

## Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7pm

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor M Free (Illness)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
Inspector Mark Nicholson  
Sgt Justin French  
PC Mark Pople  
David Greenway, Town Crier  
County Councillor T Napper  
Gary Knight – Macebearer  
Terry Dowden – Macebearer

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### Public participation

Theo Simon, Louis Standen, Mark Healey and Corinne Campbell spoke against the proposed Hinkley Point development.

#### 140. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

#### 141. PRESENTATION BY DAVID ECCLES, EDF – PROPOSED NUCLEAR REACTOR AT HINKLEY POINT

Mr Eccles attended the Town Council meeting to give a presentation on behalf of EDF about the proposed nuclear reactor at Hinkley Point. He distributed information leaflets to members of the Council. The Council had originally invited Mr Eccles to attend a public meeting to be held by the Town Council at the Town Hall the following day but he was not prepared to share the stand with Theo Simon, who had also been invited by the Town Council to give a balanced view. Mr Eccles thanked members for the opportunity to respond to concerns.

Mr Eccles addressed concerns relating to the recent earthquake in the Bristol Channel, a proposed deep geological depositry on site, transport and emergency plans.

Councillor Forster said he was not happy with the development and asked what EDF were going to do with the waste. Mr Eccles said that it will be stored on site.

Councillor Cousins was concerned to see that the waste dump had not been protected against terrorist attack.

In response to a question from Councillor Michell about emergency plans, Glastonbury being only 30km away from the site, Mr Eccles said that the plans are the responsibility of the Civil Contingency Unit at Somerset County Council. He said that as far as he was aware, there would be no immediate evacuation of Glastonbury in the case of an incident at Hinkley Point.

Councillor Tucker said that as the Town Council has no power to influence the planning it should put pressure on EDF to write into the aggregate contracts that vehicles should not come through Glastonbury. Mr Eccles said it will continue to work with Somerset County Council regarding the traffic movements.

The Mayor thanked Mr Eccles for his time.

A power point presentation by Mr Eccles is available from the Town Clerk.

#### **142. REPORT FROM MEMBER OF THE GLASTONBURY BEAT TEAM**

Inspector Nicholson reported that the Force's exercise on police deployment is now complete and the whole working ethos is changing. Among the changes are that there will be 7 more beat managers in the District and working hours will be staggered. The new working regime will be trialled in Mendip.

Councillor Keery was disappointed that the new licensing conditions did not address the concerns of the Town Council. Councillor Tucker said that the Town Council and Police should work together and asked the police to record every incident related to the premises.

Councillors reported speeding bikes on the relief road and problems with anti-social behaviour at Windmill Hill.

Councillor Michell had a meeting with PC Pople and the Vicar about the police van in the church yard. They said that if the bushes were removed from the front of churchyard to improve the view, that the van could park over the road and not in front of the church. The Town Council agreed this should be actioned by Glastonbury in Bloom.

The next PACT meeting will be held at the Town Hall at on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 at 7pm.

#### **143. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014, were accepted. It was noted that Councillor Cottle had been present. Councillor Sharp said that he had since learned that the Boxing Club has not been given notice to leave the premises.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a true record.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014, were accepted.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014, were accepted.

e) The minutes of the Glastonbury in Bloom Sub-Committee will be forwarded to Councillors. The Chairman publicised the litter pick on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014. Councillors were asked to identify problem areas in their wards.

#### **144. BUDGET REPORT**

The monthly budget report was noted.

#### **145. 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.

#### **146. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Brunsdon MBE reported on the Development Control Awards. Many awards were given to buildings in Glastonbury including The Hollies, Forseys, The Old Chapel, Silver Street, Coombe Brook and Howdens.

Councillors Coles and Henderson provided written reports.

Councillor Cottle gave a verbal report.

In respect of the change in licensing conditions for the Crown Hotel, Councillor Coles confirmed that Councillors on Licensing Board are not allowed to sit on a panel considering establishments in their own Town. He will inform the Town Council in future of any thing relating to Glastonbury which comes up on the agenda so the Town Council would have an opportunity to send a representative.

