

## Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7pm

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors J Keery  
County Councillor T Napper

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
Sgt M Spikes  
PC M Pople  
County Councillor A Gloak  
Gary Knight – Macebearer  
Terry Napper - Macebearer

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### Public participation

A representative from Warrior Call explained that the Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids would be leading a peaceful, anti-fracking march through Glastonbury to the Fairfield below the Tor on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

Adele Clough spoke about problems with anti-social behaviour from revellers including speeding vehicles, in the early hours, in Magdalene Street which is seriously affecting her business and that of her neighbour.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a silent moment.

At the request of the Mayor PC Pople lit the Unity Candle.

### 55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Cousins – Item 4 – personal and prejudicial interest.

### 56. REPORT FROM MEMBER OF THE GLASTONBURY BEAT TEAM

PC Pople reported:

- that the next PACT meeting would be held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7pm
- PCSO Mel Rowland has joined the team
- Places of safety for vulnerable people eg. Library, Town Hall
- A Choice and Consequences workshop was held to help the families having problems on the hill reported at a previous meeting. The victim's family did not attend.
- A partners meeting addressing problems at Magdalene Court has taken place with another arranged for 26<sup>th</sup> September.
- Police Cadets initiative for 14-17 years which will be run by volunteers from the Force.

- Signage for the Tor Fair is the responsibility of the owner. The Town Clerk said that as soon as the Town Council was informed that the 'slow' signs were not there, they contacted the operator who obtained the signs and erected them the next day.

Discussion took place regarding the problems in the Town centre caused by the late licence of a particular premises following the complaint by Adele Clough. The Police cover on Friday and Saturday nights is 11pm-3am and this means that there is no cover when the premises closes and the problems occur.

On the recommendation of the Police it was **AGREED** to write to the Licensing Authority to ask for a review of the late night licence in question.

## **57. PRESENTATION FROM AVALON COMMUNITY ENERGY CO-OP**

Maddie Milne gave a presentation about the Co-op which has recently formed and encouraged members to get involved.

## **58. PRESENTATION FROM GILL BAWLER, MENDIP FAMILY FOCUS PROGRAMME MANAGER**

Gill Bawler provided members with printed information about the Family Focus Programme.

Family Focus came out of the Troubled Families Programme which commenced in April 2012. The model for Family Focus is a worker dedicated to the family who looks at what is really happening for the family as a whole, gives practical hands-on support, with an assertive and challenging approach, backed by an agreed plan and common purpose among the relevant services. Currently there are 160 families in the Mendip areas which meet the criteria, 10 in Glastonbury. Ideal outcomes will be getting children at school, cutting youth crime/ASB and getting adults into work.

The initial programme was for 3 years but has now been extended to 5 years. Gill Bawler undertook to return to talk to the Council next year to update on progress.

## **59. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury Forum held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2013 were received and approved.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 were noted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record, with Councillor Free leaving the meeting after the Town Hall minutes had been discussed, being noted.
- d) The minutes of the Special meeting of the Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2013 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record, with Councillor Keery and Shepherd being present and apologies from Councillor Coles.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2013 were received and approved.
- f) The minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were received and approved.

g) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013 were received and approved, with apologies from Councillor Coles noted.

#### **60. NOTICE OF MOTION**

It was proposed by Councillor S Thurgood, seconded by Councillor M Free and **RESOLVED** unanimously that this Town Council considers the feasibility of the installation of a charging point for electric cars in St Dunstan's Car Park.

The matter was referred to the Property and Assets Committee to consider the feasibility of the proposal.

#### **61. BUDGET REPORT**

This was circulated to the Councillors and a copy attached to the official minutes.

Councillor Tucker asked for the budget report to be altered in order to make it clearer to members.

#### **62. 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.

The Town Clerk was asked to include the Schedule of Payments with the agenda in future.

#### **63. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor J Brunsdon MBE had attended the CAB AGM when the manager Sonia Pike had announced her retirement. He learned that the CAB help 1 in 5 of the entire population of the Mendip area.

Councillor Cottle reported a quiet month and informed members that the Mendip District Council Liberal Democrats would be putting an anti-fracking motion to full Council on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

Councillor Cousins asked the District Councillors to find out whether the Town Council can have any input into how the Community Infrastructure Levy is spent.

Councillor Tucker asked whether the Town Council could get a dispensation from Mendip District Council to erect signs to the car parks. He also asked for the canopy in St John's Car Park to be repaired so the parking spaces can be used.

#### **64. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Councillor Gloak said that he wished it to be written in the minutes that he had submitted a written report for the August Town Council meeting.

A copy of his current report had been circulated to members.

With regard to speeding in the Town Centre, Councillor Gloak said he will request a 20 mph limit in Magdalene Street and the High Street.

Councillor Free said priority markings are still required at the junction of Underwood Road and Austin Road.

Councillor Knight reported that a drain at the bottom of Silver Street needs clearing as it is causing flooding.

Councillor Free said that the work to Ashwell Lane and to the car park should be completed by the relevant agencies regardless of whose liability it is.

## **65. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

### **66. CCTV REPORT**

Councillor Knight said that he was now volunteering at the CCTV station where more volunteers are required.

It was noted that the Town Council representative had been unable to attend the last meeting and he was asked, in future, to inform the Town Clerk for her to arrange a substitute.

Councillor Cottle said he would be unable to attend the next meeting and Councillor Coles agreed to substitute.

## **67. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had represented the Town on 6 occasions since the last meeting including the Abbey Twinning visit to Maillezais, where she gave a speech in French and English.

She invited members to the Festival of Youth event on Saturday 21st September 2013 and to the Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

## **68. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Barron informed members that he has agreed to take on the Poppy Appeal from Bonnie Tillbrook.

Councillor Michell asked for volunteers for the Frost Fayre being held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Councillor Henderson reminded members that Glastonbury Abbey would be having a late night opening on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013, with the ruins illuminated and music from local musicians.

## **69. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following information was noted:

- a) Foreign and Commonwealth Office – Response to letter from Mayor regarding Amazonian Rainforests

The following information was considered:

- b) MDC Parish Information Bulletin – September 2013 – Budget Consultation
- c) Regional Youth Work Unit – Parish and Town Councils and Youth Work – Localism in Action – One day conference for Parish & Town Councillors, Town Clerks and Youth Workers – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013 10am-3.30pm – As none of the members were available on that date the Town Clerk **AGREED** to attend.
- d) Mendip District Council – email from Georgina Dickens, Senior Strategic Assets Officer re new public open space at Uppingstock Farm development – The Town Clerk will contact Georgina Dickens to clarify the situation.

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**Mayor, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013**