



# Glastonbury Town Council

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: D Abbott, G Avalon, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, E George, S Henderson, J Keery, W Knight, L MacDougall, D Michell, T Napper, I Tucker

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor S Thurgood  
County Councillor A Gloak

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
Gary Knight – Macebearer  
Terry Dowden - Macebearer  
David Greenway – Town Crier

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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

- Angela Friend spoke about the Mayor's robe
- Alda Gerchi and Caroline Aldridge spoke about their proposal for an art project at the Town Hall
- Morgana West spoke in defence of the mural in Northload Street which she believes prevents unpleasant graffiti.
- Karen Genge spoke about the need for a homeless shelter in Glastonbury
- Malcolm Allen asked how the members of the public were elected on to the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group. He was referred to the Neighbourhood Planning Officer.
- Chrissie Peters spoke about the idea of a community 'fridge'. She was asked to make a grant application to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- Greg Manning from Excalibur Café spoke about the problems with the siting of the café bins on the Highway in Hanover Square. It was suggested this could be discussed by Councillors at the next Planning Meeting.
- Chris Reeves, CCTV Manager reminded the Councillors about the pending Service Level Agreement.

## **19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

## **20. REPORT FROM GLASTONBURY POLICE BEAT TEAM**

PCSO Bishop reported on the PACT priorities.

Councillor Tucker asked the police their opinion of CCTV. The Police confirmed that CCTV is invaluable. Many prosecutions are made through evidence obtained especially at the weekend.

Councillor George had heard from Police in the past that the images are poor. Chris Reeves said that the equipment used is fit for purpose. There are no guarantees that all images will be perfect due to weather conditions and lighting but in general they are good.

## **21. DIVERSITY OF GLASTONBURY - MORGANA WEST – THE PATH OF THE WISE WOMAN**

At the invitation of the Mayor, Morgana West gave a short presentation on her path through life.

The Mayor said that he intended this to be a regular slot when he will invite representatives people from different faiths to each Council meeting.

## **22. SOMERSET SAVINGS AND LOANS CREDIT UNION – PRESENTATION FROM JACKIE SIMPSON AND DON DAVIS**

Jackie Simpson and Don Davis gave a presentation on Somerset Savings and Loans Credit Union to the Town Council and provided written copies. They detailed what they could offer at present ie account opening, savings accounts, transactional accounts linked to pre-paid Visa debit card and corporate deposit accounts. They do not offer cash withdrawal and only have limited cash deposit facilities.

Councillor Michell pointed out that there are people in the town that do not have access to the internet to operate accounts online. What they are looking for is a branch service where they can deposit and withdraw cash particularly small businesses in Town who currently have to travel to Street to deposit cash.

Councillor Tucker said that there could be an opportunity for space in the new Glastonbury Hub. Don Davis confirmed that that a service desk would need very little space and could be operated from a desk with laptop and internet connection, ideally with a room available should customers wish to talk privately. Don Davis warned the Council that cash handling has huge security and insurance implications.

It was agreed that discussion should take place at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 about the possibility of the Town setting up a Community Interest Company to run a Community Bank in conjunction with a Credit Union. Somerset Savings and Loans to be invited.

## **23. TOR SPORT AND LEISURE**

A letter had been received from the Chief Executive of Mendip District Council (MDC), in response to that of the Town Council, regarding the apparent delay in Fusion signing the lease with MDC to operate Tor Leisure Centre.

The letter from MDC stated that the Friends of Tor Leisure had originally confirmed that they were content for the playing fields to be dedicated to Fields in Trust for a period of 50 years to match the length of Fusion's lease. Paul Manning of Friends of Tor Leisure maintains that this was never the case and that the agreement was that if the land went to Fields in Trust in perpetuity, in order to protect the land from inappropriate development, the Friends would drop the Village Green application.

Councillor Tucker said that he met with the Friends and Mendip District Council whilst he was Mayor and confirmed that he understood the agreement had been 'in perpetuity'. He called on the District Councillors to challenge the District Council officers and for them to honour the agreement originally made.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to arrange a meeting with Friends of Tor Leisure, Stuart Brown, Keith Pennyfather, Donna Nolan, Councillor Henderson and representatives from the Town Council to discuss the matter.

#### **24. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record with the addition of Councillor John Coles to the representatives for GCDT.
- b) The minutes of the Promoting Glastonbury Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 were accepted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were accepted.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were accepted.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the A361 Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were accepted.
- f) The minutes of the Property and Assets Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were accepted.

