

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th August 2015 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: D Abbott, G Avalon, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, J Cousins, E George, S Henderson, L MacDougall, D Michell (Mayor), P Sander-Jackson, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker

APOLOGIES: Councillors: Cottle and Keery
PCSO Mel Rowlands
County Councillor A Gloak

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
County Councillor T Napper
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden – Macebearer
David Greenway – Town Crier
26 members of the public

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the Unity candle by Jane Arenall and a moment for quiet reflection.

The Mayor asked people to remember those who lost their lives in the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 70 years ago and also Sun Bird, a resident of Glastonbury and co-founder of the Sunrise Festival who died recently in an accident.

Public Participation

Sue Barnett of Mid Somerset CND and Jane Arenall, Ambassador for Peace in the District invited the Town Council to join Mayors for Peace, an initiative started by the Mayor of Hiroshima to promote the solidarity of cities and municipalities toward the total abolition of nuclear weapons. 78 cities and towns in the UK have already joined.

It was agreed to place the matter on the next Council agenda.

Juliet Yelverton from Healing Waters asked for support for the Glastonbury Peacemakers' Initiative and a weekend event being held in the Town.

Martin Bougham reported anti—social behaviour on the Millstream Estate and on the Tor Sport and Leisure recreation ground.

Malcolm Allen asked for recycling bins to be situated at the Town Hall.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor I Tucker – Personal interest – Item 46a.
Councillor J Brunsdon – Personal interest – Item 46a.
Councillor P Sander-Jackson, Personal and pecuniary – Item 46a.
Councillor D Abbott – Personal interest – Item 53.

46. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Mel Rowlands reported. She said that crime figures are low for Glastonbury but unless people report incidents, the police will not have an accurate figure. She said that there have been extra resources for the town and that the police horses have been used recently. She hopes the Police Beat Team can work with Fusion to improve matters at Tor Sports and Leisure.

47. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered:

The Mayor allowed representatives from Bushy Coombe Land Trust and other members of the public to speak on the matter.

Mr A Gloak's planning consultant, Mr L Bennett, spoke in support of the application.

- a) Mr A Gloak MBE – Outline planning permission with some matters reserved sought for access and landscaping for a proposed eco-friendly residential development on land south of Coombe House – Outline – Some matters reserved

The Councillors took all objections received into consideration along with the advice provided by the applicant's planning consultant.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend **REFUSAL** on the following grounds:

- The application does not contribute to or protect and enhance the natural, built and historic environment of Glastonbury
- Dangerous vehicular access from the narrow, already congested Bove Town
- Lack of need for this type of housing in Glastonbury
- Loss of garden land and the open aspect of the neighbourhood
- Adverse effect the development will have on the character and appearance of Bushy Coombe which lies within the Conservation Area
- Adverse effect on the setting of the nearby listed building/s
- Adverse effect on the residential amenity of neighbours including light pollution and increased traffic movements

Councillors Brunsdon, Sander-Jackson and Tucker had declared a personal interest and did not take part in the vote.

- b) Mr Howard Malpas – The erection of an extension to an existing community education centre to be used for community uses – The Camino Centre, 1 King Street

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval.

48. TOR SPORTS AND LEISURE

Tim Mills introduced himself as the Director of Business Development from Fusion Lifestyle which recently took over the running of Tor Sports and Leisure. He said that Fusion have entered into a 50 year lease for all leisure facilities belonging to Mendip District Council. He explained that Fusion is a charity created in the year 2000 to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage participation in sporting facilities. He confirmed that all staff of Avalon Leisure were kept on as Fusion employees and that any leases for buildings on the site ie. Scout hut, are a priority to sort out. He said they would look into the anti-social behaviour on site. The presentation was brief due to the lack of time at the meeting due to the planning application and the fact that Mr Mills had to return to London that evening.

49. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th July 2015, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
Councillor Black said there would be a demonstration of the Foam Stream weed killing equipment on 13th August 2015.
- b) The minutes of the Special meeting of the Council held on 14th July 2015, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
Councillor Cousins asked about when the presentation should take place. The Town Clerk said that an afternoon would be more suitable for Mr and Mrs Ashe. Councillor Cousins will assist with the certificate/written address.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 21st July 2015, were accepted.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 28th July 2015, were accepted.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 28th July 2015 were accepted.
- f) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury forum held on 16th July 2015, were accepted.
- g) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 21st July 2015, were accepted.
- h) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on 4th August 2015, were accepted. Councillor Henderson said that there would be no scope currently for Youth Club provision at Tor Sport and Leisure.

50. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor attended the following events since the last meeting: Goddess Ball; Lammas celebrations; Prayers with Bishop and Rev D MacGeoch at the Market Cross and blessing of the new memorial stone; Peace gathering at the peace pole on 8th August 2015. She had met with a local family about living conditions, in particular mould in their Aster Home.

She said that more work had to be done before the new memorial is in place and hoped that a suitable name could be found for it.

She said that bicycle racks are needed at the Market Cross so people do not have to use the tree guards. The Town Clerk will look into the matter.

The Deputy Mayor said he and the Mayor had attended a meeting with Somerset County Council about the proposed hub at Orchard Court. He had also attended a vigil for Sun Bird on 6th August and attended the Hiroshima evening at Wells Moat.

51. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Black and George said there would be a demonstration of the Foam Stream weed killing equipment on 13th August 2015 at 12 noon.

52. 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.

53. MARKET CROSS WEB CAM

Jay Pritchard explained the current situation regarding web cams in Glastonbury and that the sponsor for the Market Cross had been lost.

He said that the cost would be £1200, the bulk of the cost providing a high quality streaming service.

In the interests of tourism it was **RESOLVED** to fund the Market Cross camera for the sum of £100 per month until such time as a sponsor is found.

Jay Pritchard was asked to speak with the Promoting Glastonbury Committee on further possibilities ie. streaming Council meetings.

54. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Grant requests were considered from:

- a) St Benedict's Church to assist with Friday lunchtime hospitality - £250
- b) St Benedict's Church to assist with Free Christmas lunch - £400

It was **RESOLVED** to approve both grant applications.

(Local Government Act 1972, Section 137)

55. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – MILLSTREAM ESTATE

Following on from Mr Boughum's complaint during public participation Councillor Abbott said the situation was now intolerable for residents and thought it would be useful for the Town Council to pressure the licensing board to review Tescos and Texaco. It is clear that the offenders are cutting through the estate to buy alcohol at these premises.

Councillor Cousins suggested extending the non drinking bylaw.

PCSO Rowlands said that the Millstream Estate is not on the list of priorities and that is it important to report crime. The more telephone calls the Police receive on a particular issue means that it goes up on the list of priorities.

56. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon said that there would be a consultation for Part II of the Local Plan at the Town Hall on 22nd September 2015 from 10am-8pm and encouraged Councillors and the public to attend. He advertised the Neighbourhood Planning Forum being held at Mendip District Council on 6th October 2015 from 6.30pm-8.30pm and also mentioned the Legacy Fund administered by the District Council as a more accessible fund for groups than the Heritage Lottery.

Councillor Coles provided a written report.

57. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Gloak sent a written report in his absence.

Councillor Napper reported that the pothole in Old Wells Road had still not been repaired.

Councillor Brunsdon asked for more parking enforcement at the Tor.

The A361 working party had raise several issues and Councillor Tucker asked Councillor Napper to request a speed/vehicle count on Coursing Batch. He said that the leak has still not been repaired by Bristol Water at Basketfield Lane and suggested inviting them to a future meeting to explain why. This was **AGREED**.

58. YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor Thurgood said that the next meeting would be held on 12th August.

59. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Brunsdon said that the National Trust had cleared 80% of the thistles on the Tor using volunteers but the problem remains for the future. He said they were prepared to meet with people interested in tackling the issue. He said a Lias slab has been donated to replace the one missing in the Tower. Councillor Black said that alpine tractors are used on National Trust coastal ground.

Councillor Sander-Jackson mentioned Mendip Community Credit Union and how the Town Council could better use its investment to help people in need in the Town.

60. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Mendip Community Transport – Department of Transport’s Community Transport Minibus Fund – It was **AGREED** to invite a representative to a future meeting to discuss serving Windmill Hill and the hospital
- b) Email from Police and Crime Commissioner
- c) Somerset County Council – Chairman’s Awards for service to the community– Deadline for nominations 4th September 2015 – It was **RESOLVED** to recommend Mrs Angela Friend for the award for her lengthy involvement with Mallards Swimming Club, The Poppy Appeal and Glastonbury Carnival

Councillor Cousins said the Town Council could present similar awards.

It was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting.

The following correspondence was noted.

- d) Mendip District Council – Parish Bulletin August 2015
- e) Glastonbury Conservation Society – July 2015 Newsletter
- f) Somerset Choices – New website

Mayor, 8th September 2015