

## **DRAFT**

### **Meeting of the Council held at Glastonbury Town Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 at 7pm**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk

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#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Zoé d'Ay spoke regarding twinning with Patmos.
- Tim Pittman spoke regarding a forthcoming music concert in Glastonbury Abbey and his plans to honour Geoffrey Ashe.
- Andrea Preston spoke regarding noise from the King Arthur Pub and damage to trees at the end of Fairfield Gardens
- Mr Miller spoke regarding the Wyrall Park Bowls Club and the need for funding for improvements.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

#### **159. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Barry (illness) and White (holiday).

#### **160. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hull declared a personal interest in LocalEyes.

#### **161. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Clerk reminded members of the forthcoming events:

- a) Town Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008, 7pm at the Town Hall
- b) Mayor Making on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008, 7pm at the Town Hall
- c) Mayor's Sunday on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008

The Mayor reminded members that the memorial service for ex Mayor Susan Openshaw would be taking place at St John's Church on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7pm. Councillors who wished to process with the Mayor were asked to be ready to leave the Town Hall at 6.45pm.

Councillor Hull reported the opening of the volunteer run Pilgrim Reception Centre in Church Lane on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

## **162. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT**

PC Pople reported that:

- The next P.A.C.T. meeting would be held at the Town Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 at 7pm
- An arrest had been made regarding graffiti damage on the Redlands Estate. None of the damage is permanent and has been dealt with by using jet washers and redecoration.

Gemma Lawson reported on Community Speed Watch. She said that more volunteers are needed as one member has left due to illness. In March 135 people were recorded speeding along Wells Road and Street Road. Unfortunately at present risk assessors will not pass Benedict Street for speed watch as there is no safe place to stand. There is a new co-ordinator for Coursing Batch and it is hoped that membership can be increased.

Questions were taken regarding:

- Ambiguous no entry sign at the pedestrianised area of Northload Street
- Sheep escaping at Hill Head – PC Pople reported that there is an animal welfare case pending
- Lack of Police Station at Glastonbury
- CCTV to identify traffic offences – PC Pople envisaged that this would eventually be used nationwide

## **163. AREA REGENERATION OFFICER REPORT**

Ros Wilkins reported that the Area Regeneration Programme would be finalised by the end of the week and that the reduction in funding is due to a cut in the budget. She reported that there would be a new application process in place and forms are to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008.

Councillors were concerned about where the money was for the Section 106 agreement for two developments within Glastonbury and how the Town would benefit from these agreements. Ros Wilkins undertook to investigate the matter.

Councillors were unhappy with the arrangement and felt that there should be some system of consultation with the Town when 106 agreements were being drafted. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the District Council to ask to be consulted on future agreements.

## **164. CLIMATE CHANGE – PRESENTATION BY JO MILLING, SENIOR POLICY OFFICER, COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM**

Jo Milling gave a presentation called 'Tackling Climate Change Locally in Mendip' and circulated a copy to members for information.

## **165. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

The County Councillor had provided a written report which was circulated to each member. A copy of this report is attached to the official minutes.

The following items were raised with the County Councillor:

- House boats on balancing pond - Councillor Gloak reported that this had not been received well at County Hall
- Damage to verges along lane from Maidencroft Lane to the Tor
- Uneven paving stones in High Street
- Falling roll at St Dunstan's School which could have serious implications
- Community involvement in WAVE project

- Provision of a Police vehicle to monitor traffic at Coursing Batch
- Travellers on Morland's site

He also discussed a lighting ring for the Town for Christmas lights and whether this could be paid for using the public art money from the Section 106 agreements.

The County Council spoke in his capacity of Chairman of Glastonbury in Bloom regarding a proposal to provide planters for the Town Hall balcony.

