

**THORNBURY**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council**  
**held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2008 in the Council Chamber**

**Present:** Cllr Bob Griffin (Chairman and Town Mayor)

Cllrs Phyllida Parsloe  
Lesley Jones  
Benj Emmerson  
Guy Rawlinson  
Clare Fardell  
Gill Brooks  
Shirley Holloway  
Ann Rogers  
Chris Clifford  
Clive Parkinson  
Penny Baker  
Neil Halsall

Mrs J M Payne (Town Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr Alan Dukes

**Absent:** Cllrs Helen Harrison  
Maggie Tyrrell

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**CHAIRMAN'S**  
**REMARKS**

155/08. Cllr Bob Griffin gave details of the events he had attended since the last full Council meeting:-

- (i) Volunteers Fair in St. Mary Centre on 19<sup>th</sup> June.
- (ii) Attendance at the Castle School 'Achievers Awards' evening
- (iii) Showhome Opening of Stafford Mews, Gillingstool for David Wilson Homes.
- (iv) A reception at the headquarters of the Air Training Corps to award badges of rank.
- (v) Presenting awards to the Sheiling School for the Thornbury in Bloom Painting Competition.
- (vi) Britain in Bloom Judges lunch on 15<sup>th</sup> July.
- (vii) Attendance at a Year 6 leavers service held at the Baptist Church.
- (viii) Evening entertainment at The Loans, Alveston to raise funds for The Rose Bowl Awards.
- (ix) Celebration at Windmill House, Olveston for 5 residents who were all over 100 years of age.
- (x) Retirement celebration for the Caretaker of the Chantry.
- (xi) Attended with the Deputy Mayor a performance of 'A Winters Tale' in aid of St. Peter's Hospice.
- (xii) Hosted the Charity Fund evening to present the proceeds from the Mayor's Charity Show, which included a donation from Thornbury Lions Club to the six nominated local charities. In all a sum of £4,000 was distributed.

The Deputy Mayor had also attended a number of events on behalf of the Chairman, which included the presentation of prizes for the Thornbury in Bloom Painting Competition and the opening of several school fetes.

**MILLENNIUM  
SCULPTURE –  
REQUEST FROM  
THE HERITAGE  
TRUST**

156/08. Mr. Paul Wildgoose of Thornbury & District Heritage Trust had requested by letter, Council's support for an application to South Gloucestershire Council for a capital grant towards the cost of installing the Thornbury Millennium Sculpture in Silver Street. Mr. Wildgoose gave a brief presentation to the meeting and answered members' questions. It was proposed by Cllr Clive Parkinson and agreed with two abstentions the following:-

- Thornbury Town Council supports the efforts of Thornbury and District Heritage Trust and its proposed installation of the bronze sculpture 'Spirit of Thornbury' as a town centre feature linked to the Thornbury Millennium Heritage Trail and
- Thornbury Town Council reaffirms its agreement to the location of the sculpture in Silver Street, subject to Thornbury and District Heritage Trust representatives meeting on site with Councillors to agree the exact location and orientation of the sculpture. The agreement is also subject to the Trust obtaining the necessary planning consent and agreement of Britannia Building Society.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Wildgoose confirming the above agreement.

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAST MEETING**

157/08. The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were proposed as a correct record, with the following amendment, by Cllr Benj Emmerson, seconded by Cllr Chris Clifford and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS  
ARISING**

158/08. The Clerk stated that there was an omission under **146/08** that should have read: *The financial statement for May 2008 was received and noted.*

**MINUTES OF  
RECESS MEETING**

159/08. The minutes of the Recess meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Chris Clifford, seconded by Cllr. Lesley Jones and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS  
ARISING**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Mayor's Charity Event

160/08. A thank you letter has been received from Thornbury Arts Festival Committee for the cheque presented to them at the Mayor's Charity Fund evening.

(b) ALCA – Annual General Meeting

161/08. Notification has been received of the Avon Local Councils Association AGM to be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008 to which all members are invited.

(c) Avon Pension Fund – Annual Employers' Conference

162/08. Notification has been received of the 2008 Annual Employers' Conference to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Bristol.

*Cllr Neil Halsall arrived at this point.*

**ENVIRONMENT**

163/08. The report of the Environment Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008 was presented by the Chairman Cllr Benj Emmerson.

164/08. It was proposed by Cllr Benj Emmerson, seconded by Cllr Guy Rawlinson and unanimously agreed that the report be adopted.

**PLAYING FIELDS  
& CEMETERY**

165/08. The report of the Playing Fields and Cemetery Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008 was presented by the Chairman Cllr Lesley Jones.

**Matters Arising:-**

(a) **St. Mary's Closed Churchyard - Floodlighting**

166/08. The Treasurer of St. Mary's Church had enquired how far back Council would be prepared to reimburse the Church for the cost of electricity for the floodlighting in view of the fact that no bills had been submitted. Cllr Clare Fardell suggested the minutes of the meetings at the time of the Millennium are checked to see what was agreed.

167/08. It was proposed by Cllr Lesley Jones, seconded by Cllr Penny Baker and unanimously agreed that the report be adopted.

**SPECIAL  
PLAYING FIELDS  
& CEMETERY**

168/08. The report of the Special meeting of the Playing Fields & Cemetery Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008 was presented by the Chairman Cllr Lesley Jones.

169/08. It was proposed by Cllr Lesley Jones, seconded by Cllr Clive Parkinson and unanimously agreed that the report be adopted.

**FINANCE &  
POLICY**

170/08. The report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008 was presented by the Chairman Cllr Phyllida Parsloe.

