

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

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: J Cousins, I Forster  
County Councillor A Gloak MBE  
PC M Pople

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
County Councillor T Napper  
David Greenway, Town Crier  
Terry Dowden – Macebearer  
Gary Knight - Macebearer

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### Public participation

The Mayor asked Morgana West to light the Unity Candle prior to the meeting.

### 80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

### 81. REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE GLASTONBURY BEAT TEAM

The Town Clerk said that due to new shift patterns the Police were unable to attend the meeting.

The Town Clerk was asked to contact the local Inspector to request Police attendance at future meetings.

Councillors suggested parking the police van in the Market Cross area on Friday and Saturday nights to deter anti-social behaviour.

### 82. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a true record.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were noted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Burial Board held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were noted.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were approved.

### **83. 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.

### **84. BUDGET REPORT**

A budget report to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 was circulated to all Councillors and noted.

### **85. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor J Brunsdon MBE

Councillor S Henderson reported that The Landscape Group would be attending a Scrutiny meeting in January 2015 and to inform him of any questions Councillors would like him to put to them. He also reported on the Joint Procurement Plan.

Councillor Cottle reported that Mendip District Council will be hiring out facilities including the Council Chamber to maximise income. He also reported that the static caravan has been removed from Cinnamon Lane. He reported signs have gone up in the Cinnamon Lane play park saying 'no dogs'.

### **86. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Gloak sent his apologies and forwarded a written report to Councillors.

Councillor Napper said that cuts of £14m will be ratified at the Council meeting in December.

Councillor Cottle reported that he had been mistaken at the last meeting regarding clamping of vehicles and has been informed by Councillor Gloak that non-road tax payers are being clamped only and not those committing other civil parking offences.

Councillor Napper reported that two caravans have parked behind Beckery and have been served papers.

Councillors were concerned that there are more caravans along Cinnamon Lane and a member of the public had been bitten on the leg by one of the dogs from the vans.

At the request of the Mayor, Councillor Napper agreed to organise a visit to the anaerobic digester.

Councillor Napper confirmed that the diversion signs at the top of Magdalene Street are due to the Bere Wall construction. Councillor Free said that his complaint had been that people may be put off visiting the town centre and hoped for signs to be erected stating 'Town Centre open for business'.

Councillor Free reported that there is traffic wear around two of the roundabout in town which is dangerous to traffic, especially bikes and motorbikes.

Councillor Brunsdon MBE thanked the County Council for arranging to clean the Town gullies. County Councillor Napper said that blocked gullies at Beckery will also be cleaned.

Councillor Napper said that the follow up meeting about the flooding of High Street and Magdalene Street properties had been postponed. Councillor Tucker said that the actual pipework is blocked and needs a comprehensive inspection starting at Wick Hollow.

Councillor Sharp said that he had visited the Red Brick Building Youth Café last Friday and had been concerned that the music system bought with the Community Enablement Fund money did not seem to be there. It was hoped the equipment could be found and returned to the Youth Café.

Councillor Keery urged Councillors to attend the meeting with Highways on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014.

### **87. GLASTONBURY TOWN MEMORIAL**

Following a complaint from a member of the public about the improper use of the war memorial, the Town Council had asked for this item to appear on the agenda for the November meeting.

A short discussion took place on the matter and it was felt the matter would be better dealt with by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to refer the matter to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

### **88. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on a successful Poppy Appeal and thanked all those involved. The Remembrance Day Parade had been well attended and thanked Rev. Sister Diana Greenfield for taking the Service.

He had been pleased to be asked to open a new shop in Benedict Street which he wishes every success.

### **89. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Thurgood reported that the local Speed Watch team have been nominated for an award.

Councillor Free said he had hoped for more support from the Town Council following negative press relating to the Town Hall project.

Councillor Coles reported that he would be starting a film club for youngsters at Windmill Hill Youth Club.

Councillor Cottle reported that a St Edmund's Hall meeting had been arranged for 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7pm at the Hall.

Councillor Michell reported that Talking Newspapers had raised £100 in a recent fund raising evening at Trinity Church, Street.

Councillor Tucker reported said that the MP is pursuing the problem of the water leak at the Tor as the water company has now conceded that the Money Box field water is tap water and not spring water.

## **90. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Letter from Mr G Morgan re: Jacob's Ladder and other matters
- b) Dementia Friends – Invite to hold an hour long information session at the Town Hall – The Town Clerk was asked to arrange a suitable date.

The following correspondence was noted:

- b) Mendip District Council – Road Closure – Remembrance Day Parade 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014
- c) Mendip District Council – Road Closure – Frost Fayre 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014
- d) Mendip District Council – Parish Bulletin – November 2014

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**Mayor, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014**