

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 9th July 2013 at 7pm

- PRESENT:** Councillors: J Barron (Deputy Mayor), A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, Cousins, S Henderson, J Keery, W Knight, D Michell, H Sharp, S Shepherd, S Thurgood (Mayor), I Tucker
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors I Forster, M Free
County Councillor A Gloak
- IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk
PCSO Mel Hunter
County Councillor T Napper
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden – Macebearer
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Public participation

Angela Friend spoke regarding festival coaches using Manor House Road during Glastonbury Festival, a tanker mounting the pavement along Coursing Batch and overgrown hedges blocking the pavement along that stretch of road.

Lee Lintern spoke about suggested improvements to Manor House Road and the possibility of a street party. He put his ideas in writing to the Town Clerk.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a silent moment.

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

29. PRESENTATION BY MRS J STEVENSON, HEADTEACHER, ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL

Mrs J Stevenson, Headteacher, St Dunstan's School had been invited to speak regarding the changes in leadership at the school following her retirement this summer.

She stressed to Councillors the importance of community support for the school and urged the Councillors to get to know the school and to support what the school is doing. She invited Councillors to the School Open Day on 19th September 2013.

The school has been battling with local perceptions and the intake is diminishing. She was particularly critical of negative reporting about the school in the local press.

She said that if in the long term the numbers drop leading to an amalgamation of St Dunstan's and Crispin Schools and asked Councillors to consider whether they thought that would properly serve Glastonbury.

Councillor Keery said he felt there was scope for a new school on the current St Dunstan's site to serve Glastonbury and Street.

It was **AGREED** to invite the new Head teacher to the October meeting along with the Business Manager.

30. AMAZONIAN TRIBAL LEADERS

Councillor Cousins explained that the Amazonian Leaders were to be present as part of an international mission organised by the Pachamama Alliance to inform the world of the environmental disaster occurring in the Amazon but unfortunately their visas to UK had been revoked. A short film was shown explaining more about the work of the Alliance.

Councillor Cousins and Councillor Michell had put forward the following motion: 'That this Council debates what Glastonbury Town Council can do to help the Amazonian Ambassadors in their Mission. Considering actions such as asking other branches of government (local, district, county etc) what they are doing to help protect the Amazon rainforests – known as the lungs of the world – from the threats facing it'.

Councillor Cousins said it would be very useful for the Alliance to be able to say they have the support of Glastonbury Town.

Several ideas were put forward on how the Town Council could help including holding an awareness event.

Councillor Keery was not sure that the Town Council could debate all the issues and proposed an amendment to the notice of motion 'That this Town Council writes to the Prime Minister asking him that in all contacts between the UK Government and the Government of Brazil, Ecuador and Peru (who control the major areas of Amazonian Forest) those governments are constantly reminded of the importance of the Amazonian Forest to the wellbeing of the whole world.' This was seconded by Councillor Cousins and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

31. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposer: Councillor Jon Cousins

Seconder: Councillor Denise Michell

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AGREED to write to the Prime Minister on the matter with copies to the UK Embassadors for Brazil, Peru and Equador.

32. REPORT FOR MEMBER OF THE GLASTONBURY BEAT TEAM (POLICE)

PCSO Mel Hunter apologised for the absence of PC Pople and made a general report. She reminded Councillors that the next PACT meeting would be held on

17th July 2013 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

33. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury Forum held on 5th June 2013 were received and approved.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on 10th June 2013 were received and approved.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th June 2013 which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25th June 2013 were received and approved.

34. BUDGET REPORT

The budget report was considered. No comments were made.

35. 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.

The Town Clerk was asked not pay the CCTV invoice until the all the cameras are operational.

36. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Coles said at the last Planning Board that the Bartlett Farm application for workshops had been approved and the Sentinal (lighthouse shaped dwelling).

Councillor Cottle said that he had been on the New Homes Bonus Grant Panel when many bids were considered. Councillor Tucker asked how the panel had decided how the money should be distributed. Councillor Cottle said that he was unable to divulge any more information but the total fund approached £500,000. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Executive on the matter.

37. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

A written report was received from Councillor Gloak in his absence.

Councillor Napper reported:

- His attendance at Scrutiny concerning flooding and an application for European money. Repairs and flood relief works to A361 had cost £2.5m.
- News that the Somerset section of A303 has government backing for upgrade
- He would be meeting with Andrew Turner, County Highways on 10th July 2013 to discuss problems at Ashwell Lane.

Councillor Tucker reminded him to point out to Mr Turner the drainage problems at Basketfield Lane.

38. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended 14 various events on behalf of the Town since the last meeting. She had been particularly pleased about the Sea Fury flypast over the Town Hall on Armed Forces Day, 29th June 2013, when the Sea and Air Cadets had been present.

She and the Deputy Mayor had attended the first Contact a Councillor session on 2nd July 2013. Two members of the public had attended. One member of the public complained about traffic problems at Manor House Road after the Festival. The Mayor subsequently contacted Michael Eavis on the matter. She received a response from Glastonbury Festivals Ltd which had been circulated to Councillors for information. In particular, coach 'Sat Navs' had been blamed for the problems. Glastonbury Festivals Ltd offered to consult with the Town Council in future over traffic plans etc before and after the Festival.

Councillor Coles said he would raise the matter with the Licensing Board.

39. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Cottle said that he would be taking part in a zip wire challenge from Cranbrook Tower in aid of SOS Africa and Glastonbury Opp Shop.

Councillor Michell said that Glastonbury in Bloom would be holding a Town clean up on 18th July 2013.

Councillor Barron reported that there are two allotments available at the Allotment Association site.

40. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Somerset Rural Youth Project Prospectus 2013
- b) NHS England – Change of ownership application by Pure Health Medical Ltd for Glastonbury Pharmacy, The Glastonbury Surgery, Feversham Lane

The following correspondence was considered:

- c) Somerset County Council – Notice of an application for the registration of land as a Town or Village Green – Benedict Street Playing Field (Supporting documentation lodged with the Town Clerk)

Councillors were concerned that this application could affect the future viability of Tor Sport and Leisure.

It was **AGREED** to invite an officer from Somerset County Council to inform the Town Council of the implications of Town Green status.

Mayor, 13th August 2013