

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

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors: A Black, I Forster
County Councillor A Gloak
The Town Crier

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
County Councillor T Napper
PC M Pople
Terry Dowden – Macebearer
Gary Knight – Macebearer
David Greenway – Town Crier

Public participation

Mark Willcox, YMCA updated Councillors on the success of Windmill Hill Youth Club and thanked the Council for agreeing to fund an additional Youth Worker to cope with the increase in membership.

Ian Pirrie told the Town Council of his plans to hold a Brocante sale in Glastonbury between 29th and 31st August 2015.

Vicky Sullivan advertised the Options for Health website and informed Councillors about Warming Homes, Health Walks, Age UK and CAB drop ins being held at Glastonbury Health Centre.

Jamuna Fisher spoke about Street Care and Food for All. He was concerned about the loss of the Robert Barton Trust and hoped that there would be space in St Dunstan's House to run a micro office to help the homeless connect with other agencies.

Katarina Sonntag asked the Town Council to consider applying for an experimental TRO for a weight limit of 7.5 tonnes along the A361 in Glastonbury.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a silent moment. Councillors were asked to remember Kathy Petherall and Patrick Whitefield, residents of Glastonbury who recently passed away.

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders in order discuss an experimental TRO.

The County Councillor was concerned that such a low restriction may hamper business in the town. Katarina Sonntag said that Langport and Bruton allow

access but not through traffic. Councillor Cottle said he had observed when the road is closed, the traffic finds another route so it should not be difficult for them to reroute the heavy freight. It was proposed by Councillor Tucker and seconded by Councillor Cousins and **RESOLVED** that Councillors and members of the A361 Road Group hold a meeting at the Town Hall on 12th March 2015 at 6.30pm to discuss the possibility of an experimental TRO to limit the weight of traffic along the A361 through Glastonbury. Councillors Barron, Brunsdon, Keery, Sharp, Shepherd, Michell and County Councillor Napper and members of the public, Katarina Sonntag, Lili Mayborn, Carrine Lane, Sister Dominic, Denise Abbot and Lynsey McDougal asked to be invited. The possibility of the scheme being financed by the County Council Small Improvement scheme was raised.

The Town Clerk said she had received a reply from EDF who agreed to meet on 26th March 2015 with the Mayor, the Town Clerk and one other Councillors to discuss rerouting of traffic. As Councillor Keery was unable to attend, Councillor Tucker was nominated instead. The Clerk was asked to obtain letters of support from Pilton, West Pennard and Walton to take with them.

It was **RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders.

130. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

131. REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE GLASTONBURY BEAT TEAM

PC Pople reported on the PACT priorities including dog mess, rubbish at Abbots Court, illegal parking of vehicles in Benedict Street and said that the next meeting would be held on 15th April 2015 at 7pm at Glastonbury Town Hall. PCSO James Higgins is looking for local projects for the Police Cadets following the successful clean up they recently carried out in Glastonbury.

PC Pople will be swapping duties with a PC from Wells from 13th April – 13th July 2015.

He confirmed that the licensed premises in the Town Centre are adhering to licensing conditions and are being checked regularly. The Licensing Officer had been out the previous week carrying out checks.

132. MENDIP COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Paula Blight, Chief Executive of Mendip Community Support gave a short presentation on their work. She updated the Council on the successful management of the volunteers during the floods which MCS carried out on behalf of Somerset County Council.

The major part of their work is supporting volunteers and they hold a drop in for volunteers at the Red Brick Building on Thursdays from 10am-12noon.

Paula said she would be pleased to look at developing an emergency volunteer team for Glastonbury.

133. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the Promoting Glastonbury Forum held on 21st January 2015 were accepted.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10th February 2015 were taken as read and signed as a true record of the meeting.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24th February 2015 were accepted.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on 5th March 2015 were accepted. The Chairman pointed out the appointment of a new Youth Worker and that the new equipment was now in place and the old pool table was gifted to the Paddington Farm Trust.

134. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Coles provided a written report.

Councillor Brunsdon said that the Local Plan has been challenged by a developer on the allocation for housing not being sufficient.

He reported on a new planning application at 'Pendragon' where major alterations are being made for multiple occupancy.

He had attended a presentation on the progress of the Rural Life Museum project.

