

Annual meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 14th May 2013 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor H Sharp
County Councillor A Gloak

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

Public participation

Miranda Linda Weisz asked permission from the Town Council to carry on chalking on the pavement, weekly, to promote peace and harmony. At the end of the meeting Councillors agreed they had no objection as long as no illegal images would be allowed and that the organisers wash away the chalk at the end of the day.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor I Tucker, seconded by Councillor D Michell and unanimously

RESOLVED

that Councillor S Thurgood be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor S Thurgood read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and code of conduct.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

There were two nominations for Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Barron, nominated by Councillor S Thurgood and seconded by Councillor J Brunsdon MBE and Councillor D Michell, nominated by Councillor I Forster and seconded by Councillor J Keery.

A vote was taken and Councillor J Barron was elected with a vote of 8 to 6 with one abstention.

RESOLVED that Councillor J Barron be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

4. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANTS-AT MACE

The Mayor appointed Gary Knight and Terry Dowden as her Sergeants-at-Mace for the ensuing year.

5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN TO THE MAYOR

The Mayor announced that the Reverend Diana Greenfield had agreed to act as her Chaplain for the ensuing year.

In her absence, the Rev David McGeoch led a prayer for the new Mayor.

6. STANDING COMMITTEES

AGREED that the following appointments be made for the ensuing year.

Town Hall	Councillors: A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, I Forster, M Free, S Henderson, W Knight, D Michell, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker
Finance and General Purposes	Councillors: J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, I Forster, M Free, S Henderson, J Keery, D Michell, H Sharp, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker
Promoting Glastonbury Forum	Councillors: A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, W Knight, J Keery, D Michell, S Thurgood
Property and Assets	Councillors: J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, I Forster, M Free, J Keery, W Knight, D Michell, H Sharp, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I C Tucker
Planning	Councillors: J Barron, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE (Advisory), S Henderson, D Michell, S Shepherd, I Tucker
Staffing	Councillors: Brunsdon, Cousins, Keery, Michell, Thurgood, Tucker
Youth Provision	Councillors: J Barron, J Coles, N Cottle, S Henderson, J Keery, H Sharp, S Thurgood

7. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

AGREED that the following appointments be made for the ensuing year.

Austin Memorial Homes	(4)	Councillors: J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, J Keery, S Thurgood
Glastonbury Tribunal	(2)	Councillors: J Barron and J Cousins

Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Joint Committee	(8)	Councillors: J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, D Michell, S Thurgood, I Tucker and one representative from Sharpham
Citizens' Advice Bureau	(3)	Councillors: N Cottle, J Keery, D Michell
Somerset Associations of Local Councils	(2)	Councillors: J Cousins and I Forster
Glastonbury Charities	(4)	The Mayor and Councillors: Jon Cousins, D Michell, S Shepherd
St Edmund's Community Hall Management Committee	(5)	The Mayor and Councillors: A Black, N Cottle, J Cousins, I Tucker
Glastonbury in Bloom		Councillors: W Knight, D Michell, S Shepherd, N Cottle
Glastonbury Community Development Trust	(2)	Councillors: J Coles and N Cottle
Talking Newspapers for the Blind	(1)	Councillor D Michell
Community Speed Watch	(2)	Councillor S Thurgood and vacant Position
Mendip Health and Wellbeing Panel	(1)	Councillor I Forster
PACT	(3)	The Mayor and Councillors: J Barron, S Henderson, D Michell

8. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The draft calendar of meetings for Town Council and Planning Meetings for 2013/2014, copies of which had been circulated to each member, was **APPROVED**.

9. SIGNATORIES TO BANK ACCOUNT

RESOLVED that Councillors: Brunsdon, Coles and Knight remain as signatories to the HSBC bank accounts along with the Town Clerk and that Councillors Brunsdon and Sharp remain as signatories to the Alliance and Leicester and Bank of Ireland accounts.

10. 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.

11. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th April 2013, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record. Councillor Keery disputed Councillor Sharp had been astonished to learn about the grant application by Councillor Gloak had he had informed the Town Council on a previous occasion.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 18th April 2013, were received and approved. Councillor Tucker informed the Council of the appointment of the new Community Warden.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 23rd April 2013, were received and approved.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Councillor Coles announced a fund raising event at St John's Church on 1st June 2013.
- Councillor J Barron announced that there are 2 available allotments at the Allotment Society site and for interested parties to contact him.
- Councillor Cousins reported that the Friends of Brides Mound are repairing the stone that marks the Well which was previously damaged.
- Councillor Knight announced Burtle Silver Band would be playing at Marchant Buildings on 8th June 2013 from 2-4pm.
- He said that he is speaking with two parties regarding the webcams
- The Mayor reported her attendance in her capacity of Deputy Mayor to the Mallard's Swimming Gala and the Taunton Deane Civic Service. She encouraged people to visit the Town Council website and look at the Virtual Tour of the Town which had been launched at the beginning of May.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Glastonbury Clifton Diocesan Pilgrimage Committee – Invite to annual service of worship at 2.15pm on Sunday 14th July 2013 in the Abbey Grounds – The Mayor and Civic Party will attend. Other Councillors were asked to respond to the Town Clerk should they wish to attend.
- b) Somerset County Council – Street Road, Glastonbury – Highway Safety Scheme – It was **AGREED** that the road from Pomparles to Glastonbury needs more speed limit signs.
- c) Mrs M E Stitch – Letter of complaint about Glastonbury shops displaying wares on pavements – Councillor Michell said that she was not aware of any raggy wares. It was **AGREED** to write to Mrs Stitch to inform her that as long as the traders are acting within the law, are covered by insurance and do not obstruct the pavement, the Town Council are happy for them to continue.

- d) Somerset County Council – Proposed parasols in highway (paved area at Market Cross) outside Heaphys Café, Glastonbury – Request for comments on the proposal from Glastonbury Town Council – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the idea, in principle, but the Town Council would like to see the final design, colour and plan prior to recommending approval.
- e) St Benedict's Church – Invite to Free Friday Feast every Friday lunchtime between 12pm and 2pm

The following correspondence was considered:

- f) Somerset Youth & Community Service Mendip Community Youth Networking Event – Invitation to a community youth networking event at The Elim Connect Centre, Portway, Wells on Monday 24th June 2013, 5.30pm-8.30pm
- g) St Dunstan's School – Letter from Chair of Governors with information regarding important changes to the leadership at St Dunstan's Academy Trust. It was **AGREED** to invite Paul James and Jo Stevenson to a future meeting. Councillor Keery suggested that a purpose built school for Glastonbury and Street on the current Glastonbury site, should be seriously considered.

Mayor, 11th June 2013