



Glastonbury Town Council

Special Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 8th February 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Glastonbury Town Hall

PRESENT: Councillors: D Abbott, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, E George (Mayor), J Keery, W Knight, S Henderson, L MacDougall, D Michell, S Thurgood, I Tucker

APOLOGIES: Councillors G Avalon and T Napper

IN ATTENDANCE: Jane Czornij, Town Clerk
Gerard Tucker, Deputy Town Clerk and Neighbourhood Planning Officer

148. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

149. RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL PLAN PART 2 CONSULTATION

Councillors had been provided with the Glastonbury section of the Local Plan Part 2 for consideration.

Discussion took place about the local green space allocation and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the following additional land which includes areas previously requested for the Local Plan by this Council, but not accepted.

- Green border parallel with Thorndun Estate (between Austin Road and Wells Road) (previously submitted)
- Wearyall Hill
- Cinnamon Lane play area (previously submitted)
- Herbie's Field
- Bride's Mound (previously submitted)
- 3 small areas of land between Hamlyn Road and Leg of Mutton Road
- St Dunstan's School Playing Field
- St Benedict's School Field and gardens
- St John's School play area and gardens

- Land next to Thorndun Estate
- Land adjacent to cemetery (above Avalon Estate) (Previously submitted)
- Piece of land near Paradise Estate
- Land between Ashwell Lane and A361 (Previously submitted)

Councillor Tucker was concerned that not enough commercial land is allocated in the draft plan.

Councillor Cousins pointed out that Mendip District Council would appear to be acknowledging the special historic nature of Glastonbury and supports their plan to zone future commercial development at Street. He is concerned that Glastonbury has already inappropriately sited industrial units adjacent to heritage sites.

Councillor Tucker said that Glastonbury has a long industrial heritage and there would be no reason why this could not continue in tandem with historic/heritage sites.

It was proposed by Councillor Tucker, seconded by Councillor Coles and **RESOLVED** that this Council should raise concerns that the Local Plan fails to address the need for additional industrial/employment land in Glastonbury.

Councillors Black and Cottle abstained from the vote.

It was proposed by Councillor Thurgood, seconded by Councillor Henderson and **RESOLVED** to request that the piece of land behind Snow's timber and adjacent to Porchestall Drove is included in the plan, along with the land currently used as a traveller site and to allocate the land for both a temporary residential caravan site and light industry.

Discussion took place about the fact that Lowerside Allotment land is in the local plan for residential development.

Some Councillors were concerned about the loss of allotment space.

Councillor MacDougall was concerned that although the site has been put forward for affordable housing, this might be altered in future and the town could end up with an inappropriate development of private housing, not addressing the need.

Councillor Keery said that as owners of the land, the Council could develop good, low cost housing for young people.

Councillor Tucker said that there is not enough affordable housing in the town and this creates an opportunity for the Council to develop its own housing stock. If and when the time comes, the Council will make the decision on whether to build on the land, based on consultation with residents.

It was **RESOLVED** to keep the Lowerside allotment land in the Local Plan for development of affordable housing.

Councillors Black, Cottle and Cousins abstained from the vote.

Councillor Cousins said that it is important, for the sake of transparency, that the Town Council becomes more open about its strategies.

The Town Clerk was asked to point out to Mendip District Council that the Town Council owns land at Common Moor which would be used to resite allotments, if necessary, not land at Uppingstock Farm.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 160 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, the press and public were excluded for the following item (164) due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

150. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO ASSIST WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SITE FOR A FAIR FIELD

The Mayor explained that the Tor Fair working group concluded that the preferred site for a Fair field is 'Herbies Field'. At a meeting with Hazel Pegg, Paul Manning and the Mayor, the owners had indicated they would be willing to lease the land to the Town Council at an annual rent of £5000. Councillor Tucker suggested that to protect the land for future generations it might be prudent to ask the owners whether they would be prepared to sell the land to the Town Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillors George and Tucker to approach the owners and to ask whether they would be prepared to sell to the Town Council and to report their findings to the Town Council as soon as possible.

The Mayor confirmed that residents living near the site have not yet been consulted on the matter.

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