Councillor Cousins asked Councillor Brunsdon about the recent planning application at Hill Head and why, with the objections received, he had not asked for it to be considered by the Planning Board. He said he did ask for it to go to the Board but there were no valid planning reasons for it therefore the Chairman declined.

The Mayor asked the District Council about parking at Dunstan Park. Apparently the road has not yet been adopted therefore civil parking cannot be enforced. The Town Clerk was asked to write to Taylor Wimpy about the parking problems.

Councillor Free spoke about building control at Mendip District Council.

Councillor Free left the meeting.

Councillor Henderson reported that the District Council Street Trading policy had not been updated since the 1990's and MDC is now in the process of writing a new policy. A plan will be drawn up in the next 2 months and should be completed in 3 to 4 months.

Councillor Cottle reported on delays in housing benefit.

The District Councillors were asked if the south gates to the site at Beckery could be used instead of the current gate, as there are many traffic movements on and off the site throughout the night which are disturbing other residents.

135. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Napper reported on:

- The completion of repairs to the pavement outside the Mocha Berry café
- Flooding problems at 47 High Street
- Changes at Somerset County Council prior to care reforms

Councillor Cottle reported a pot hole along Old Wells Road and a problem with a broken pipe under the road at the junction of Gipsy Lane and Wick Lane. Councillor Napper said he will check this when he is on site with the engineer at Ashwell Lane. The Town Clerk suggested that Highways repair the pot hole when the road is closed by Western Gas Alliance.

Councillor Tucker said that the signage and double yellow lines at the Tor need to be enforceable by the summer. Last Sunday there were more problems with illegal parking.

Councillor Cottle said that he still feels there is scope for a car park near the Tor.

Councillor Sharp asked Councillor Coles to speak to the enforcement officer and update the Council at the next meeting about the state of the land near Coldharbour.

Councillor Brunsdon reported that the lampposts along Chilkwel Street need attention.

136. 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.

137. BUDGET REPORT

A budget report to 28th February 2015 was circulated to all Councillors and noted.

138. TOWN COUNCIL INSURANCE 2015-2016

The Town Clerk said that the schedule would be presented to the Property and Asset Committee on 19th March 2015.

139. GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL – RISK ASSESSMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

The Town Clerk said that these documents need to be overseen by Councillor representatives. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillors Coles and Thurgood.

140. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last meeting the Mayor had attended the 100th Birthday party of a local resident and the Clevedon Civic Service and Civic Awards. The funeral of Mrs Petherall will take place at St Mary's Church on 23rd March 2015 at 2pm.

Fusion, the charity taking over the running of Tor Leisure will be attending the June meeting. Councillor Sharp said that as Glastonbury would appear to be the lesser member of the group and therefore attracting lower investment than the other towns, he aired the possibility of the incorporating Glastonbury and Street in the numbers using the facilities.

141. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Thurgood handed around leaflets produced by Bridging the Gap food bank advertising dates, times and places where free food is available. Referrals are made by Job Centre, Citizens Advice, SLAP, YMCA, Social Services, doctors and churches. She also reported on the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting where she was informed that St Benedict's Ward remains the most deprived in the Mendip area.

142. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Beckery Island Regeneration Trust - Councillor Tucker reported on the refusal of planning application for affordable housing next to the Baily's Factory. The Trust has now taken the residential element out of the application for the factory as this would appear to be a stumbling block with the Planning authority.

143. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Somerset County Council – Temporary closure of Old Wells Road to enable Western Gas Alliance to carry out gas main replacement works in this road – 4 weeks from 23rd March 2015
- b) Mendip District Council – Parishes Information Bulletin

The following correspondence was considered:

- c) Department of Transport – Response to letter from Glastonbury Town Council regarding Hinkley Point C traffic movements

144. PLANNING APPLICATION

Application no. 2015/0142/FUL – 11 new light industrial units on derelict industrial land – Beckery, Glastonbury

Councillor Cousins was concerned about the entrance to the Bride's Mound site. Councillor Henderson pointed out that the entrance to the application site had been moved away from the Bride's Mound entrance. It was noted from the report that the Friends of Brides Mound had been consulted regarding the entrance.

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

Councillors Brunsdon, Cottle, Cousins, Michell and Tucker abstained.

Mayor, 14th April 2015