

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th February 2014 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: J Barron (Deputy Mayor), A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, N Cottle, J Coles, J Cousins, I Forster, S Henderson, J Keery, W Knight, D Michell, H Sharp, S Shepherd, S Thurgood (Mayor), I Tucker

APOLOGIES: Councillor M Free (Illness)

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
PC Mark Pople
County Councillor A Gloak
County Councillor T Napper
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden – Macebearer

Public participation

128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

129. REPORT FROM MEMBER OF THE GLASTONBURY BEAT TEAM

PC Pople reported that the next PACT meeting would be held at the Town Hall at 7pm on 12th February 2014. He said that the team had been seconded to deal with flooding issues out of Town over the past month. He confirmed that there had been a review of the licence of a premises in the town centre and the outcome will be published by the District Council within 21 days of the hearing. Councillor Coles confirmed that this is a legal requirement.

He said that the Cancer Research shop is going through a refurbishment including fencing off the bins at the rear of the property. The person who broke the Haruka shop window has been identified and will be charged. Complaints from neighbours regarding noise from the Buddleia Bar are being dealt with. He said that there has been a spate of robberies from sheds and people should safeguard their property.

130. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14th January 2014, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a true record with the following amendments: Page 40, last paragraph should read – ‘Emergency Committee should meet to discuss how the Town would cope with any incident’. Page 41 – Uppingstock Farm should read ‘Pear Tree Farm’.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on 16th January

2014, were not accepted. Following receipt of an email relating to possible purchase of community buildings it was **RESOLVED** that the Youth Committee should reconsider its application for change of use of the Community Enablement Grant to allow capital expenditure on buildings for youth provision. Councillor Barron was concerned that the Town Council had heard no more from the Somerset County Council Assets Manager since she attended a meeting last year.

c) The meeting of the Glastonbury in Bloom Sub-Committee held on 22nd January 2014 were accepted.

d) The minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 28th January 2014 were accepted.

e) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 28th January 2014, were accepted.

131. BUDGET REPORT

The monthly budget report was noted.

Councillor Keery confirmed that the tractor had been purchased and is in secure accommodation.

Councillor Cousins noted the grant for St Edmund's Hall and asked the Chairman to convene a meeting as soon as possible.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the car park wall which had been re-rendered was then damaged by a lorry which has been subsequently identified on CCTV. The company has been asked to pay for the repair.

132. 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.

133. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon reported that the Uppingstock Farm application had been approved. He said that there would be an examination of submitted local plan in April.

Councillors Coles and Henderson provided a written report.

Councillor Tucker asked about the enforcement order to clear the land at Meare Road. Councillor Coles said the land owner had been stopped from keeping animals and the officers are attempting to enforce the order.

Councillor Coles said he and Councillor Cottle had been successful in obtaining a grant of £764 to buy a projector to show films at the Windmill Hill Youth Club and other community events.

Councillor Cottle reported that the Uppingstock Farm development has been approved. The trees will be preserved and drainage will be addressed.

Councillor Tucker asked if the Section 106 money for Watts Corner would be available to spend on the green space gifted to the Town Council by the developer of Uppingstock Farm. The Town Clerk agreed to investigate the matter.

Councillor Cousins asked the District Councillors to find out why Mendip District Council does not consult the Town Council when negotiating Section 106 Agreements.

134. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor Gloak had circulated a written report.

County Councillor Napper said he would ask whether Somerset County Council would be continuing to fund the Tor Bus. He hoped to have news regarding Beckery Resource Centre by the next meeting.

County Councillor Gloak left the meeting at this juncture (8.45pm).

135. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended five functions on behalf of the Town Council since the last meeting.

She had attended a meeting with Aster Homes with Councillors Brunsdon and Coles on local issues. Aster Homes Community Manager would like make a short presentation at the March meeting.

She reported on the Urban Forum she had attended at Mendip District Council. There had been a presentation from Geoff Mackett, Civic Contingency Unit, County Hall about community resilience in times of emergency and she hoped he would be able to attend a Town Council meeting in the near future.

She invited people to attend her Valentine's Day Benefit Dance on 14th February 2014 which she is holding to raise money for Action for Children.

136. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Councillor Michell announced there would be an Emergency Flood Relief fund raiser at the Red Brick Building on 16th February 2014.
- Councillor Brunsdon announced that a van selling organic coffee now had permission by the National Trust to set up by the gate to Moneybox Field.
- Councillor Coles said he had been approached by the landlord of the George and Pilgrims Hotel asking for the sheep to be driven through the passageway of the Hotel, which remains a right of way, during the wool festival.

137. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Tucker said that he has been attending meetings of the Local Economy Strategy Group which is keen on forming a Chamber of Commerce. He thought that it would be useful for a Town Councillor to be involved. Councillor Henderson volunteered to attend meetings.

138. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Councillor Cousins reported that the Heraldic Shield Group met for the second time on 30th January 2014. A further meeting has been arranged for Thursday 13th February 2014 at 7pm.

139. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Glastonbury and Street Lions Club – Letter of thanks for grant for ‘Message in a Bottle’ Scheme.
- b) The Revd David MacGeoch BSc – Letter regarding complaint by Councillor Michell about the mobile Police Station being parked in the Churchyard of St John’s Church, Glastonbury – The Town Clerk was asked to write to Revd MacGeoch in an effort to explain that Councillor Michell’s letter was in response to that of Councillor Barron and was not intended to harm the strong feeling of goodwill between the Church and the Town Council. Councillor Brunsdon said that the churchyard is subject to ecclesiastical law via the Parochial Church Council who have agreed to invite the van into the churchyard as a deterrent against anti-social behaviour. Councillor Keery mentioned that the Town Council in the past had discussed a multi disciplinary approach in order to connect with people who frequent the church yard and other areas, who may be in need of specialist help. It was agreed to invite Elim Connect Centre to a future Council meeting. Thomas Fowler is the local representative who checks on rough sleepers. Councillor Cousins said that in the absence of the Robert Barton Trust he would welcome someone from Elim Connect.
- c) Somerset Highways – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Temporary Road Closure, Ashwell Lane, Gypsy Lane & Basketfield Lane – 25th February 2014 for 28 days to enable drainage works to be carried out.
- d) Children’s World Charity – Letter of thanks for grant for ‘Off the Streets’ Festival 2014
- e) Mendip District Council – Notice of Road Closure for Vale of Avalon Vintage Vehicle Run – Closure of Bretenoux Road from 1st entrance to Actis Road only between 14.30 and 17.30hrs on Saturday 7th June 2014

Mayor, 11th March 2014