



# Glastonbury Town Council

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: D Abbott, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, S Henderson, J Keery, W Knight, S Thurgood, I Tucker

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor A Black, G Avalon, E George, L MacDougall, D Michell, T Napper  
County Councillor A Gloak MBE

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
Terry Dowden - Macebearer  
David Greenway – Town Crier  
PC's Stuart Ball and Martha Spikes

---

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the Unity candle.

- Angela Friend thanked Mike Free for taking on the Poppy Appeal. A vote of thanks was given by the Council.
- Reg Cohen reported an illegally parked caravan in Leg of Mutton Road.
- Malcolm Allen asked for an update about progress with St Dunstan's House
- Morgana West informed the Town Council that the Pilgrim Reception Centre has produced a Glastonbury Murals Trail guide for visitors
- Hugh Sharp gave a six month report on the work of the Lalibela Trust

## **112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

## **113. REPORT FROM GLASTONBURY POLICE BEAT TEAM**

PC Stuart Ball reported on recent events in the Town. The stabbing in Feversham Way on 20<sup>th</sup> October is being treated as attempted murder. The car chase from Benedict Street to the High Street, where the perpetrator collided with two stationary cars, came about through a routine check. The offender was detained and arrested for several offences ie. dangerous driving, possession of drugs, driving with no insurance or license. The woman responsible for the stabbing which took place outside St John's Church on 14<sup>th</sup> September has been charged with grievous bodily harm. The incident when a tazer was used on a dog was justified. The owner has been charged with obstructing the police. The team is working hard to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour in the High Street. The most prolific offender has been arrested twice. The team intends to hold regular street briefings in the High Street and talk to the public about their concerns.

Councillor Tucker asked about the possibility of funding a joint PCSO and traffic warden. PC Ball did not think this would be feasible.

#### **114. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record with the following amendments – headlights should read street lights.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were noted
- c) The minutes of the Property and Assets Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 were accepted

#### **115. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

In their absence the County Councillors provided written reports.

#### **116. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillors Coles and Henderson provided written reports.

Councillor Coles added that Mendip District Council Street Trading Policy comes into effect on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Councillor Henderson said that he has requested that the Street Trading Policy is reviewed annually.

Councillor Keery asked the District Councillors about the land at Coldharbour Bridge which would appear to be a dumping ground. Councillor Henderson had spoken to the enforcement officers and was told there are no current enforcement orders for the site.

Councillor Henderson reported that he had been an observer at a meeting with Mendip District Council officers and travellers from the Beckery site. It was a difficult meeting as there would appear to be two factions. One group of people has asked their representative Sam to speak on their behalf and the other group is in the process of taking legal advice. The matter of the closure of the site has been deferred until Spring 2017.

Councillor Brunsdon reported that Stuart Cave has retired from Mendip District Council.

#### **117. 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.

#### **118. BUDGET REPORT**

The budget report was noted.

#### **119. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor provided Councillors with a list of events he had attended since the last meeting and suggested policing solutions to address anti-social behaviour,

including the Town Council directly funding a dedicated PCSO for Glastonbury, following a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Councillor discussed various options relating to policing and dealing with parking problems in the town. Councillor Tucker suggested talking to the civil parking enforcers to discuss current cover and to explore the possibility of funding an enhanced service. It was **AGREED** to place the matter of a Town Council funded PCSO on the Finance and General Purposes agenda.

In the meantime the Town Clerk will contact the civil parking enforcers to arrange a meeting with Councillors Cousins, Cottle, Keery and Tucker.

## **120. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Frost Fayre meeting for volunteers on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at 6.30pm to run through plans for the event on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Councillor Coles reported that Glastonbury Chilkwell Carnival Club is looking for a new secretary. He also reported that the Archbishop of Canterbury visited the Tor earlier in the day.

Councillor Thurgood was pleased to report that the flashing traffic warning lights for St Benedict's School have been installed.

Councillor Brunsdon reported that the footpath from Windmill Hill Road to Rowley Road remains closed due to a dangerous wall. He is awaiting a response from David Fothergill as to whether the County Council will undertake the work and put a charge of the property responsible for the wall. There is an issue with a landowner blocking a footpath in Glastonbury but this is being dealt with by Chris East at the County Council. He also reported that Kevin Mitchell may have to give up his position as footpath volunteer for the Conservation Society and therefore they will be looking for a replacement.

## **121. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Thurgood reported on the work of SLAP (Street Level Access Project) run by ELIM Connect Centre, Wells. SLAP is currently the primary referral point for Rough Sleeping in Mendip. There is concern about future funding when the partnership with Mendip District Council ends.

## **122. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was considered and noted:

- a) The Mendip District Council Parish Bulletin for November 2016 was circulated to members.
- b) Glastonbury United Reformed Church – Letter of thanks for grant for Tuesday Drop-in
- c) Community Council for Somerset – Invite to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Workshop – The Town Clerk said that the Neighbourhood Planning Officer will be attending. Councillor Cousins and Henderson asked the Town Clerk to arrange places for them at the workshop being held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Woolavington Village Hall

---

**Mayor, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