#### **147. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

County Councillor Gloak had circulated a written report.

County Councillor Napper reported that the development of the Rural Life Museum starts on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, building works starting in September 2014. He was pleased to have secured monies to improve the Adult Learning Centre at Beckery.

Councillor Cottle informed Councillor Napper that there is a spring on Old Wells Road just past Roberts which needs attention.

Councillor Tucker noted the work completed at Basketfield Lane but remained concerned about the continuing closure of Ashwell Lane. He said that a decision should be made soon about the road as it is too dangerous to leave as a cul-de-sac.

#### **148. TOR SPORT AND LEISURE**

Councillor Sharp said there was concern that further meeting with Mendip District Council and the Friends of Tor Leisure had not taken place. Councillor Henderson had arranged for the Portfolio holder to meet with Councillor Sharp and Tucker, who were now reassured that multiple negotiations have been going on behind the scenes regarding the future of Tor Sport and Leisure.

#### **149. TOR BUS**

The Town Clerk reported that Somerset County Council will provide funding of £10,000 to support the Tor Bus for 2014, on the understanding that this figure is match funded by Glastonbury Town Council. The route has been extended to include Windmill Hill.

Councillor Black had hoped that the caravan park would be included. The Town Clerk said that it was found to be not commercially viable to include the campsite in this year's run.

It was **RESOLVED** to match fund the project with the proviso that the traffic order for the clearway is put in place and improvements to the verges are carried out.

A Finance and General Purposes meeting would need to be called to approve the funding.

#### **150. NAMING OF STREET**

The developer would like the Town Council to propose the street name for the development on the Former R J Draper Factory, Chilkwell Street. Mendip District Council says that following their best practice and guidelines the suffix would end in 'Close'.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend the name 'Cottle's Yard' and should that not be acceptable, Cottle's Yard Close or Cottle/s Close. This refers to the Cottle family who ran a farm on the site through three generations.

#### **151. PLANNING APPLICATION**

Proposed single storey rear and side extension, conversion of garage to residential, proposed entrance porch and new fencing to front/side garden – Householder application.

The decision was delegated to the Chairman of the Planning Committee and the Town Clerk.

#### **152. LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION HEARING – 11 APRIL 2014, 2PM**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor J Brunsdon MBE should attend the Hearing on behalf of the Town Council to stress the importance of addressing the traffic problem along A361.

#### **153. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that she is continuing to support the Youth Council and that they would be taking part in a Glastonbury FM radio show shortly.

#### **154. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Michell paid tribute to Will Greenwood, a Glastonbury Musician who recently passed away.

## **155. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Friends of Brides Mound - Councillor Cousins reported he had attended the AGM of the Friends of Brides Mound. Over the past year amongst other things they have created a pond, put in a seat and renovated the Stone. All individual loans have been repaid. The Friends were concerned about the loss of trees on an adjacent site. Councillor Keery advised them to consider applying for Tree Protection Orders for trees they do not wish to see disappear.

Beckery Island Regeneration Trust - Councillor Tucker reported that the planning application for the Baily's Building has been submitted and a further grant from Homes and Communities has been secured to further the work of the Trust.

## **156. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

Councillor Cousins said that the Heraldry Working Group would be circulating a report to Councillors soon.

## **157. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Glastonbury Surgery Patient Participation Group – Request for support from Town Council regarding parking. It was felt that the current agreement whereby the manager of Proper Job allows patient to park in their car park could be made more workable for patients visiting the surgery. The suggestion from the Group about removing yellow lines on the Highway and offering limited parking for patients only would be extremely difficult to police. Councillor Henderson agreed to speak to Sig Lonegren on the matter.

For information:

- b) Somerset Highways – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary Road Closure – Maidencroft Lane – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 for 2 days to enable resurfacing works to be carried out – No objection.

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**Mayor, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014**