

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th December 2012 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: A Black, J Barron, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, J Cousins, M Free (left meeting at 8.10pm), I Forster, S Henderson, J Keery, W Knight, D Michell, H Sharp, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker (Mayor)

APOLOGIES: Councillor N Cottle

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
County Councillor A Gloak (arrived at 8.10pm)
Inspector M Nicholson
PC M Pople
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden – Macebearer

Public Participation

Gillian Booth asked the Town Council to consider purchasing a cabinet to store and display the Millennium Books (containing the wishes of local children) at the Town Hall. The Mayor referred the matter to Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Clive Bishop, local resident, complained about the noise from Tor Rugby club during an event of circuit event held by the Carnival Clubs. The District Councillors undertook to investigate the matter.

Paul Kite spoke on behalf of residents of Summerhouse Orchard regarding the area at the bottom of Bove Town which they have used as a parking area for 20 years.

Heather Proud spoke about the red illuminated Tesco sign which now dominates Glastonbury. Councillor Keery said he had spoken to the manager who said they were now turning the light off between 10pm and 6am.

100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S Shepherd – Personal interest – Carnival.

101. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR BARRON TO COMMITTEES

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor J Barron to the following committees: Planning, Property and Assets and Youth Provision.

102. DISPENSATION

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council grants a standing dispensation to all members in respect of all matters relating to Council Tax and setting of the Precept for Glastonbury for the term of this Council.

103. POLICE REPORT

Inspector Mark Nicholson started by thanking the Town Council for being a key partner with the Police and hoped that the good relationship would continue.

He reported that Chief Constable Port would be leaving in January 2013 which coincides with the appointment of Sue Mountstevens as Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner.

PC M Pople reported that the next PACT meeting would be held at the Town Hall on 19th December 2012 at 7pm at the Town Hall. He suggested the residents from lower Bove Town attend.

With regard to the event at Tor Rugby Club. The Police will advise about complaints but can only intervene if there is a crime and disorder issue which does not constitute noise.

The Mayor congratulated PC Pople on the successful Boxing Night held at the Town Hall.

Councillor Free left the meeting at this juncture.

County Councillor Gloak arrived at the meeting at this juncture.

104. NOTICE OF MOTION

It was proposed by Councillor J Keery, seconded by The Mayor, Councillor I Tucker and **RESOLVED** that this Council invites the newly elected Police Commissioner for Avon and Somerset Police, Sue Mountstevens, to the next meeting of the Council to hear concerns about policing in Glastonbury.

105. PRECEPT 2013-2014

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee to set the precept for 2013-2014 at £200,000.00, an increase of 33.33% on last year's precept of £150,000.00.

106. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The County Councillor provided a written report.

He had been in contact with Bev Norman at Somerset County Council who said the Council had given due notice that the area at Bove Town was to be included in the new parking enforcement regime. Nevertheless, he saw no reason why the area could not incorporate parking spaces and will pursue the matter. The Mayor hoped everyone could work together to resolve the matter.

Councillor Cousins praised the officers who attended the Special Meeting concerning Hinkley Point and hoped that a similar evening could be arranged regarding the Severn Tidal Power barrage.

He continues to battle with First Bus regarding the fact that the bus does not now stop at the hospital and would be meeting with the County Council bus service officer shortly to discuss the matter. Councillor Thurgood said that the hospital management are extremely concerned.

Councillor Brunsdon reminded the County Councillor that the culvert at the bottom of Wellhouse Lane needs regular maintenance to prevent flooding of properties on Chilkwell Street.

107. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Coles and Henderson provided written reports.

Councillor Brunsdon said that he had been present when Councillor Forrest had planted a Walnut tree at Cinnamon Lane Park in recognition of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Councillor Brunsdon had also been lobbied about the parking problem at Bove Town and had spoken to officers about residents parking which had been rejected by this Council in the past.

Councillor Black suggested that residents could be given reduced rates for car parking particularly at Norbins Road car park which is normally empty.

108. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 12th November 2012 were approved.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th November 2012, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record. Councillor Sharp did not request to be on the play areas working group.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee on 15th November 2012 were approved.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Burial Board on 20th November 2012 were noted.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20th November 2012 were approved.
- f) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee on 22nd November 2012 were approved. Councillor Keery said that Glastonbury Abbey would be vacating the shop unit in the car park at the end of the year and Burns the Bread would be taking over the tenancy.
- g) The minutes of the meeting of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 28th November 2012 – The minutes were not yet available but a power presentation had been circulated to all members. It was AGREED a public meeting at the Town Hall should be arranged before the end of January 2013 to include all the relevant parties ie. EDF, Nuclear Energy Commission and Planning Inspectorate. The Town Clerk will liaise with the officers at County Hall.
- h) The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3rd December 2012 were approved. Councillor Michell asked to be referred to as Deputy Chair.
- i) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on 6th December 2012 were approved. Councillor Sharp said he had heard from the Volunteering Network and therefore the grant could now be released in two tranches. He confirmed that as far as he was aware the Youth Café planned to open on two nights per week.

109. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had represented the Town on 9 occasions since the last meeting.

He announced St Benedict's Church would be putting on their usual free Christmas

lunch and all were welcome.

He encouraged Councillors to attend the evening he had arranged to celebrate the national business awards gained by two local businesses which would be held on 14th December 2012 at 7.30pm at the Town Hall. Tessa Munt MP had agreed to attend.

He also said there were tickets remaining for his fund raising dance for the Air Ambulance on 22nd December 2012 at the Town Hall.

110. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Forster reported that had attended the opening of the Market House Pub and Restaurant on behalf of the Town Council. He had also attended the Xmas Tree Festival Service.

Councillor Michell reminded Councillors that the Frost Fair would be taking place on Saturday 15th December 2012.

Councillor Thurgood reported that the Churches Together Foodbank initiative continues to receive many donations and the Coffee Van is continuing on the last Friday evening of every month from St Dunstan's Car Park.

Councillor Sharp gave an end of year report on his and Mrs Sharp's fund raising work for Lalibela. A total of £140,000 had been raised for the area since 2005.

Councillor Michell reported on the Glastonbury Charter for the Environment Working group and thanked Paul Lund for producing a promotional postcard.

111. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been dealt with earlier in the meeting:

- a) Mr P Kite - Parking outside Gospel Hall, Bove Town
- b) Mr C Bishop – Noise from music event at Tor Rugby Club on 17th November 2012

The following correspondence was noted. It was AGREED to publicise the Local Plan consultation on the Town Council website.

- c) NHS – Musgrove Park Hospital – Recruitment for Non-Executive Directors to join the Taunton and Somerset Foundation Trust Board
- d) Mendip District Council – Pre-submission Local Plan 2006-2028 – Notification of Public Consultation

112. BUDGET UPDATE

Councillors were provided with an up to date budget report.

113. 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.

Mayor, 8th January 2013