

**Meeting of the Council held at Glastonbury Town Hall on Tuesday 9th
November 2010 at 7pm**

PRESENT: Councillors: A Andrews, J Barron, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles (Mayor), S Cox, M Free, L Hull, E James, W Knight, P Preston, J Keery, H Sharp, I Tucker, J White

APOLOGIES: Apologies were accepted from Councillors T Billing (work commitments), L Browne (work commitments)

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk

Public participation

Petty Officer Jeff Forester and Anthony Badman asked the Town Council for help identifying a new building in Glastonbury for the Sea Cadets.

Martin Wheeler spoke regarding Councillor James's connection with the company, Crown Currency Exchange.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Free – Planning minutes, item 30b.

95. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Coles circulated a list of all the events he had attended on behalf of the Council from 15th October to 3rd November 2010.

96. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT

Sergeant Mark Edgington reported that he was now back at Street Police Station and apologised that Inspector Scott Talbot was not able to attend tonight's meeting to report on the incident which took place at Tor Leisure on 20th July 2010. He informed Councillors that all lines of enquiry were pursued as per legislation however the way the investigation was recorded was not quite correct and the officers involved will receive localised training. The press report was incorrect and the Police were not able to identify offenders after house to house enquiries.

Sergeant Edgington introduced PC Martha Spikes who will be taking the place of PC Mark Pople for 4 months whilst he is seconded to the Wells team at his own request to update his knowledge. PC Spikes will be working on youth distraction and actively using CCTV. She also hoped to minimise the 'street' drinking and anti-social behaviour associated with that.

Councillor Hull was disappointed that it had taken 3 months to receive an update from Inspector Talbot and hoped he would be able to attend a future meeting to report on the remaining aspects.

97. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

John Meeker and Anna Blackburn from Mendip District Council updated Councillors on the local development framework draft core strategy. He said that the new coalition government legislation on Localism will affect the strategy but until the paper comes out in December this cannot be addressed. The Town Council will have the opportunity to comment further on the new document next year.

Councillor Brunsdon arrived at the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of the Southern Distributor Road which would take heavy traffic away from Coursing Batch and Chilkwel Street.

It was **RESOLVED** that this Council promotes the creation of a Southern Distributor Road funded through housing development on the southern side of Chilkwel Street.

When asked by Councillor Hull, John Meeker said that the plan does not take into account predicted increases in fossil fuels.

98. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The County Councillor had circulated a written report.

Councillor Gloak said that as far as he knew the Southern Distributor Road was not in the next 20 year plan.

99. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon reported that the litter picking along Street Road had now taken place and that Hanover Square would now be cleaned on a daily basis.

Councillor Barron reported that financial decisions following the comprehensive spending review would be made nearer to Christmas. He also reported that he was now on the steering group for Magdalene Court.

Councillor Hull asked the District Councillors their views on the recent financial cuts at County Hall. They said that although regrettable they understood measures needed to be taken to reduce the deficit.

Councillor Coles was asked to investigate the development which appeared to be taking place on land at Cradlebridge and was becoming an eyesore.

100. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Beckery Island Regeneration Trust - Councillor Tucker reported that he would be meeting with prospective funders on Thursday along with representatives from the Princes Regeneration Trust.

101. LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 34

Notice of Application to vary a premises licence under Section 34 – Wm Morrison Supermarkets Plc – To permit the sale of alcohol from 0600 to 2300 Monday to Sunday inclusive and to permit the premises to open from 0600 to 2300 Monday to Sunday inclusive

The Town Council had not been informed directly about this application but it had been brought to the attention of the Town Clerk by the Ward Town and District Councillor Barron.

Councillor Barron said he was extremely concerned about the application, which he believed would exacerbate anti-social behaviour and public nuisance due to the store being situated within a residential area. He also reminded Councillors that the management of Morrison's refused to join the Westminster project, a scheme instigated by the local Police, whereby off licensed premises undertake to remove strong cans of beer from their stock to deter 'street' drinkers. Licensed premises must promote the four licensing objectives, the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm and not joining such a scheme would appear to be in contravention of the objectives.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to object to the application due to the proximity of the store to a residential area and that the applicant has failed to promote the four licensing objectives.

102. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Councillor Hull reported that a fossil fuel free festival would be taking place at Tor Leisure on 28th November 2010, from 10am to 8pm. Profits would be donated to Glastonbury Conservation Society.

b) Councillor Andrews reported that the University of the Third Age were having a recruitment drive and the U3A Art group paintings were being exhibited in the library.

103. MINUTES

a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th October 2010, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

b) The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 26th October 2010 were accepted. It was noted that Councillor Cox had given his apologies.

c) The minutes of the Town Hall Committee held on 26th October 2010 were accepted.

104. PLANNING APPLICATION

The following application was considered:

a) 121334/000 - Mr S Ruddle – Proposed conservatory and detached garage – 33 Wells Road – Householder planning permission

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval of the application.

105. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Email from Paudie Wall, Slane, Co. Meath with a proposal to twin the Towns of Slane and Glastonbury - Councillors considered the matter and it was **AGREED** that at this stage Glastonbury should concentrate on its current twins of Lalibela and Patmos. The Town Clerk was asked to politely decline the request.
- b) Naming of streets – Section 17 Public Health Act 1925 – Application for Street Naming and Numbering – SNN 2412 Land at 1 Bove Town, Glastonbury, Somerset – The Town Council had no objection.

The following correspondence was noted:

- c) Somerset Association of Local Councils – Items of interest to Councillors and Clerks

106. 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, 14th December 2010