

## Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7pm

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor I Forster  
County Councillor A Gloak

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
PC Mark Pople  
County Councillor T Napper  
Gary Knight – Macebearer  
Terry Dowden – Macebearer

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### Public participation

- a) Councillor George Steer from Street reported that he was assisting Mr and Mrs Stone with arrangements for the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Vale of Avalon Road Run on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and asked for support from the Town Council.
- b) Theo Simon asked the Town Council to again invited EDF to send speaker to a public meeting regarding the Hinkley Point development.
- c) Katie Marsh spoke about the amended design for her planning application for housing along the Glastonbury bypass.

The meeting was opened with the Mayor asking Morgana West to light the Unity Candle followed by a moments silence when Councillors remembered Gill Gloak, Former Mayoress of Glastonbury and Robert Boscawen, Former MP for Wells, both of whom recently passed away.

### 113. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor I Tucker and Councillor J Brunsdon – Beckery Island Regeneration Trust – Personal and prejudicial interest.

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

PC Pople reported that the next PACT meeting would be held at the Town Hall at 7pm on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014. PACT priorities from the last meeting are being addressed which include licensing issues, speeding in Bere Lane and problems behind the Cancer Research Shop which led to a member of the staff being assaulted.

Councillor Brunsdon said that a member of public had reported that she is continually rescuing sheep stuck in brambles etc. on Wearyall Hill due to sheep worrying. PC Pople said that sheep worrying is a serious offence and that people

should keep their dogs under control. It was hoped that this could be highlighted in the Press.

Councillor Michell said she is still receiving calls from concerned resident who do not wish to see a police van in the church yard.

#### **115. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a true record.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013, were noted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013, were noted.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014, were received and noted.

#### **116. PLANNING APPLICATION**

The following application was considered 2013/2528/HSE – Mr Colin Wilcox – To replace existing mono pitch roof with dual pitch roof with roof lights and regularise existing off-street parking – Householder application.

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

Councillors Brunsdon, Cottle and Free abstained from the vote.

#### **117. BUDGET REPORT**

The monthly budget report was noted.

#### **118. 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.

#### **119. NOTICE OF MOTION**

It was proposed by Councillor A Black, seconded by Councillor D Michell and **RESOLVED** that following the anti-nuclear resolution passed last year, this Council writes to other local Councils encouraging them to join Glastonbury Town Council's stance against nuclear power.

A recorded vote was called for by Councillor Free. Results of the recorded vote were: For the proposal, Councillors Black, Cottle, Cousins, Keery, Michell, Sharp and Tucker, against the proposal, Councillors Barron, Brunsdon, Free, Henderson and Thurgood. Councillors Coles, Knight and Shepherd abstained.

Councillor Michell suggested that the Emergency Committee should meet to discuss how the Town would cope with any major incident.

## **120. LOAN FOR BECKERY ISLAND REGENERATION TRUST**

A letter had been received from the Chairman of Beckery Island Regeneration Trust requesting support from the Town Council with their next project, the Baily's factories.

Councillors Brunsdon and Tucker left the room whilst the matter was discussed.

It was **RESOLVED** to permit Beckery Island Regeneration Trust to submit their planning application in the name of Glastonbury Town Council and to approve a loan of £1347.50 to cover the application, to be repaid when BIRT receives the Homes and Communities Grant of £10,000.

## **121. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Coles provided a written report. He confirmed that notices have been posted for a review of the license for the Crown Hotel.

Councillor Henderson said that he hoped to sort out the problem of signage to car parks etc. within the Town.

Councillor Cottle said that he has recommended the planning application for Pear Tree Farm goes to the Planning Board. Councillor Keery hoped that Highways will be involved.

Councillor Free questioned the District Council policy on flyposting.

Councillor Thurgood was concerned that the Section 106 money for Watts Corner has not yet been allocated for play provision within the Town.

## **122. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

A written report was received from Councillor Gloak and tabled.

A verbal report was provided by Councillor Napper.

## **123. COMMUNITY ENABLEMENT FUND GRANT FOR YOUTH PROVISION IN CENTRAL GLASTONBURY**

Councillor Sharp said that he had hoped that Councillor Gloak would have been present to answer questions and explain why he felt Councillor Sharp had been 'on his back' regarding this grant. The Town Clerk said that the panel administering the grant would have to authorise any change of use.

## **124. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had attended 9 events before Christmas including the Cutting of the Holy Thorn. She had visited Brunel Care Home with a member of the Youth Council and her grand daughter. She reported that the St Benedict's Free Community Christmas meal had over 100 people attend and was held at St Mary's Church Hall during the renovations at St Benedict's Church. The Town Clerk was asked to write to Sandra Booth to thank her and her team for organising the meal.

She reported she will be meeting with Aster Homes to discuss how their residents are being impacted by current austerity measures and to address the particular concerns of a resident.

## **125. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Black said she was concerned about the animals left in flooded fields.

The Town Clerk said that due to lack of business she would like to suggest that the Town Hall meeting arranged for January 21<sup>st</sup> is postponed, which was **AGREED**.

Councillor Tucker said that a Glastonbury in Bloom meeting had been arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 at 7pm.

## **126. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Keery reported that Austin Memorial Homes have appointed Pam Burroughs as the new Chairman.

## **127. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Avon and Somerset Constabulary – Police News Issue 4
- b) The Chalice Well Trust – Letter from Trustees and Manager detailing concerns about possible traffic from the Hinkley Point development and its affect on the well and surrounding land – It was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to the Somerset County Council Chief Executive regarding unsuitable traffic that could be generated by the Hinkley Point development. Councillors were concerned that the authorities will have no power over any sub-contractors used by EDF to move aggregate etc. and therefore it should be written into the main contract what route should be taken. The Town Clerk will write to Chalice Well to inform them of the Town Council concerns and to invite them to the meeting with EDF.
- c) Somerset Highways – Temporary Road Closure – A361 Coursing Batch and Chilkwell Street – Closed from 21 January 2014 for 2 days to enable high friction surfacing and lining to be carried out

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**Mayor, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014**