

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors: I Forster, D Michell, S Shepherd
County Councillor A Gloak
The Town Crier

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
County Councillor T Napper
Sergeant J French
Terry Dowden – Macebearer
Gary Knight - Macebearer

Public participation

Simon White spoke on behalf of Glastonbury Football Club and hoped that the Town Council would be prepared to work with them to help promote and support the Club.

Anthony Thorley from the Katherine Maltwood Society said that the Society would be interested in St Dunstan's House for a permanent exhibition of her work. The collection currently resides in Canada.

Simon White from Glastonbury Football Club lit the Unity Candle at the request of the Mayor. The Mayor opened the meeting with a silent moment.

119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

120. REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE GLASTONBURY BEAT TEAM

Sergeant Justin French reported on the PACT priorities. Anti-social behaviour at Old Market Court - There is now a strategy in place to deal with anti-social behaviour. Dog fouling – PCSO's will be looking at options. Although there is a bylaw against dog fouling, as there is only one part-time dog warden for Mendip District Council this will be difficult to enforce.

The next PACT meeting is at the Town Hall on 15th April 2015 at 7pm. Sgt French reminded Councillors that PACT stands for Partners (not Police) and Communities Together. The meetings are facilitated by the Police and the actions should be a combined effort of partners.

121. MINUTES

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th January 2015 were taken as read and signed as a true record of the meeting. Councillor Keery said that as the A361 issue continues he would suggest writing to EDF to request a meeting with them to explore the possibility of a voluntary arrangement to mitigate the impact of freight movements through the Town. This was **AGREED**.

b) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury Committee held on 21st January 2015 were not tabled. The Town Clerk will forward copies to members at a later date.

It was **AGREED** to refer the matter of Glastonbury Football Club to the Promoting Glastonbury Committee.

c) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 22nd January 2015 were accepted.

d) The minute of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 27th January 2015 were accepted.

e) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27th January 2015 were accepted.

f) The meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 27th January 2015. Councillor Keery asked the Committee to investigate cleaning the oil painting of Glastonbury which hangs in the bar area.

122. 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.

Councillor Cousins presented the latest accounts from Glastonbury Tribunal Ltd. to the Town Clerk to comply with the grant application.

123. BUDGET REPORT

A budget report to 31st January 2015 was circulated to all Councillors and noted. The Town Clerk was asked to circulate the Budget to members with the agenda in future.

124. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon informed the Town Council of a survey which the County Council It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk and Councillor Brunsdon should complete the form.

Councillor Knight thanked Councillor Brunsdon and the Conservation Society for keeping the footpaths in such good order.

Councillor Coles provided a written report. He said that the District Council is currently working on a Street Trading Policy.

Councillor Henderson reported that the Tor Leisure meeting has been postponed until later in the month.

Councillor Cottle had attended the Scrutiny Board for a review of Glastonbury Festival. There were only 2 minor problems. He reported that the licensing structure for Street Trading is in the consultation period. Councillors were concerned about the length of time this may take as street trading is more prolific during the summer. He was pleased to report that the car park on Old Wells Road has been cleaned.

Councillor Black asked again for the metal cage which had been placed around the new Holy Thorn (which no longer exists) to be removed. The Town Clerk confirmed that it belonged to the Conservation Society. Councillor Brunsdon said he will arrange for it to be removed.

125. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Napper said he is supporting the Bere Lane traffic protesters.

Councillor Napper was asked to find out when the Traffic Regulation Orders requested by the Town Council would be in place.

Councillor Coles reported uneven paving outside the Mocha Berry café.

Councillor Cottle suggested that the County Council could be responsible for a broken pipe going under the road at the junction of Wick Lane and Gipsy Lane and asked for a meeting to be arranged with a traffic engineer.

Councillor Brunsdon thanked the County Council for the good work replacing pavement and bollards in the High Street.

126. ST DUNSTAN'S HOUSE

Councillor Keery reported on the second consultation held in relation to the purchase of St Dunstan's House on 7th February 2015.

Councillor Sharp said the Town Council must make it clear to everyone, the extent of the costs of the projects.

The Mayor said that people understand the problems with the building and as yet the final use for the building has not been agreed.

Councillor Keery confirmed that the decision to purchase the property has already been passed by Council.

The matter resides with the Property and Assets Committee which will make recommendations to Council.

127. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed the Council of the death of Evelyn Cook, an ex-Chairman of Street Parish Council.

Since the last meeting he had attended the U3A talk by the Bishop of Bath and Wells at the Town Hall and the retirement service for Lord Lieutenant Lady Gass held at Wells Cathedral.

128. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk said that as from 23rd February 2015 the CAB van will be in St Dunstan's Car Park on Mondays from 12-5pm. The lack of volunteers for Glastonbury continues and the office remains closed. The van also visits Butt Close car park near the surgery on a Friday.

Councillor Cousins reported the reopening of the Library of Avalon auspiciously held on National Libraries Day. He also reported that he had taken part in hustings at the Red Brick Building and another held by the NFU in Wedmore.

Councillor Sharp reported that he had attended a function last Saturday when he was presented with a cheque from Glastonbury Festival Medical Services donating £18,000 which will fund a maternity unit at Lalibela Hospital.

129. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Letter from Tessa Munt MP acknowledging receipt of copy letters from the Town Council to Jon Osman, Leader, Somerset County Council and Patrick McLoughlin, Secretary of State for Transport

The following correspondence was considered:

- b) Somerset County Council – Letter from J Osman in response to letter from Glastonbury Town Council regarding Hinkley Point traffic movements

This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting as permitted by the Mayor.

Mayor, 10th March 2015