

**Meeting of the Council held at Glastonbury Town Hall on Tuesday 10th
August 2010 at 7pm**

PRESENT: Councillors: A Andrews, J Barron, T Billing, J Brunsdon MBE, L Browne, J Coles, S Cox, M Free, L Hull, W Knight, P Preston, J Keery, H Sharp, I Tucker, Mrs J White

APOLOGIES: Apologies were accepted from Councillor E James (holiday)

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
County Councillor A Gloak MBE

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Brunsdon and Councillor Coles – Planning applications.

54. POLICE REPORT

Inspector Mark Nicholson introduced the new Chief Inspector Richard Corrigan and provided a resumé on what is happening in Glastonbury. He said that reported crime increased slightly from last year although more people had been brought to justice.

He reported that the alcohol restriction zone signs had now gone up and that he would be visiting Totnes who have a successful way of dealing with street drinkers and invited a member of the Town Council to join him.

Councillor Barron reported that most problems on the Tor Leisure Sports field started after 1am and asked that the Police do not arrive with blue lights flashing as this lets culprits know the Police are on their way.

Inspector Nicholson reported that a community justice panel would be starting in Frome with members of the public as panel members.

Councillor Billing asked whether restorative justice panels could deal with crimes from outside their area. Inspector Nicholson undertook to find out.

Councillor Knight mentioned 6 incidents which happened recently in Town and would like further information.

Councillor Cox mentioned that Sergeant Cayford had previously encouraged people to report crime and that she would be carrying out a mapping exercise. Inspector Nicholson confirmed that Windmill Hill would be included in the exercise.

Councillor Browne encouraged people to report crime as she had recently been the victim of crime which was detected.

Councillor Tucker was concerned that the Police did not appear to be interested in working with the Town Council to provide a Police Station in Glastonbury.

Inspector Nicholson said that in future the Community Contact Vehicle would be brought into Town more regularly and that extra PCSO'S will be drafted into the Town over the next few weeks due to his bid for extra resources. The road traffic unit would also be brought in.

Chief Inspector Corrigan said that a comprehensive spending review was taking place at present and this has had an effect on present and future activities.

Councillor Hull asked what progress had been made with regard to a racist incident which took place at Tor Leisure. Inspector Nicholson undertook to look into the matter and report back to the Council.

55. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Amanda Rothwell, owner of Chalice Lease spoke regarding a planning application which was considered at the last Planning meeting and pointed out the poor access and how the proposed building would overlook her home and others in the vicinity.

Morgana West asked the Town Council to accept the Glastonbury Candle for a day. The Town Clerk was asked to arrange for the candle to be lit and placed in the foyer of the Town Hall for the duration of the next market day.

Malcolm Allen and Paul Lund invited Councillors to attend a Grassroots Social Enterprise day at the Town Hall on 17th September 2010.

Andy Merrifield of the Somerset Racial Equality Council had heard about the recent racist incident in Glastonbury and offered to deliver equality and diversity training to the Town. He pointed out that all Yeovil Town and District Councillors are now required to attend training.

Terry Napper, County Councillor for Street, offered his congratulations to Councillor Alan Gloak on his recent MBE.

56. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor presented Air Cadet Solomon Kingsbury with a certificate appointing him as Mayor's Cadet for his term of office.

The Mayor reported that he and the Mayoress would be visiting the twin Town of Patmos, Greece for a week on 28th August 2010, with Zoe d'Ay and others.

57. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The County Councillor circulated a written report to all members.

Councillor Tucker suggested the County Council may wish to sell their piece of land near the old Avalon Plastic site to the new developer.

58. REPORT FROM ROBERT BARTON TRUST

The Mayor allowed Richard Chisnall to speak regarding the closure of the Robert Barton Trust. Mr Chisnall urged Councillors to attend the crisis meeting on 12th August 2010 at 11.30am at No. 3 Silver Street.

59. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Barron reported that a building on the Morlands site had now been sold.

Councillor Keery asked about the illegal site at Morland's. Councillor Barron confirmed that this would be removed at the end of the summer.

Councillor Cox thanked Councillor Brunsdon for arranging for the return of the bench at Windmill Hill.

Councillor Andrews asked about progress at Bartlett's Farm.

60. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the Council held on 13th July 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 Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Board meeting held on 20th July 2010 were noted.
- c) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27th July 2010, were accepted subject to the following:

Councillor Brunsdon and Councillor Coles left the room.

The Town Council **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal of application no. 2010/1390 on the grounds of unsuitable access and that the building will overlook properties on Chilkwell Street.

Councillor Brunsdon and Councillor Coles returned to the room.

- d) The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 27th July 2010 were accepted.

61. PLANNING APPLICATION

The following application was considered:

2010/1510 – Mrs Karen Shaw - Erect agricultural barn and poly tunnels – The Willows, Greens Drove, Glastonbury – Full Planning Permission

'Recommend approval'.

62. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Councillor Free reported that the first phase of the Town Hall alterations would begin on 23rd August 2010.
- b) Councillor Sharp asked that the Town Council writes to Michael Eavis to thank him for the Glastonbury Extravaganza. This was **AGREED**.

- b) Councillor Sharp invited Councillors to a talk being given by himself and Mrs Sharp on their seven year involvement with Lalibela at the Town Hall on September 10th 2010 at 7.30pm.
- c) Councillor Knight invited Councillors to attend the Blessing of Tor Fair on 10th September 2010 at 10.30am.
- d) Councillor Barron reported that the West Mendip Partnership meeting would be taking place at Glastonbury Town Hall on 22nd September 2010 at 6.30pm with a presentation from Sonia Pike, Manager of Mendip Citizens' Advice Bureau.

63. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence received since the last meeting was considered and noted.

- a) Letter from Eloise and James Kench with a request that the Town Council considers the introduction of residents parking
- b) Somerset County Council – Review of 2009/2010 Winter Maintenance Services
- c) Somerset County Council – Community Safety Consultation Survey
- d) Somerset County Council – The Tour of Britain Cycle Race 2010, Stage 5, Wednesday, 15 September
- e) Somerset County Council – Tour of Britain – Road Closure
- f) Somerset Associations of Local Councils – Consultation paper on the technical aspects of the local referendums to veto excessive council tax increases – The Town Clerk advised that this document had been received at very late notice and the Association had provided a suggested response for Town and parish Councils to submit. It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk should submit the suggested response.

64. 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 September 2010