

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 9th September 2014 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors: S Shepherd
County Councillor Gloak

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
County Councillor T Napper
PC N Wolstenholme
Terry Dowden – Macebearer

Public participation

- Janet Oakley spoke to object about the War Memorial being used to commemorate people other than those who fought and died in the 1st and 2nd World Wars.
- David Robinson provided Councillors with information regarding the Lisbon Treaty.
- Sandie Adams spoke regarding Agenda 21 and how after the adoption by the European Union on 1st November 2014 will lead to the end of Great Britain as a nation.
- Eddie Alder said he would like to hear the views of Councillors regarding the adoption of Agenda 21 by the European Union.
- Andrew Willis asked what has happened to the revenue from the District Council car parks as they do not seem to have used any of the money to maintain them. He also asked whether the District Council would be giving the car parks to the Town Council.
- Marcel Platts complained about the rubbish outside the Mocha Berry café and said that the whole of Benedict Street needs a good clean.

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend David MacGeoch lit the Unity Candle and asked everyone to remember Yasmin Jones, a local girl who died tragically in an accident in Liverpool and also Stephanie Morland, an ex Mayor of Glastonbury who recently died.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

57. REPORT FROM PC MARK POPLÉ

PC Pople reported the next PACT meeting would be held at the Town Hall tomorrow at 7pm. He said that the Mendip District Council representative is aware of the rubbish problem mentioned in public participation. He said the Police had a busy weekend with 4 arrests for anti-social behaviour. He confirmed that

CCTV has been requested for the night the flower baskets were vandalised again and hopes to identify the culprit/s. Two beat officers are now on the team and that there are police in Glastonbury every night. Councillor Cottle hoped that further work could be done to encourage Neighbourhood Watch in St Edmund's Ward and asked for Police posters which could be placed in St Edmund's Hall notice board.

Councillor Knight was pleased about the start of a Beat Surgery at the Town Hall and said it was useful for the public to be able to meet the Police face to face to discuss any concerns.

Councillor Keery was concerned about problems with licensed premises. PC Pople said that there are bans in place for those people who have displaced antisocial behaviour in establishments.

Councillor J Cousins arrived at the meeting (7.30pm).

PC Pople said that the Police have secured many convictions through the use of CCTV.

Councillor Thurgood spoke about the need for warning signs for the Fayre entrance. Councillor Tucker asked whether there could be Police slow signs put in place there for 3 or 4 days.

Councillor Coles said he would be attending a CCTV meeting tomorrow and will update the Council at the next meeting.

PC Pople reported that Avalon Boxing Club lease ends early next year and are looking for other premises. County Councillor Napper said he would look into the situation.

58. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th August 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a true record, with the addition under County Councillor reports 1) 'that the Town Council advised that the clearway signs around the Tor are not understood by many parking there and that double yellow lines would be more effective' 2) 'that following a meeting with the County Council and Bristol Water that the Town Council does not accept that the water leak around the Tor is not the responsibility of Bristol Water.'

Councillor Tucker was concerned that water is still gushing through the lane and reiterated that in his opinion it is not a spring but a serious leak from the reservoir.

The Town Clerk reported that she had been referred by Somerset County Council to the press release regarding the conditions of employment of the Head of Children's Services at County Hall. Councillor Keery said that the local press should be looking into the situation whereby an employee hired by the County Council avoids paying tax through PAYE by being employed through a private company.

County Councillor Napper said that he would contact Andrew Turner about the water leak.

- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Board on 18th August 2014 were noted. Councillor Cousins asked if Councillor Free wished to comment, which he did not.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26th August 2014 were noted.
- d) The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 26th August 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a true record.

59. 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.

60. BUDGET REPORT

A budget report to 31st August 2014 was circulated to all Councillors and noted.

Councillor Free pointed out that WW11 should read WW1.

61. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon said that Mendip District Council is not required by law to provide car parks. The fees are used to benefit the people of Mendip District and he will take the complaint to the Car Parks Manager. He also reported that the District Council will be undertaking a week kill later in the year. He informed the Council that the Planning Board had now been reduced and only those members who have completed full training will be considered.

Councillor Coles provided a written report. He said that delays in collecting on street recycling have been due to a shortage of HGV drivers. He also reported that Mendip District Council have won an award for customers services relating to the speed in dealing with customers at reception.

Councillor Henderson said he would speak to the owner of the premises in Benedict Street about the rubbish, tomorrow.

Councillor Cottle said had arranged for The Landscape Group to clean the car parks on Windmill Hill. On another matter, he recommended that in future the Planning Committee arranges to send a representative to meetings of the District Council Planning Board to speak on any Glastonbury applications.

62. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor Gloak provided a written report.

Councillor Napper hoped that Chris Betty would attend the next Council meeting.

Councillor Cottle asked about traffic problems along Coursing Batch/Chilkwel Street and why there was not a central white line. Councillor Sharp said that the County Council cannot widen the road and therefore have removed the white line so as not to suggest there is room for two vehicles.

Councillor Barron suggested the installation of traffic lights. Councillor Sharp said all options have been pursued. Councillor Brunsdon has made sure that this problem appears in the Local Plan to be addressed in the future.

Councillor Cottle reported a caravan being lived in at Cinnamon Lane.

Councillor Tucker said that stone lorries coming through Glastonbury are now using trailers and this should be flagged up to Highways. He asked the County Council to push for a weight limit so the lorries will have to use an alternative route.

Councillor Black said that she thought the District Council had to provide sites for travellers. Councillor Brunsdon said that this is not now the case but grants are available for the purchase of land. He said there is an unofficial site behind the Bailys Buildings and the only Mendip District Council site is at Frome.

63. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor said he has had an extremely sad four weeks attending numerous funerals on behalf of himself and the Town.

Since the last meeting he had been pleased to start the Morrison's Charity Bike Ride and attend the Blessing of the Tor Fair.

64. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Michell asked whether the Town Council could invite Tessa Munt MP to a meeting to discuss the concerns of the public about Agenda 21 and the Treaty of Lisbon and Nice. This was **AGREED**.

Councillor Thurgood reported on the Youth Council which meets monthly at the Town Hall. The Actor's Club is doing well which is a 10 week course being held at the Town Hall and part funded by the Youth Council.

Councillor Michell said she had taken part in the Ice Bucket Challenge for MacMillan Nurses and was now nominating Councillor Thurgood. Councillors were asked to donate to her cause.

Councillor Henderson said that Somerset Art Weeks would be held from 20th September- 5th October 2014.

Councillor Cousins said that the Harvest Show is being held at the Town Hall on 13th September and encouraged members to enter the 'Councillor's Challenge'.

65. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

a) Letter from Madeleine Milnes regarding the Town Shield and Motto
The letter contained several questions for the Council which the Mayor said that as far as he was concerned were not up for discussion. Daniel Salter explained that the Shield itself is registered and the Motto is recorded and therefore can be changed at any time the Town Council wishes. Councillor Cousins said he thought it would be better if the Town Council issued a statement to the public which explains the meaning of the Shield and Motto and then the matter is sealed. It was

AGREED that the Town Clerk and Daniel Salter, Advisor to the Heraldry Committee, write a statement to the public about the Shield and why they have registered the Shield with the College of Arms.

- b) Newsletter from Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner
- c) Letter from Keoghs regarding insurance claim against the Town Council
- d) Somerset County Council – Temporary closure of Ashwell Lane – 8th September 2014 for 5 days
- e) Mendip District Council – Parish Information Bulletin – September 2014

Mayor, 14th October 2014