

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th August 2014 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: J Barron, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, M Free, I Forster, S Henderson, J Keery, W Knight, H Sharp, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker

APOLOGIES: Councillor D Michell

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
County Councillor A Gloak MBE
County Councillor T Napper
PC N Wolstenholme
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden – Macebearer

Public participation

Lancelot Turnbull spoke about the Lisbon Treaty and warned Councillors that Agenda 21 was voluntarily taken on and after November 2014 the Country will not be able to opt out of Agenda 21. He asked Councillors to read the document.

Jane Raine spoke about the Town Heraldry and said that the current motto does not seem to reflect what Glastonbury as a Town is now.

Morgana West spoke on her own behalf and Glastonbury Reception Centre. She said that in 2010 the Glastonbury Peace Candle came into being and is gaining a national reputation. The candle has become known as the Unity Candle and as the Town Council has shown support she hoped that this bridge between the community would encourage the Town Council to consider a new more inclusive motto.

Lokabandu asked that the Town Council reviews the current motto and pointed out that the Patmos Twinning document does not recognise it.

A representative from Wessex Water spoke about works to the sewers along Bere Lane which would be starting soon. He confirmed that noisy operations would be confined to day time. Councillor Tucker said that the work would need to be finished as quickly as possible, before the carnival season.

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the Unity candle and a moment for quiet reflection. Members were asked to remember Shane Avery, Director of Moorview Plant Hire who had carried out works for the Council and the Town and died recently in tragic circumstances.

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

47. REPORT FROM PC NEIL WOLSTENHOLME

PC Neil Wolstenholme introduced himself as the new Beat Manager working in conjunction with PC Mark Pople.

48. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury Forum held on 11th June 2014 were considered and approved.
- b) The meeting of the Glastonbury in Bloom Committee held on 2nd July 2014 were considered and approved.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th July 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 29th July 2014 were considered and approved.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 29th July 2014 were considered and approved.
- f) The minutes of the meeting of the Heraldry Committee held on 7th August 2014 were considered. Discussion took place regarding the motto in its current form. Councillor Cousins said that in light of the comments during public participation he would urge the Town Council to adopt the more inclusive motto May Glastonbury Flourish, originally suggested by Geoffrey Ashe. Councillor Henderson said that he now felt that the current motto was not appropriate for the Town and would support the use of May Glastonbury Flourish. Various comments were made by other Councillors and the Mayor called for a vote. It was **RESOLVED** by a vote of 8 for and 6 against that the Town Council accepts the recommendations of the Committee and registers the shield of a mitre with cross crosiers on a blue background with the motto Floreat Ecclesia Anglicana. A recorded vote was called for. Councillors J Barron, I Tucker, H Sharp, M Free, S Thurgood, W Knight, J Coles and J Brunsdon MBE voted for the proposal. Councillors J Keery, N Cottle, I Forster, S Henderson, J Cousins and A Black voted against the proposal. Councillor Shepherd abstained.

49. 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.

50. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Gloak provided a written report. He was asked to arrange a meeting with Chris Betty to further discuss the proposal for additional signage to car parks in the Town.

The Town Council advised that the clearway signs around the Tor are not understood by many parking there and that double yellow lines would be more effective.

Following a meeting with the County Council and Bristol Water the Town Council does not accept that the water leak around the Tor is not the responsibility of Bristol Water.

Councillor Sharp said that he is concerned that development at Lower Edgarley will mean access will be very dangerous. He suggested the entrance should come out opposite Saunder's Farm.

Councillor Keery said he had recently heard that the Head of Children's Services had been paid a salary of £318,000 through a limited company in order to evade tax. It was **AGREED** that this Council should write to the Chief Executive to say that Glastonbury Town Council does not support tax avoidance schemes and ask for an explanation.

Councillor Napper provided a verbal report and displayed a poster warning against loan sharks.

51. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

District Councillors provided written and verbal reports.

Councillor Cottle said he will be raising concerns about the length of time planning applications are taking to be considered.

The Town Clerk was asked to write to the District Council regarding the delays and to stress the importance of the planning department being set and given enough budget to cope with the workload efficiently.

52. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last meeting the Mayor had opened the Goddess Conference, attended Mary Claridge's Book Launch and spoken on Glastonbury FM.

He encouraged people to attend as many of the WW1 commemoration events as possible.

53. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Knight said that the Blessing of Tor Fair would take place on 5th September 2014 from 11 – 11.30am at the Fairground.

Councillor Brunsdon MBE reported that the Sheep Run would be taking place on 4th October 2014.

54. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Brunsdon MBE reported that the Lake Village timbers are remaining moist and that the site covers more area than thought before.

55. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Letter from Mrs Rosemary Greene – Request to oppose proposal by J D Wetherspoons to set up business in Glastonbury. The reporter present at the meeting confirmed that she had heard from Wetherspoons that they are actively looking for a premises in the Town.

The following correspondence was noted:

- b) Mendip District Council – Parish Information Bulletin – July 2014
- c) Letter from Harry Horler and Robin Callender 'The High Street Hustle' – Event cancellation due to lack of volunteers. This was a proposed time trial

cycling event which would have taken place in the town centre. Councillor Keery had seen a similar event in another town which was very successful. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the organisers to encourage them to apply for financial assistance towards the event, should they feel able to go ahead in the future.

Mayor, 9th September 2014