## **166. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

District Councillors reported on:

Cut in budget leading to a reduction in support grants  
Increase in taxi fares of 15%

**Councillor I Tucker left the meeting to answer a fire call at 8.35pm.**

Audit on Tor Sports and Leisure

## **167. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Hull reported on a successful Transition Town event at the Town Hall, approximately 200 people had attended and £1000 was received from donations and the sale of books. Taunton, Wells and Street are keen to become Transition Towns/villages. and thanked the Town Council for providing the venue.

Councillor Preston reported that there would be an open day at the Air Cadet Drill Hall from 10pm-3pm on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

## **168. LITTERBIN AT HILL HEAD**

It was **AGREED** in principle to provide a litterbin at the Hill Head lay by due to an accumulation of litter at this beauty spot.

Councillor James suggested that the Masons could be interested in helping with the funding of a litterbin at the Hill Head lay by.

**RESOLVED** that this matter should be dealt with by the Property and Assets Committee.

## **169. TOR BUS**

The Town Clerk had circulated a proposal from the County Council regarding funding for the Tor Bus service.

**RESOLVED** to approve the funding from the Town Council of £5480.47 for 2007/2008 and £5809.30 for 2008/2009.

## **170. WINDMILL HILL POST OFFICE – PROPOSED CLOSURE**

The Town Clerk had circulated a report on the meeting held at the Town Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the proposed closure of Windmill Hill Post Office.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should write to object to the proposed closure with corrections of inaccuracies in the Branch Access Report and reasons noted at the meeting.

## 171. PATMOS TWINNING

A progress report was circulated to members informing the Council that the Patmos Council had met and agreed to twin with Glastonbury.

Councillor Knight proposed, seconded by Councillor Coles and it was **RESOLVED** that at the next Council meeting Glastonbury Town Council formally approves the twinning.

Zoe d'Ay was thanked for her efforts regarding the twinning.

Councillor Keery pointed out that Twinning in the past had been of no cost to the Town Council.

Councillor James suggested that the Committee could investigate funding via the County Council.

## 172. LOCALEYES

A leaflet had been circulated to members with the agenda.

Councillor Hull explained this new initiative, which can be used to survey public opinion on local topics as well as finding out what people want via the internet. Transition Glastonbury will be piloting a scheme for Glastonbury and she suggested that the Town Council may wish to use the scheme as part of their bid for Quality Council Status.

## 173. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

The Town Clerk had circulated a map from Somerset Highways asking for suggested locations for the temporary VISOR Speed Indicator Device. Some members returned the maps with their suggestions.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should write to Somerset Highways with the suggestions from the Councillors and also include the present Community Speed Watch sites.

## 174. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008, which had been circulated to each member with the agenda, with a correction at item 152 of the word fluvial to pluvial, were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 were accepted.  
**(Copies enclosed)**

## 175. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted. Copies of d,f and g had been circulated to members with the agenda.

- a) Somerset County Council – HGV Pinch Point Consultation update
- b) Somerset County Council – The County of Somerset (A39 Street Road, The Causeway and Westway)(Glastonbury and Street)(Restricted Road and 40mph Speed Limit) Order 2007 and the County of Somerset (Beckery Old Road and Beckery New Road)(Glastonbury)(Prohibition of Driving) Order 2007 – Notification that orders have now been sealed and came into operation on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008
- c) Somerset Highways – Temporary Footpath Closure – Urban footpath between Benedict Street and the Car Park, Glastonbury
- d) Mendip District Council – Provision of sandbags – Notification of stopping of service

- e) Audit Commission – Confirmation of appointment of Moore Stephens as external auditor to Glastonbury Town Council for financial years 2007/08 to 2011/1
- f) Somerset County Council – Accessibility Planning and Access to Hospitals in North East Sedgemoor and West Mendip
- g) Somerset County Council – Local Action for Rural Communities and Market Towns on the Levels and Moors – Invitation to meetings – Councillor L Hull agreed to attend on behalf of the Town Council

#### **176. 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.

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**Mayor, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008**