

## Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7pm

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors M Free and S Shepherd

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
PC M Pople  
County Councillor A Gloak  
Gary Knight – Macebearer  
Terry Dowden - Macebearer

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### Public participation

A member of the public called Lou presented a letter complaining about the excessive the police presence at an incident which occurred during the Fracking Procession last Saturday. Councillors were concerned that police with no knowledge of the diverse character of Glastonbury were brought in to deal with a sensitive incident involving social services.

Patrick Whitefield spoke regarding woodland off Leg of Mutton Road which had recently, due to health and safety and complaints from neighbours, been fenced off. He is concerned that the area is used by children and asked that access is reinstated and a gate put in.

Morgana West said that she has received numerous complaints about the unkempt look of Northover Jubilee Park.

Councillor Gloak was presented with a card and gift on his retirement from Glastonbury in Bloom and thanked for his tireless efforts over the years.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a silent moment and asked a member of the public to light the Unity Candle.

### 69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 70. REPORT FROM MEMBER OF THE GLASTONBURY BEAT TEAM

PC Pople said that he will pass a copy of the letter from Lou on to Inspector Nicholson.

Councillor Cousins had been present when the incident took place and was

shocked at the behaviour of the Police. Councillor Tucker said that the Town Council is continually being told that there is a lack of man power so was surprised to see mounted police and many other officers attending the Fracking event.

PC Pople said that he is concerned about anti-social behaviour emanating from Magdalene Court. It was **AGREED** that a meeting should be set up to discuss the management of the facility with the Town Council.

Councillor Keery asked the Police to clearly point out that the late license for one of the establishments in Glastonbury is causing problems in the Town Centre in the early hours.

The next PACT meeting will be held on 4.12.2013.

#### **71. CONTACT THE ELDERLY**

Helen Ker gave a presentation about the charity, Contact the Elderly which arranges Sunday tea parties for those in need. Information leaflets were provided for Councillors. Avalon Rotary Club have agreed to help set up a scheme for Glastonbury and surrounding area and are looking for drivers and volunteers.

#### **72. UPPINGSTOCK FARM DEVELOPMENT**

Mr Salmon, Planning Agent, spoke on behalf of the developer who has offered to gift a piece of farmland measuring 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a Hectare (0.4 hectares is approximately 1 acre) to the District Council in the first instance and should they not require the land for the offer to be passed on to the Town Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to ask the District Council to take on the piece of land as an additional play area and to reconsider the offer should they wish to decline.

#### **73. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> September were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were received and approved.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were received and approved.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 were received and approved.

#### **74. FROST FAYRE 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 UPDATE AND BUDGET**

Councillor Michell updated the Council on arrangements so far and asked for volunteers to act as stewards on the day.

It was **RESOLVED** to provide a budget of £700 for the event with a contingency fund of £300.

**(Local Government Act 1972 Section 137)**

## **75. NOTICE OF MOTION - RECYCLING**

It was proposed by Councillor Cottle, seconded by Councillor Cousins and unanimously **RESOLVED** that this Council conducts a briefing, review and formalisation of the 'waste and recycling policy' and subsequent procedures employed by the Town Council, with particular focus on the recyclables and waste produced in the Town Hall.

## **76. BUDGET REPORT**

The budget report to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 was considered by Councillors and a copy attached to the official minutes.

## **77. 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.

## **78. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Reports were received from the District Councillors.

## **79. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Reports were received from Councillors Gloak and Napper.

## **80. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported she had attended 22 establishments on behalf of the Town since the last meeting. She also reported on a successful Celebration of Youth event and has set a meeting for 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 to discuss the formation of a Youth Council.

She will be hosting an evening to welcome visitors from Patmos on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013 at 7pm. All Councillors and partners are welcome.

She was pleased that the Town Hall received a Silver Gilt from Mendip in Bloom and again thanked Councillor Gloak for his involvement in Glastonbury in Bloom and Mendip in Bloom.

## **81. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor J Barron had met with Mendip District Council to discuss the possibility of taking over the toilet block in St John's Car Park. He had also attended a meeting at St Dunstan's School regarding the school garden and reported that he would be taking over the organisation of the Poppy Appeal.

Councillor Coles said he had applied for funding for a projector for the youth club at Windmill Hill.

Councillor Cottle said he had raised over £1000 for the Opp Shop on the Zip Wire challenge.

Councillor Sharp reported that he would be visiting the twin town of Lalibela shortly.

Councillor Keery reported that St Dunstan's School numbers are at critical levels and he will push the idea for a school for the whole area. He called for an overview of education provision in the area.

The Town Clerk was asked to invite the Headmaster to a future meeting.

Councillor Sharp said that he felt that there was little hope currently of finding a venue for a youth club in the centre of Glastonbury and therefore would be suggesting to the Youth Provision Committee that funding is granted to schools to improve extracurricular activities and holiday courses, possibly paying for those who would not normally be able to afford to attend.

## **82. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following information was noted:

- a) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Invite to day long course - Being a Better Councillor – The Next Steps – 21.11.2013
- b) Mendip District Council – Parish Bulletin – October 2013
- c) Somerset Highways – Temporary Road Closure – Manor House Road and St Brides Close – 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November excluding weekends to enable prep works and 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November to enable resurfacing works
- d) St Dunstan's School News – September 2013

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**Mayor, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013**