



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: G. Avalon, J. Brunsdon MBE, J. Coles, J. Cousins, N. Cottle, E. George, S. Henderson, J. Keery, L. MacDougall, D. Michell [Mayor], T. Napper (Town and County Councillor), S. Thurgood, I. Tucker

APOLOGIES: Councillors: D Abbott and A Black

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor A. Gloak
Terry Dowden Macebearer
Gary Knight Macebearer
The Town Crier

A candle was lit and a short time of silence was held for reflection by those present

Public Participation

Martin Campbell spoke about vehicles speeding along Street Road and the dangerous zebra crossing. Councillor Gloak agreed to put a request for improvements in under the small improvements scheme.

Malcolm Allen spoken about forward planning and the campaign for community banking.

166. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

The Town Clerk was asked to respond the letter in the Central Somerset Gazette from Mr White relating to St Dunstan's House

167. POLICE REPORT

PC Jeremy Burstow introduced himself as the joint Beat Manager for Glastonbury working with PC Neil Wolstenholme. He reported on Pub Watch and the MDC mobile CCTV unit. He asked for Councillors to send questions in advance to PC Wolstenholme. He reported on working with the schools to identify graffiti tags. Councillors reported that the Youth Council are looking at providing a graffiti wall and

that graffiti is on the agenda to be discussed at the next Youth Council meeting. Councillor Cottle said it would be useful to have statistics relating to farm thefts. Councillor Napper reported an abandoned car near Morrisons supermarket.

168. TTIP – PRESENTATION FROM GUY TAYLOR, GLOBAL JUSTICE

Guy Taylor spoke on behalf of Global Justice who are campaigning against the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) between the EU and USA. He highlighted their concern about the effect TTIP will have on local Councils and said that 1000 councils have taken a stand against the introduction of TTIP. Mr Taylor circulated a campaign briefing and the document 'Fighting TTIP, CETA and ISDS – Lessons from Canada, for information.

The Mayor thanked Mr Taylor for attending the meeting. It was **AGREED** that the Council should hear from an impartial observer in order for them to make a balanced decision when considering the TTIP motion deferred at the March 2016 Town Council meeting.

169. MINUTES

- The minutes of the Glastonbury Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2016, which had been circulated to each member, were signed by the Mayor as a correct record with the removal of the fourth bullet point on page 65.
- The minutes of the Youth Provision Committee held on 15th March 2016 were accepted.
- The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22nd March 2016 were accepted
- The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 22nd March 2016 were accepted
- The minutes of the Promoting Glastonbury Committee held on 24th March 2016 were accepted. The chairman drew the Council's attention to the resolution recommending the production of a leaflet for tourists informing them of the ATM's in town and main attractions.
- The minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 5th April 2016 were noted.

170. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was **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.

171. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor A. Gloak had tabled a written report.

He undertook to check why the downlighters at the Street Road pedestrian crossing were not working. He said that the pedestrian crossing at Chilkwel Street had not been

approved by Highway as the sight lines are not sufficient near Bere Lane. He suggested traffic lights may be the answer.

Councillor Cottle asked whether the £1m grant for potholes is going to be sufficient.

Councillor Tucker asked the County Councillors to investigate whether the Glastonbury hub could be used to house a community bank. He argued that there is room for a zebra crossing at Chilwell Street and asked the County Councillors to investigate further.

County Councillor Napper reported that devolution would bring in £4bn to the area.

Councillors were alarmed that Somerset had chosen to link with Devon.

172. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon reported that:

- Coping stones on St Benedict's churchyard wall have been repaired/replaced by Mendip District Council, thereby fulfilling its duty to maintain closed churchyards.
- St John's Car Park canopy has been damaged by a vehicle and that an insurance claim is in progress.
- Hanover Square – Discussions are taking place with the Abbey about siting the bins which are illegally placed in Hanover Square in Silver Street car park.

Councillor Napper reported that there are a number of enforcement orders on the zigzag building on the Morland's site relating to untidiness and illegal camping.

Councillor Cousins said that there would not be a problem if the District Council had not agreed to close the unofficial site and fulfilled its duty to provide a traveller site.

Councillor Keery said that all District Councillors should be pushing the Enforcement Team to take action.

