

Meeting of the Council held on 8th December 2009 at Glastonbury Town Hall at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: A Andrews, J Barron, T Billing (arrived at 8.45pm), L Browne, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, S Cox, M Free, E James (Mayor), W Knight, H Sharp and I Tucker

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Apologies were accepted from Councillors: L Hull, J Keery, P Preston, J White

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Knight – Personal interest - Street Trading in Glastonbury
Councillor Free – Personal interest – Planning Committee minutes

117. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported his attendance at Glastonbury Carnival; the Cutting of the Holy Thorn; Edgarley School Concert and the opening of the Cyder Barn Care Home Extension at West Pennard.

118. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10th November 2009, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record subject to an amendment to District Councillor Reports on page 34 where 'worth of services' should read 'worth of spending'.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 24th November 2009 were received and adopted.
- c) Property and Assets Committee held on 24th November 2009 were received and adopted.
- d) Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 24th November 2009 were received and adopted.

119. AREA REGENERATION OFFICER

Ros Wilkins explained that her job title is now Economic Team Manager and that she and another officer are responsible for the 5 Towns. The officers are not area based but thematic ie. the officer's expertise in certain areas will be used where needed. Due to increased responsibility she will be only able to attend Council meetings quarterly but is happy to answer written questions at other times.

She reported on the recent PACT meeting priorities which included tables and chairs on pavements; anti-social behaviour post 1am in Northload Street,

Magdalene Street and Benedict Street and dog poo in Benedict Street, especially around the school.

She also reported that the Local Action Team had been resurrected and had met to discuss distraction techniques for the youth especially on Friday and Saturday nights. They are working on a bid for funding for a 3 year programme. A disco has been arranged for Friday 18th December at Tor Leisure with a non-alcoholic juice bar. If successful, this could be the start of an ongoing project.

Councillors were concerned about the lack of lighting at the skatepark.

Ros Wilkins confirmed that Mendip District Council have no other parks with lights therefore have disconnected the supply.

The Town Clerk confirmed that there was already an amount of money in the budget to pay for electricity for lighting the skatepark.

Councillor Free, seconded by Councillor Tucker proposed that the Town Council arranges for the reconnection of the lights.

RESOLVED that the Town Council reconnects the lights at the skatepark and uses the Council budget, to fund the electricity supply.

County Councillor Gloak agreed to contribute £250 towards the cost of electricity. The County Councillor for Street, Councillor Napper, also in attendance, agreed to match Councillor Gloak's contribution.

Councillor Cox suggested that Town Councillors run youth events next year and Councillor Sharp proposed the use of the Town Hall.

Councillor Free reported that Councillors had recently met with the Police to look at the Northload Street toilet block and to investigate further the possibility of converting the block to a Police Station to be rented to the Police Force. Discussions continue and a meeting is being arranged with the Police architect.

120. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered.

- a) 2009/1499 - Mr Christopher Chant – Conversion of garage into living space – 5 Drum Avenue – Full Planning Permission

RESOLVED to recommend approval subject to a parking space being made available on site so as not to increase on-street parking.

- b) 2009/0978 – Mrs Tina Ely – 88 Tor View Avenue – Full Planning Permission

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

121. ANNUAL RETURN

The Town Clerk reported that she had received the audited Annual Return and Audit report for the year ended 31 March 2009 from the external auditor which stated, that on the basis of their review, in their opinion the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting their opinion were that the Council has confirmed that it has maintained an adequate and effective system of internal audit. However it has not carried out a review of the effectiveness of this system during the year ended 31 March 2009. The Council should ensure that a review is carried out during the year to 31 March 2010.

It was **AGREED** that Councillor Tucker assists and the Town Clerk should arrange a meeting with the Councillor to carry out the review.

122. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Gloak read his report to the Councillors.

Questions were taken regarding:

- Speeding along Wells Road
- Airline between Jack's Close and Cemetery Lodge
- Tor Bus
- Resurfacing of Northload Street

123. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Brunsdon reported on:

- West Mendip Community Partnership
- Gypsies and Travellers Working Group

Councillor Billing arrived at the meeting at this point in the meeting (8.45pm).

Councillor Barron reported on:

- Section 106 Agreements and input from the Town Council
- Tor Leisure
- Morland's negotiations
- Beckery Cottages

Councillor Coles reported on:

- Local Development Plan and that an Officer from the District Council would be attending the next Council meeting
- Brownfield sites
- Mendip Housing having changed name to Flourish Homes

124. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Brunsdon reported that St John's Church would benefit from a letter of support from Glastonbury Town Council in their bid to improve facilities at the church.

125. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Andrews reported that the request to Taylor Wimpey regarding a bid for monies from their community budget for a police station in Glastonbury was from himself and not the Town Council. In any event the bid had been unsuccessful.

Councillor Sharp reported on his trip to the twin town of Lalibela and brought greetings from the Mayor of Lalibela. He and his wife had found conditions in Lalibela reasonable and not in famine.

Councillor Knight reminded members that the Frost Fair would be taking place on 12th December 2009.

126. A361 – TO CONSIDER FUNDING THE PROVISION OF A SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE FOR CHILKWELL STREET

The Town Clerk had circulated a paper regarding the Speed Indicator Device Programme explaining that Town Councils are given the opportunity to contribute financially to the programme, £750 the first year and £350 for the second year, to ensure that the location identified in the Town receives a SID for a period of two weeks, every four months.

It was **AGREED** to invite a representative to the next Council meeting to discuss the matter.

127. PROVISION OF A SNOW MACHINE AT YOUTH DISCO IN STREET ON 21ST DECEMBER 2009

The Town Clerk has received a request from the Youth Service to contribute towards cost of £300 for the hire of a snow machine for a youth disco in Street.

Councillor Knight pointed out that the Chamber of Commerce would be hiring a snow machine from a company in Glastonbury for £20 for the Frost Fair.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Youth Service that a machine could be hired at a lower cost and not to contribute to the cost.

128. REQUEST FOR STREET TRADING LICENCE IN GLASTONBURY

A letter had been received from a mobile caterer asking for permission to trade in the Town.

It was **RESOLVED** to refuse the application for a street trading licence due to the large number of catering establishments already in the Town. The Town Clerk was asked to write and suggest the trader investigates joining the Tuesday Market.

129. REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE NAME OF GLASTONBURY

The Town Clerk had received a request from Horror UK to use the name Glastonbury Horror Fest for a horror film festival to be held at Glastonbury Town Hall, to raise funds for the King William Carnival Club in May 2010. She had spoken to Glastonbury Festivals Ltd who had no objection to the name.

RESOLVED to permit the King William Carnival Club to use the name Glastonbury Horror Fest for their event.

130. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted.

- a) Somerset Waste Partnership – Bank Holiday household recycling and refuse Collection Day Changes for 2009/2010
- b) Somerset County Council – Temporary Road Closure – A371 Wells Road, Rodney Stoke
- c) Somerset County Council – Temporary Road Closure – A361 Whitstone Hill, Pilton

131. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor Barron asked about progress on the disabled access and alterations to the Town Hall. Councillor Free explained that in order to apply for a grant, three quotations needed to be obtained for every single trade which was proving difficult and therefore causing delay. The lift plans had been drawn up by the lift company and he was in the process of supply them with measurements of the different floor levels.

Councillor Free left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Sharp asked for the Town Hall Chairman to provide a written report on the Town Hall project for the next meeting.

It was **AGREED** that the following items should be included on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting.

- a) Tor Leisure
- b) Speed Indicator Devices
- c) Loading bay for deliveries in High Street

132. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was **RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments, now tabled, 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, 12th January 2010