

## **Meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at Glastonbury Town Hall at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors T Billing (Mayor), A Andrews, J Barron, J Brunsdon MBE, M Free, J Coles, E James, W Knight, P Preston, I Tucker, J White

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk

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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Paul Lund spoke about the Greener Lifestyles Exhibition to be held at the Town Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009

#### **45. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Browne due to illness and Councillor Hull and Cox due to work commitments and Councillor Keery and Sharp due to other commitments.

#### **46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M Free declared a personal interest in all the items relating to the planning process.

#### **47. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes the meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009, 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 meeting of the Planning Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009, were received and noted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009, were received and noted.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Security Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009, were received and noted.

#### **48. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT**

PCSO Jemma Lawson gave a report. She will be visiting Wells Graffiti project and is working with schools and the Somerset Youth Volunteering Network and Councillor White on a graffiti project for Glastonbury. She reported that 3 people had been arrested in connection with graffiti.

#### **49. AREA REGENERATION OFFICER REPORT**

Ros Wilkins reported that the skatepark is behind schedule due to bad weather. More staff will be brought down to finish the job.

She will be starting up an Adult Management Committee and would like a member of the Town Council to sit on that Committee.

Somerset Youth Volunteering Network will be provided with equipment to clear brambles and weeds prior to the grand opening of the park which is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

Councillor White had met with Ros Wilkins and the Somerset Youth Volunteering Network regarding grant funding which has been obtained by the Youth to provide toilets.

Ros confirmed that developers on the site are willing to connect the toilets.

Councillor Free suggested that the equipment from the disused toilet block in Northload Street Car Park could be used for the toilets at the skatepark.

## **50. GLASTONBURY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

Sara Clay gave a presentation regarding Glastonbury Community Development Trust which is at present supporting people whilst looking for jobs.

## **51. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Reports were given by Councillors Barron, Brunsdon and James.

Councillor Tucker asked why the new play equipment on Windmill Hill seems to be at odds with what was discussed with ward Councillors and Mendip District Council officers.

Councillor Brunsdon undertook to investigate.

Councillor Andrews was concerned about enforcement at Bartlett's Farm.

Councillor Free complained about the lack of play equipment at St Bride's Close play area and the litter along the land from Manor House Road and St Dunstan's School.

Councillor Knight had suggested that a sponsored litter pick could be arranged for St Dunstan's School.

## **52. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Due to the absence of the County Councillor due to another engagement, a report was tabled and attached to the official minutes.

Councillor Andrews read a press release regarding negotiations with the Post Office about the possibility of introducing a Post Office outreach service at Windmill Hill.

## **53. POWER OF WELL-BEING FOR PARISHES AND TOWNS**

The Town Clerk reported that she would be attending an information evening on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Councillors James and Knight also agreed to attend.

#### **54. MORLAND'S SITE – REPORT FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR T BILLING**

At the last Morland's Executive Committee the Mayor had been informed that the cottages had been sold to Mendip Housing and renovation work had started.

Councillor Tucker had heard from Nick McLean, Structural Engineer that he had obtained private funding to undertake a structural survey of the Red Brick Buildings on the Morland's site but had not been allowed on site by the South West Regional Development Agency. Councillor Tucker suggested that if the Town Council appointed Mr Maclean the SWRDA would allow him on site and satisfy the wishes of the public who attended the meeting when the buildings were discussed.

It was proposed by Councillor Tucker, seconded by Councillor Free and **RESOLVED** that this Council takes the offer of funding of an independent structural survey of the Red Brick Buildings on the Morland's site at no cost to the Council and subject to the approval of the South West Regional Development Agency.

Councillor Free asked for the vote to be recorded. Those voting for the proposal were Councillors James, Tucker, White, Free, Coles and Brunsdon. Those against Councillors Preston and Knight. Councillors Andrews and Billing abstained.

#### **55. TOR BUS**

The Town Clerk reported that Mendip District Council had withdrawn their funding for the Tor Bus from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. The Town Council and County Council remain partners and the service would be running for the summer only.

**RESOLVED** to request a meeting with the County Council to discuss the future of the Tor Bus.

#### **56. YOUTH ACTIVITIES INFORMATION DAY**

Councillor Paul Preston suggested that the Town Council hosts a Youth Activities Information Day at the Town Hall. Members thanked Councillor Preston for his initiative and **AGREED** that Councillor Preston should go ahead and arrange the event.

#### **57. TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR GLASTONBURY CARNIVAL MEETINGS**

Glastonbury Chilkwell Carnival Committee had asked for a representative to attend their meetings.

**RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor J Coles.

#### **58. OUTSIDE BODIES**

a) Councillor White updated members on changes at St Edmund's Community Hall including the appointment of a new secretary and treasurer.

b) Councillor Brunsdon reported that the Church had received a report from the clock company suggesting that major cleaning works were required. The Town Clerk suggested that a second opinion was sought before works go ahead.

## 59. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Councillor Free presented drawings of how the Northload Street toilets could be converted to a Police Station.
- b) Councillor White asked whether the Town Council would consider renting St Dunstan's Car Park to the Diocese of Bath and Wells for disabled access to the Abbey on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009. **AGREED** that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- c) Councillor Preston announced that the Air Cadets 914 Sqn would be holding an open day on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009 from 10am-4pm.

## 60. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence copies of a,b,c,d,f and g which had been circulated with the agenda was noted.

- a) Invitation for the Mayoral Party and Town Council to attend the Clifton Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage (Catholic) on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2009 – **AGREED** to write to accept the invitation
  - b) Letter from Mrs A Preston regarding feral cats and stray dogs
  - c) Letter from Mr D A Hatfield regarding Glastonbury Town Twinning Signs
  - d) Mendip District Council – List of Buildings of Local Historic or Architectural Importance – Invitation to Fourth Discussion Forum and Training Evening – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009, 6pm and request for Town Council to nominate a local manager – **AGREED** to nominate Neill Bonham as local manager
  - e) Letter from Mendip District Council regarding removal of Tor School House, North East Side, Chilwell Street from the Schedule of listed buildings
  - f) Letter from Mr B Whitcombe with a request to obtain an obsolete Glastonbury Town sign – Councillor Knight had offered to donate £50 to the Mayor's Charity for two of the signs. It was therefore **AGREED** that Mr Whitcombe is asked to donate £25 to the Mayor's Charity in exchange for the sign and to accept Councillor Knight's contribution for the two signs
  - g) Mendip District Council – Parish Information Bulletin
- (Copies of a,b,c,d,f & g enclosed)**

## 61. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

**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.

## 62. TOWN COUNCIL INVESTMENTS

The Town Clerk had circulated a reported regarding current Town Council investments which was approved. A copy is attached to the official minutes.

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**Mayor, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009**