

## Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors: G Avalon, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, J Cousins, N Cottle, E George, S Henderson, J Keery, L MacDougall, D Michell (Mayor), P Sander-Jackson, S Thurgood, I Tucker

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: D Abbott, S Shepherd  
County Councillors A Gloak and T Napper  
The Town Crier

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
Gary Knight – Macebearer  
Terry Dowden – Macebearer  
PCSO S Bishop

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

### **Public Participation**

- Mrs Angela Friend complained about the length of public participation at the last meeting and her disappointment that the presentation from Fusion Leisure had to be cut short due.
- Mr J Barron highlighted the Mendip District Council Local Legacy Fund
- Dr H Sharp said something has happened recently as the heavy traffic along the A361 has increased even more. He urged the Town Council to hold a public meeting with County Highways Officers to discuss the A361
- Mr Cohen complained about people parking across drop kerbs and in turning bays in Turstin Road.
- Mr Burt complained about anti-social behaviour emanating from the Tor Leisure site and criminal damage to his vehicle.

### **61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J Cousins – Harvest Show – Personal interest  
Councillor P Sander-Jackson, A Black, J Cousins, E George, N Cottle - Mendip Community Credit Union – Personal interest

### **62. POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Spencer Bishop reported

- 999 day at Morrisons on 19<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10am.
- The amalgamation of Glastonbury and Street Pubwatch.
- Next PACT meeting to be held at Glastonbury Town Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7pm

Councillor Cousins suggested making PACT an event on Facebook.

Councillor Brunsdon spoke about anti-social behaviour on the Millstream estate, exacerbated by sale of alcohol at Tescos and other establishments in the Wirral Park area. He had been informed by the licensing enforcement officer that the police would need to request a review of the premises.

PCSO Bishop confirmed that the Police have a duty of care towards children under 16 causing problems and will take them home.

PCSO Bishop advised Councillor MacDougall, who was interested in the ride along with police scheme to contact Avon and Somerset Police or Street Police Station for an application form.

### **63. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record. It was noted that Councillor Henderson had provided a written report.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury forum held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015, were accepted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015, were accepted. Councillor MacDougall and George will attend the Mendip District Council Planning Board meeting to object to the 102 Bove Town application, on behalf of the Town Council. Local Plan Consultation Part II – Site allocations will be taking place at the Town Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 from 10am-8pm.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Glastonbury in Bloom Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015, were accepted. Councillor Tucker encouraged Councillors to attend the presentation evening on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and the Town Clean-up on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the A361 Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015, were accepted. Councillor Tucker pointed out that the MP had agreed to walk the route on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Councillor Thurgood reported that between 8.30am and 9.20am Speed Watch counted 861 vehicles travelling along Street Road 59 of which were HGV's. She said that Speed Watch reports go to Avon and Somerset Police.

Councillor Tucker said that the A361 Committee as yet had not heard from the County Council on whether they are prepared to carry out a vehicle count and on the recommendation of the MP, has discussed the possible need to commission a traffic study to present to Somerset County Council.

### **64. NOTICE OF MOTION**

It was proposed by Councillor Sander-Jackson, seconded by Councillor S Henderson and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council uses £3500 of its £5000 deposit with Mendip Community Credit Union to underwrite a guarantee fund for Glastonbury to allow the Credit Union to make loans to those in the town who are in financial hardship and who are vulnerable to exploitative credit terms.

## **65. NOTICE OF MOTION**

It was proposed by Councillor D Michell and seconded by Councillor J Cousins that this Council agrees to join Mayors for Peace for the sum of £10.35 to express Glastonbury's support for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Councillor Keery, although in full support of the gesture, suggested that the incumbent Mayor should be given the option as to whether they wish to join Mayors for Peace. Councillor Cousins said that the default is presumed that the Council continues membership until it resigns.

Councillor Keery proposed an amendment, seconded by Councillor Tucker that the word 'Glastonbury's' be replaced with 'their individual'. The amendment was carried which became the substantive motion. The substantive motion was carried unanimously.

The Town Clerk will arrange for membership.

## **66. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor attended the following on behalf of the Town since the last meeting.

