



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of A361 Committee held on 24 January 2024 at 7 pm	
Councillors Present	Lokabandhu, L. MacDougall, S. Roney-Dougal, M. Smyth and M. White.
Apologies	Cllrs J. Cousins and I. Donfrancesco
Absent	Cllr Cottle
In Attendance	Town Clerk
Public Participation	None

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cousins and Donfrancesco owing to a conflicting meeting and illness respectively. These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

24. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr MacDougall declared that she lives on the route.

25. 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.

26. 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 Smyth had advised that the original surveyors report from the 1960s was not available. Cllr Smyth further updated however that Draper's had advised that they have an annual usage of their car park for the Tor of around 15,000 to 17,500 vehicles.

Cllr MacDougall advised that the National trust estimate there are 150,000 annual visitors to the Tor. Cllr MacDougall further advised that the previous website was now defunct, but that paper files had been found.

The Town Clerk have an update on the request to alter the Rush Hill junction sign from Somerset Council, shared the Freedom of Information Request response, and that the Speed Indicator device for Coursing Batch had been ordered.

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

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

28. TO REVIEW AND ASSIGN ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

- The Town Clerk would request a further update from the FOI request as it had omitted costs.
- Cllr Smyth would look over the paper files retrieved by Cllr MacDougall and pick out the salient points.
- Cllr Roney-Dougal is to request annual visitor numbers from the Chalice Well.
- The Committee will collectively look at the old “Lighten the Load” website on ‘The Wayback Machine’ to view the old content.
- Cllr MacDougall would do research into the 7.5t weight limit previously assigned to Cllr Cousins and would also liaise with Somerset Highways (Mo’D).
- A local retired traffic engineer would be invited to the next meeting.

29. TO SET THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be organised around external guests on either 5 March or 2 April 2024.

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