristol Water. There are currently 8 vacant allotments.
- Libraries - He had heard from Sue Crowley who will be selecting pilot schemes next week. He hoped to be arranging a visit to Burnham library to see how they operate. Discussion took place about the Social Services leaving the Town and how local people will access their services in the future.

167. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had represented the Town on 5 occasions since the last meeting including being present at the Red Brick Buildings for a visit by Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills and Tessa Munt MP.

168. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor said that on behalf of Beckery Island Regeneration Trust UWE Senior students in Planning are drawing up plans for 11 affordable homes next to the Baily's factories. The Trust will be holding an Open Day on 28th April 2013 from 11.30am-3.30pm when the plans will be displayed along with plans for the Baily's buildings.

On behalf of the Town Crier, Councillor Knight thanked everyone for the good wishes extended to him during his stay in hospital and since his return home.

Councillor Michell circulated a paper on fracking to members.

Councillor Thurgood said that a family member of past Mayor Heaphy had sent her a copy of a telegram from Princess May of Teck to the Town Council thanking them for condolences sent on the death of her brother in 1927. It was **AGREED**

this should be passed to Glastonbury Antiquarian Society for safekeeping.

169. PLANNING APPLICATION

The following application was considered:

Planning application no. 2013/0478 - Rev James Finan of St Mary's Presbytery, Magdalene Street – Partial demolition and rebuilding of the western garden boundary wall with the inclusion of a fire exit doorway at St Mary's Presbytery

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval of the application.

170. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Western Power Distribution – Invitation to stakeholder workshop with luncheon
- b) Philip Hargreaves – Request for dog bin at St Dunstan's Park, Wells Road. The Town Clerk was asked to write to Mr Hargreaves informing him that the new Community Warden would visit the site and arrange for a dog waste bin to be placed in a convenient position.

The following correspondence was noted:

- c) Somerset County Council – Temporary Road Closure – Wick Lane – Closed from 22nd April 2013 for 10 weeks for water main replacement. The Town Clerk was asked to inform the Road Run Committee.
- d) Contact the Elderly – Information from Bristol, Bath and Somerset Development Officer

Mayor, 14th May 2013