Councillor Napper said that the group calling for village green status were holding up the lease with Fusion to operate the Tor Leisure Centre. At the discretion of the Mayor, Paul Manning informed the meeting that Mendip District Council has altered the agreement to read that Fields in Trust should last for the length of the lease and not in perpetuity. It was **AGREED** that this should be placed on the agenda for the June meeting. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the District Council on the matter to request they carry out what was promised ie that the Mendip District Council hands over Benedict Street playing fields to Fields in Trust in perpetuity. The District Councillors were asked to discuss this matter urgently with the Chief Executive and the legal team.

District Councillor J. Coles submitted a written report. He asked for CCTV to be discussed at the June meeting and for Councillors in doubt about the system to visit the control room in Wells.

Councillor Henderson submitted a written report. He reported that the District Council were launching a consultation relating to licensing.

Councillor Thurgood complained about congestion in the High Street. Councillor George said this had been highlighted at the Town Centre working group. Councillor Keery said that traders need to insist that where possible deliveries are made to the back of the premises.

173. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Theo Wilson updated the Town Council on developments since the last meeting. Councillors had been provided with copies of minutes from the last Youth Council meeting. He urged the Planning Committee and District Councillors ensure that Section 106 agreements are sought for larger developments in the Town.

174. LAST BANK STANDING

Councillor Avalon was pleased to report that the Nat West bank has agreed to bring a mobile bank to St Dunstan's Car Park on a Friday morning. Details to follow. He thanked the core group of the Last Bank Standing campaign and those that took part in the flash mob at the Lloyds Bank closure.

175. SOMERSET SAVINGS AND LOANS CREDIT UNION

Following the lost of all bank branches in the Town it was **AGREED** to invite Somerset Savings and Loans Credit Union to the June Council meeting to discuss the possibility of opening a branch in the Town. It was hoped that the Mendip Community Credit Union could also be asked for their input.

176. NOTICE OF MOTION

It was proposed by Councillor Michell, seconded by Councillor J Cousins and **RESOLVED** that this Council approves – as part of the international campaign for World Peace acknowledged on 1st May – that the Mayor of Glastonbury joins Mayors from around the globe in making a proclamation of peace.

177. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported the following:

- Interview with children on 10th March
- Clean for the Queen Town clean-up on 20th March
- Judging of the Forget-me-not club Easter bonnet and Easter Egg competition on 29th March.

She encouraged Councillors to join the procession to the lighting of the beacon on the Tor to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday on 21st April 2016 and to attend her charity tea dance and evening function on 23rd April.

178. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Cousins said that Rev David MacGeoch would like to lead the procession to the lighting of the beacon. He also reported that he attended the Carnival Club get together at Compton Dundon village hall.

Councillor Thurgood reported that Councillor MacDougall had now joined the Speed Watch volunteers but more were still needed. She reported that the next 999 day will be held at Morrisons on 16th April.

Councillor Abbott reported that the MP would be updating the A361 Committee at 6.15pm on 21st April prior to his joining the procession to the Tor.

179. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Letter from 914 (Glastonbury & Street) Sqn (Air Cadets) requesting to plant a tree in Glastonbury marking the 75th Anniversary of the Air Training Corps – This item was referred to the Glastonbury in Bloom Committee
- b) Email from Meredith Roberts requesting resources relating to Glastonbury to be sent to Patmos for display at the Twinning Exhibition – The Town Clerk will provide a video of Glastonbury for the exhibition
- c) Letter from Mrs J Marshall re temporary alteration of Tor Bus route due to emergency water works – Councillor Brunsdon suggested an alternative route which the Town Clerk will discuss with Mendip Community Transport
- d) Email from Somerset County Council re resignation of Parish Path Liaison Officer – Councillor Brunsdon said that Kevin Mitchell, member of Glastonbury Conservation Society is prepared to take over the role. AGREED to

The following correspondence was noted:

- e) Letter from Paul Sander-Jackson resigning as Town Councillor
- f) Letter of thanks from Glastonbury and Street Lions Club for grant
- g) Letter from Ynyswitrin Living History Project announcing the launch of their living history project on 30th April 2016

180. PRESS RELEASES

No press releases were proposed.

MEETING CLOSED 9.55pm

Mayor, 10th May 2016