

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 13th July 2010 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies were accepted from Councillor T Billing and Councillor J Keery

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
County Councillor A Gloak
PC M Pople
Sgt J Cayford
PSCO Shelly Day

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ruth Hillard spoke regarding possible illegal handling of asbestos on a building site in Glastonbury.
- Derek Dorey spoke regarding anti-social behaviour outside St John's Church and the Market Place and its affect on the tourist trade.
- Lindsay Paton spoke asking the Council to support the Harvest Show.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

38. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed the Council of events he had attended on behalf of the Town since the last meeting.

39. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT

PCSO Shelly Day reported that the 'Schools' Got Talent' competition tackling anti-social behaviour would be held at Wells Town Hall on 23rd July 2010 at 7pm with St Dunstan's, Crispin, Whitstone and Blue Schools taking part.

PC Pople reported that the next PACT meeting would take place at the Town Hall on 28th September 2010. He confirmed that his team were dealing with problems in the churchyard and Market Place and several arrests had been made. He confirmed that the bylaw states it is not an offence to drink in the designated area, but it is an offence not to hand drink over to the Police, if requested.

Councillors questioned PC Pople on several matters.

Councillor Sharp suggested that individual matters, not relevant to the Town Council as a whole, should be brought up out of the meeting.

Sergeant Cayford explained she was temporarily covering for Sergeant Mark Edgington. She said that the problems in Glastonbury regarding street drinkers are replicated elsewhere and she is working with Totnes Police regarding how they deal with the problem. Extra staff are now deployed in the town on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She urged people to call 999 if required as this helps with statistics. She confirmed that PCSO's do not have the power of arrest but can issue fixed penalty tickets and that at present the Beat team consists of one PC and 5 PCSO's.

40. UPDATE REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION FOR NEW TESCO STORE IN GLASTONBURY BY IAN THORNE, MEETING PLACE COMMUNICATIONS AND JULIETTE BISHOP, TESCO

The Town Council were shown new plans for a smaller store than the previous application from Tesco's. If successful with their planning application they expect the store to open in a year's time.

Councillor Barron suggested they consider gating the car park to prevent boy racers using the car park.

Councillor Tucker suggested Tesco's looks at the pedestrian access as it goes nowhere at present.

Councillor Cox asked whether local contractors would be used to which the reply was that where feasible they will.

Councillor Hull asked about public consultation. Tesco's confirmed that 9000 consultation leaflets would be distributed in the area prior to the submission of the planning application.

Councillor Sharp questioned whether another supermarket would affect the others in the area.

41. POSSIBLE REROUTING OF LATE NIGHT BUSES ON SERVICES 376 and 377 VIA LAMBROOK STREET AND BERE LANE INSTEAD OF VIA THE TOWN

Somerset County Council had informed the Town Council that First Bus have been experiencing trouble with late night revellers after 2200hrs in the centre of Glastonbury, to the extent that they have had to call the Police out on more than a few occasions. There is a danger that either staff or passengers will be injured and therefore they are looking at the possibility of re-routing late night buses on Services 376 and 377 via Lambrook and Bere Lane instead of via the Town Centre.

The Police were asked to monitor the bus stops on Friday and Saturday night evenings when the late buses are due, which they undertook to do if staff were available.

It was **RESOLVED** to inform Somerset County Council that the Town Council does not wish the bus to be rerouted at this time.

42. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the Council held on 11th June 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 held on 22nd June 2010 were received and adopted.
- c) Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Committee held on 27th June 2010 were noted.

43. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Answers to questions put at the last Town Council meeting had been circulated to all members.

Questions were taken for response at the next Town Council meeting regarding:

- Pavement in lay by on A361 near the Apple Tree pub
- Fenced off area on roundabout near B & Q
- Poor markings at 'dog leg' at Coursing Batch/Chilkwell Street
- Turning place at end of Benedict Street
- Potholes and the need for rodding of drains at Basketfield Lane
- Rural Services Fund
- Building Schools for the future – Will Glastonbury lose any funding
- Yellow lines – St Edmund's Road and Manor House Road
- County Farms – Councillor Gloak confirmed that it was the Decision of Scrutiny to go ahead with the sale of the County Farms

Councillor Gloak was congratulated by the Town Council on being awarded the MBE.

44. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) Councillor Brunsdon reported i) that the Conservation Area Appraisal had been well received by the Planning Committee and ii) the car parking group would be meeting next week to discuss parking in Wells.
- b) Councillor Barron confirmed that there are only 8 caravans left on the Morland's site illegal camp and they will be moved off by the end of the summer.
- c) Councillor James confirmed that the Local Development Framework will be dropped and that at present Mendip District Council has no debts and £2m in reserves.

Councillor Cox asked why the seat had not been replaced opposite the shop at Windmill Hill.

Councillor Andrews asked the District Councillors to look at the problem of cyclists in St Mary's Walk.

The District Councillors were asked to report back on the different strengths of bylaws in respect of drinking in the street.

45. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered and it was **RESOLVED** to forward the following comments to the planning authority.

- a) 2010/1141 – Mr K Butler - Enlargement of the enclosed refrigeration plant and switchgear housing on the Service Yard elevation of the factory building – Land at Beckery New Road/Street Road – Full Planning Permission

Recommend approval.

- b) 2010/1311 – Radstock Co-operative Society – Proposed vinyl window graphics – 32 High Street – Advertisement Consent

Recommend approval.

- c) 2010/1361 – Lloyd Parsons & Co Ltd, C/o Pointcloud Consult – Erection of a single storey dwelling – 57 Bere Lane – Full Planning Permission

Recommend refusal on the following grounds:

Overdevelopment; development too close to a scheduled monument and the possibility of future disputes due to poor vehicular access adjacent to the existing properties on the site.

46. SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY 2010

The Mayor asked Councillors to forward any suggestions to the Town Clerk to be considered at the September 2010 Town Council meeting.

47. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Barron reported that Wells TIC has now closed down, Street and Glastonbury are continuing, Frome Town Council has taken over the TIC in Frome and Shepton Mallet is doing well.

48. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Councillor White reported that the profits of the 4th July concert which featured the visitors from Glastonbury, Connecticut and St Dunstan's School children, would go to the school music department. She hoped that the Town Council would send a suitable response to Glastonbury Connecticut Town Council's Resolution which is held at the Town Clerk's office. Councillor White was thanked for hosting the visitors.

b) Councillor Knight invited all Councillors to the band concert at Marchant's Buildings on 17th July 2010 from 2-4pm.

49. GLASTONBURY HARVEST SHOW

Following a request for support for the Harvest Show it was proposed by Councillor Free, seconded by Councillor Tucker and **RESOLVED** to waive the Hall hire fees for the Show.

50. LEASE TERMS FOR NORTHLOAD STREET TOILETS – MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL

The terms of the lease still included a clause that after 5 rent free years, a commercial rent would be charged; not the same conditions offered to Frome Town Council in respect of the building used as a Police post in Frome. Councillor Barron confirmed that the terms were determined by the District Valuer.

The Town Clerk reported to members that Avon and Somerset Police had not yet confirmed whether they were in a position to operate a Police Station from the premises.

It was **RESOLVED** to reject the offer and request that Mendip District Council, on behalf of the Town Council, negotiates with the Police in order to provide a police station for Glastonbury.

51. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) Letter from Communities and Local Government – New powers for local authorities to stop ‘garden grabbing’.
- b) Letters from residents regarding ‘noisy busking’ in Glastonbury – The Town Clerk has informed the residents of action taken
- c) Mendip District Council – Parish Information Bulletin

52. 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, 10th August 2010