



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of A361 Committee held on 5 March 2024 at 7 pm	
Councillors Present	Lokabandhu, S. Roney-Dougal, and M. Smyth
Apologies	Cllrs J. Cousins and I. Donfrancesco, L. MacDougall, and M White
Absent	Cllrs Cottle and Cousins
In Attendance	Town Clerk, John Roberts (retired Traffic Engineer), and 7 members of the public
Public Participation	5 members of the public spoke about the A361

In the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair, Cllr Smyth was unanimously voted to chair the meeting.

30. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllrs Donfrancesco, MacDougall, and White owing to illness. These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

Cllr Smyth proposed that Cllr Lokabandhu be a voting member of this committee. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

31. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No interested were declared in addition to those already declared to the Monitoring Officer.

32. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS A CORRECT RECORD

The minutes were considered a true record and were **SIGNED** by the Chair.

33. TO REVIEW ACTIONS RAISED FROM THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Cousins had offered apologies and there was no update on his action in relation to the 7.5t weight limit.

Cllr Roney-Dougal raised that a visitor number was found for Chalice Well, and it receives 40,000 visitors per year.

Cllr Lokabandhu found the online files from the previous campaign's website and was to send them to the Town Clerk.

Cllr Smyth welcomed Jon Roberts to the meeting and thanked him for sparing the time to speak to the committee about the A361 and share his specialist knowledge.

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34. TO CONSIDER FUTURE STEPS TO IMPROVE THE A361 AND REDUCE ITS IMPACT ON GLASTONBURY

The Chair invited several members of the public to speak on the issue of the A361.

The Chair invited John Roberts to share his reflections on the issue of the A361. Mr Roberts advised that trying to widen the pavement by cutting back the hedges and verges. Mr Roberts offered several insights to the committee and public in attendance.

The committee discussed various ways to continue to call for an improvement to the A361.

35. TO REVIEW AND ASSIGN ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

- Cllr Roney-Dougal would reply to an email thread from Somerset Council and Somerset, encouraging them to meet the committee to discuss the issue.
- All Councillors discussed pressuring Parliamentary Candidates for the next General Election to make a commitment on the issue.

36. TO SET THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be organised between members and officers at a time to suit all parties.

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