**Matters Arising:-**

(a) **Residents of The Close – Nuisance at Mundy Playing Fields**

171/08. Following a letter received from the residents of The Close, the Clerk and Cllr Maggie Tyrrell had been investigating alternative forms of security, including CCTV. Cllr Clive Parkinson informed members that there may be an opportunity for funding through a Safer and Stronger Communities initiative and requested that a letter is sent as soon as possible to Safer and Stronger Communities registering an interest.

172/08. It was proposed by Cllr Phyllida Parsloe, seconded by Cllr Neil Halsall and unanimously agreed that the report be adopted.

**TOWN  
DEVELOPMENT**

173/08. The report of the Town Development Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008 was presented by the Vice Chairman Cllr Phyllida Parsloe.

174/08. It was proposed by Cllr Phyllida Parsloe, seconded by Cllr Chris Clifford and unanimously agreed that the report be adopted.

**CONSIDERATION  
OF REQUEST  
FROM 'ACT'**

175/08. Philip Darley, Chairman of Arts and Community in Thornbury (ACT) had sent a letter to all Councillors requesting an extraordinary meeting with all Town Councillors. Cllr Clive Parkinson said he was not sure that a meeting without an agenda was going to be productive and proposed that a working party is formed on both sides to decide on a structured agenda and report back to the Finance and Policy Committee. It was agreed that Cllrs. Clive Parkinson, Phyllida Parsloe and Lesley Jones would form the Working Party and this was seconded by Cllr Clare Fardell.

**APPROVAL OF  
FUNDING FOR  
TRACTOR**

176/08. The Playing Fields and Cemetery Committee requested approval to borrow money via the Public Works Loan Board for the purchase of a new tractor. It was proposed by Cllr Lesley Jones and Seconded by Cllr Clive Parkinson and unanimously agreed that the purchase of the new tractor should be paid for in full by a loan.

**LAND AT  
STOKEFIELD  
KINGTON  
LAND**

177/08. The Clerk read out a letter from South Gloucestershire Council informing that 6.76 acres of grassland at Stokefield, Kington Lane has been declared surplus to Corporate Resources requirements. The South Gloucestershire Councillors present at the meeting said they were against the disposal of land adjoining Council property and hoped it could be let out for community use. Cllr Clare Fardell said it is Green Belt land with a number of footpaths crossing it and she would endeavour to obtain more information on the land when the Officer concerned returns from annual leave. Some discussion ensued on the possibility of part of the land being suitable for allotment provision and Cllr Benj Emmerson proposed that Council responds to declare an interest in the land for community benefit and is exploring the possibility of taking a lease or licence, one of the considerations being the provision of allotments for local residents.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs Aurelia Rose thanked Cllr Neil Halsall for being a wonderful advocate when the Planning application submitted by ALDI was considered by South Gloucestershire Council Development Control Committee. She also thanked Cllr Clare Fardell for the information she had provided.

Mrs Joan Hall said she was concerned to note in the Environment Committee report of 24<sup>th</sup> June that a section of Gloucester Road had not made the final list for resurfacing work. Cllr Clive Parkinson informed Mrs. Hall that it is his understanding that the top end of Gloucester Road was in the schedule for resurfacing this year and the section referred to in the committee report was by The Anchor Inn.

**PLANNING  
APPLICATIONS**

178/08. Council considered a number of planning applications, the comments to be forwarded to South Gloucestershire Council being shown in the attached schedule.

(Cllr Clare Fardell advised that she would not comment or take part in any discussion on Development Control matters)

**FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT**

179/08. The financial statement for June and July was received and noted.

**ACCOUNTS FOR  
PAYMENT**

180/08. (a) Resolved that the following accounts paid out of meeting be approved:-

South Glos Council	Rates – Town Hall	1097.00
South Glos Council	Rates – Cemetery	121.00
South Glos Council	Rates – Quaker Lane Toilets	62.00

(b) It was proposed by Cllr Clive Parkinson and seconded by Cllr Chris Clifford that the following accounts now due for payment be approved:-

**Central Services**

British Telecommunications	Telephone bill – Town Hall	196.50
CPRE	Subscription 2008/09	28.00
Corona Energy	Electricity supply – Town Hall	60.99
Lampier Insurance Brokers	Commercial Vehicle Insurance	289.31
NTL Telewest Business	Internet connection	25.85
N Power	Electricity bill – Town Hall	164.08
South Gloucestershire Council	Cleaning toilets – Quaker Lane	659.82
Petty Cash		100.00

**Playing Fields & Cemetery**

British Telecommunications	Telephone bill – Playing Fields	33.32
British Telecommunications	Electricity bill – Playing Fields	22.70
GAP Supplies	Dressing room supplies	158.92
The Mower Doctor	Mower parts	82.25
South Gloucestershire Council	Dog waste collection	31.80
Thornbury Motors Ltd	Petrol	65.16
Veolia Environmental Services	Waste container exchange	202.97
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**Land & Property**

Bristol Water	Water supply – Quaker Lane Toilet	222.48
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**Environment**

Bristol Water	Water supply – Fountain, Castle Street	15.79
Lampier Insurance Brokers	Commercial Vehicle Insurance	289.30
Thornbury Motors Ltd	Petrol	195.54

**Grants & Contingencies**

JNC (Fire Protection) Ltd	Fire extinguishers service – Museum	29.67
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**REPRESENTATIVES' (a) Thornbury Twinning Association**  
**REPORTS**

181/08. The minutes of Thornbury Twinning Association Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2008 were received and noted.

(b) Thornbury & District Heritage Trust

182/08. A report of the Thornbury and District Heritage Trust meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2008 had been e-mailed to members.

Verbal Reports

There were no verbal reports.