- Glastonbury FM radio show
- Prayers by Bishop at Market Cross and blessing of new memorial stone
- Funeral for Sunbird. The Mayor thanked Mayor's Chaplain Rev Sister Diana Greenfield for officiating
- Freeman Sheep Run on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015
- Chard Civic Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015
- Morrison's fundraising on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2015
- WI 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015
- High Sheriff Award Ceremony on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- Friends of West Mendip Hospital Fete

## **67. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Cousins reported on the Grail Project which is a pan European project intending to create a Pilgrim route following the route of the Holy Grail. He and Mayor attended a focus group meeting at the University of London on the matter on 26<sup>th</sup> August when Glastonbury was described as a 'meganode' of the project. Professor Fidgeon who is leading the project in the UK, has been invited to Glastonbury to meet interested parties.

Councillor Cousins reported that the presentation of the Freedom of Glastonbury to Geoffrey Ashe had been arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 3pm. All Councillors are invited. He and the Town Clerk will produce a certificate to be presented to Mr Ashe.

Councillor Cottle said that he has been invited to a U3A meeting to talk about his family history.

Councillor George updated the Council on recent developments regarding Foamstream. She said that results from the demonstration were impressive and that WeedTech have loaned a unit with driver for 2 days for use in Glastonbury,

free of charge, in order to carry out further trials. Councillor George and the Community Warden have mapped out areas in the town for treatment and a member of the Town Council team has been allocated to assist. Cost implications for the future are being investigated.

The Communications group has met and will report to the next Town Council meeting.

Councillor Thurgood said that she and Mrs Jessie Henderson would be visiting Patmos shortly and had arranged to meet with the Mayor of Patmos and twinning representatives.

Councillor Coles reminded Councillors that the blessing of the Tor Fair, the oldest Charter Fair in the Country, would be taking place at 10.45am on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

Councillor Sander-Jackson said he has spoken to the manager and that there is no truth in the rumour that the Co-op store in the High Street is closing.

Councillor Cousins encouraged Councillors to enter the Councillor Challenge at the Harvest Show on 12<sup>th</sup> September at the Town Hall. It will be announced at the Show that Glastonbury has renewed its Fairtrade Status.

Councillor Cousins said that storage is needed in Glastonbury for items being collected for refugees. Morgana West said that drop off points are needed, not long term storage as there is now a central storage point in Frome. Councillor Avalon suggested asking the Abbey if St Dunstan's House could be used.

Councillor Cottle suggested the Town Council could temporarily rent a container.

The Town Clerk will contact the group to see what is required.

## **68. 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.

## **69. BUDGET**

A copy of the budget was circulated to Councillors. It was noted with interest that the car park takings to date exceed the budget figure.

## **70. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Coles reported that due to lack of staff the Street Licensing Scheme is in abeyance.

Councillor Brunsdon pointed out the importance of obtaining listed building consent.

Councillor Cottle reported his attendance at the Licensing Board and a Standards meeting and a meeting with residents at Cottle Close.

Councillor Henderson provided a written report. He said that the Landscape Group are soon to have a review and Councillors should report any problems to him so he can discuss them with the contract manager.

Councillor Brunson spoke about flytipping at Hanover Square which has occurred since the large business refuse bins have been removed. The Glastonbury in Bloom Committee has arranged for placed flower containers to be put in their place to discourage tipping and to improve the look of the area.

Councillors discussed the need to raise public awareness about leaving rubbish.

The Town Clerk was asked to contact Stuart Brown about the licensing issue.

## **71. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillors Gloak and Napper provided written reports.

## **72. YOUTH COUNCIL**

Councillor Thurgood said that Theo Wilson has written an article for the Basis magazine. The poster for the Battle of the Bands being held on 6<sup>th</sup> November has been printed. Winners will play at the Godney Gathering and have the chance to record at Orchard Studios. 11-16 year olds from Glastonbury and Street are being invited to enter. The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

## **73. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Cousins reported his attendance at the TIC Annual General Meeting. He said that the TIC would like to see the 'i' symbol featured on the new Town signs. He handed the Town Clerk a copy of the annual accounts for the Town Council records and in order to release the annual grant funding to the TIC.

## **74. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Community Council for Somerset - Somerset Rural Conference and AGM – Booking form – It was **AGREED** that Councillor Avalon should attend. The cost of £25 to be met using the training budget.
- b) Email from Joy Ellery, Operational Manager for Community Payback in the South Somerset and Mendip Area. The Town Clerk was asked to enquire further.

The following correspondence was noted:

- c) Email from Harvest Show thanking Town Council for the use of the Town Hall for the Harvest Show on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- d) Mendip District Council – Parish Newsletter – September 2015

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**Mayor, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015**