

Annual meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: D Abbot, G Avalon, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, E George, S Henderson, J Keery, L Macdougall, D Michell, P Sander-Jackson, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker

APOLOGIES: PC Neil Wolstenholme

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
County Councillors: A Gloak and T Napper
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden – Macebearer
David Greenway – Town Crier
Mayor’s Chaplains – Diana Greenfield and Dreow Bennett

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the Unity candle and a moment for quiet reflection.

The outgoing Mayor, J Barron gave a speech before presiding over the election of Mayor.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor J Keery, seconded by Councillor I Tucker and unanimously

RESOLVED

that Councillor D Michell be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

The outgoing the Mayor retired from the meeting at this point.

Councillor D Michell read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct. In her acceptance speech she appointed Mr Rik Cook as her Consort.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor N Cottle, seconded by Councillor S Shepherd and unanimously

RESOLVED

that Councillor J Cousins be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

County Councillor Gloak and Dreow Bennett left the meeting at this point.

4. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANTS-AT MACE

The Mayor appointed Gary Knight and Terry Dowden as her Sergeants-at-Mace for the ensuing year.

5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN TO THE MAYOR

The Mayor announced that Reverend Sister Diana Greenfield and Arch Druid of Avalon, Dreow Bennett had agreed to act as her Chaplains for the ensuing year.

6. STANDING COMMITTEES

AGREED that the following appointments be made for the ensuing year.

Town Hall	Councillors: D Abbott, G Avalon, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, E George, S Henderson, L Macdougall, D Michell, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker
Finance and General Purposes	Councillors: D Abbott, G Avalon, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, E George, S Henderson, J Keery, L Macdougall, D Michell, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker
Promoting Glastonbury Forum	Councillors: D Abbott, G Avalon, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, N Cottle, J Cousins, E George, S Henderson, L Macdougall
Property and Assets	Councillors: D Abbott, G Avalon, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, E George, S Henderson, J Keery, L Macdougall, D Michell, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker
Planning	Councillors: D Abbott, G Avalon, J Brunsdon MBE, J Cousins, E George, L Macdougall, S Henderson, P Sander-Jackson, S Shepherd, I Tucker
Staffing	Councillors: Michell, Cousins and Chairman of Town Hall, Property and Assets, Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Board
Youth Provision	Councillors: G Avalon, J Coles, N Cottle, E George, S Henderson, J Keery, L Macdougall, S Thurgood
Glastonbury in Bloom	Councillors: G Avalon, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, N Cottle, P Sander-Jackson, I Tucker, E George
Frost Fayre	Councillors: G Avalon, A Black, E George, L Macdougall, D Michell, I Tucker

Councillor Avalon hoped that the Promoting Glastonbury Forum could meet monthly with the first meeting being held in June.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

AGREED that the following appointments be made for the ensuing year.

Austin Memorial Homes	(4)	On the recommendation of the Secretary, Councillor J Keery nominations to be arranged following the next Trustee meeting)
Glastonbury Tribunal	(1)	Councillors: J Cousins
Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Joint Committee	(8)	Councillors: J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, E George, S Thurgood, I Tucker and one representative from Sharpham
Citizens' Advice Bureau	(3)	Councillors: G Avalon, L Macdougall
Somerset Associations of Local Councils	(2)	Councillors: G Avalon and N Cottle
Glastonbury Charities	(1)	The Mayor
St Edmund's Community Hall Management Committee	(4)	Councillors: A Black, N Cottle, J Cousins, I Tucker
Glastonbury Community Development Trust	(2)	Councillors: G Avalon and L Macdougall
Talking Newspapers for the Blind	(1)	Councillor D Michell
Community Speed Watch	(2)	Councillors S Thurgood and D Abbott
Mendip Health and Wellbeing Panel	(1)	Councillor E George
PACT	(3)	Councillors: D Michell, S Thurgood and S Henderson
Poppy Concert	(1)	Councillor S Thurgood
Fairtrade	(2)	G Avalon and L Macdougall

8. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The draft calendar of meetings for Town Council, Planning Meeting, Town Hall and Finance and General Purposes Committee for 2015/2016, copies of which had been circulated to each member, was **APPROVED**.

9. SIGNATORIES TO BANK ACCOUNT

RESOLVED that Councillors: Brunsdon, Cousins, Coles and Michell be appointed as signatories to the HSBC bank accounts along with the Town Clerk and that Councillors Brunsdon, Michell and the Town Clerk be appointed as signatories to the Santander deposit account.

10. 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.

11. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14th April 2015, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 28th April 2015, were received.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

It was proposed by Councillor J Keery, seconded by Councillor N Cottle and unanimously **RESOLVED** in view of the recent successful diversion of lorry traffic from the A361 in Glastonbury for sewer repairs, that this Council requests Somerset County Council applies an emergency TRO weight limit of 7.5 tonnes to this route.

Councillor D Abbott and Lyndsay Macdougall asked for a further meeting to discuss the A361. The next traffic working group was arranged for 16th June 2015 at 7pm at Glastonbury Town Hall. It was **AGREED** that members of public are welcome to attend.

Councillor Cousins said it was important for us confirm what the proper classification for the road is.

The Town Clerk will inform David Fothergill, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and the MP for the Wells Constituency of the decision of the Council and arrange a meeting to discuss the matter.

Councillor Brunsdon hoped the Somerset County Council Road Traffic Management Group could be resurrected as it had been extremely useful in the past.

Councillor Napper said that he would support a 20 mph limit for the Town.

13. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Councillor Thurgood reported that a child had recently been knocked down and injured by a drunk driver outside St Benedict School.

It was **AGREED** to put the matter of a 20 mph limit for Glastonbury on the next Council agenda and to meet with the Head of the school. The matter will also be discussed at the traffic meeting on 16th June.

- b) Councillor Coles announced that there would be an open day at the Carnival Club sheds on 31st May 2015 from 2-6pm.
- c) The Mayor announced that Mayor's Sunday will be held on 14th June 2015. Invitations will be issued shortly.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Email from Councillor John Osman accepting invitation to attend 9th June 2015 Council Meeting in order to explain the position of the County Council in relation to Children's Services
- b) Mendip District Council – Notification of Closure of Road for Anglican Glastonbury Pilgrimage between 14.30 and 15.30 hours (High Street, Magdalene Street and Market Place).
- c) Mendip Community Credit Union Spring 2015 Newsletter

For consideration:

- d) The Glastonbury Pilgrimage Association – Invitation to Mayor and Councillors to Solemn Mass at 12 noon, 11th July 2015 – Anglican Glastonbury Pilgrimage – It was **AGREED** that the Mayor attends with the Civic Party.
- e) Glastonbury and Street Sea Cadets - Invitation for a representative of the Town Council to attend AGM on 20th May 2015 at 7pm – The Mayor **AGREED** to attend.

Mayor, 9th June 2015