#### **25. 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.

#### **26. ACCOUNTS 2015/2016**

Copies of the income and expenditure account had been circulated to members.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts which were signed by the Mayor.

#### **27. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2015/2016**

The annual governance statement was completed and approved by full Council.

#### **28. ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2015/2016**

The accounting statements 2015/2016 had been completed by the Town Clerk and was approved by full Council.

## **29. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Coles provided a written report. He also reported on 3 traffic incidents in Manor House Road including a coach in collision with a car. Photographs taken by residents were circulated. He has spoken to Highways and asked for signage to be arranged at either end of the road stating no coaches or heavy vehicles.

Councillor Brunsdon said that Mendip District Council has a homeless officer and that there is a hostel in the Mendip area. He reported work has started on repairing the Crown Inn although the Millennium plaque appears to be missing. He was pleased to learn that the war memorial designed by Frederick Bligh Bond, situated outside St John's Church, is now listed.

Councillor Henderson reported that all the clubs at Tor Leisure are trying to get agreements in place. The bowling club is negotiating a 25 year lease. When this is completed it will provide a template for the rest. Avalon Boxing are looking forward to moving onto the site. They are looking for £75,000 initial funding.

## **30. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Gloak provided a written report.

Councillor Napper said he has requested annual average daily trip data from the County Council for the A361 Committee. The County Councillors are applying for a light controlled crossing at Street Road. He reported the merger of Taunton and Bridgwater Colleges which he hopes is a precursor to a University for Somerset.

Councillor Abbott asked why it would not be possible to provide a light controlled crossing in Chilkwel Street.

Councillor Napper said that he had been informed that a zebra crossing for Chilkwel Street in the position suggested by the Committee was not feasible.

Councillor Coles noted that Robert Burns from Burns the Bread had been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Councillor Avalon suggested that it was possible and that Section 106 monies could be used if lack of finance was an issue.

## **31. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations and other events he had attended on behalf of the Town since the last meeting.

## **32. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor George reported that the Family Fun Day held on 11<sup>th</sup> June had been a huge success. £700 worth of equipment has been obtained for St Benedict's youth club.

Councillor Keery invited Councillors to the Save the Children concert being held at the Town Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets £7.50 including a glass of wine.

Councillor Henderson invited Councillors and Council staff to the Glastonbury Fringe opening party on the 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Councillor Michell reported a workshop being held at the Red Brick Building on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Councillor Brunsdon encouraged Councillors to attend the free exhibition about the Cathars based next to Draper's in Chilkwell Street.

### **33. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

Councillor George reported that the Town Centre Working Group would be meeting tomorrow. Discussions continue about setting up a Chamber of Trade. High Street congestion will also be discussed.

### **34. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Hugh Sharp had circulated a report on Lalibela to Councillors. Councillor Keery thanked Hugh and Catherine Sharp for all the work they have done over the years improving health and educational facilities in Lalibela.

### **35. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Proposed by: Councillor Denise Michell

Seconded by: Councillor Gabriel Avalon

'That this Council agrees to fund the cost of three solar powered flashing warning lights adjacent to St Benedict's Junior School to improve road safety. Cost £3162.00 excluding VAT'.

This item was deferred to the next meeting as Councillors asked for more information and wished to know why these signs were not being fully funded by the County Council.

### **36. NOTICE OF MOTION**

It was proposed by Councillor E George, seconded by Councillor S Thurgood and **RESOLVED** that this Council, as recommended by the Communications Committee, accepts the quotation from Glastonbury Online, to include website authoring and content entry via manual data entry import, to set up a new, more user friendly website'.

Due to the late hour it was **AGREED** to defer the following item until the next meeting.

### **37. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Proposed by: Councillor E George

Seconded by: Councillor J Cousins

'That this Council resolves to apply to Somerset Highways to change all on street parking on the High Street, below Hanover Square, to deliveries only bays, with the provision of at least one disabled parking space and maintaining the taxi rank status of the lower bay on a Tuesday.'

### **39. PLANNING APPLICATION**

Somerset County Council – Building identification and available services sign over and to the side of the main entrance – Orchard Court, The Archers Way, BA6 9JB – Application to display adverts

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval for the signs.

Councillor Napper declared an interest as County Councillor and took no part in the decision.

### **40. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Mendip District Council – Council Tax Support Grant – Termination of payments from 2017-2018
- b) Historic England – Copy of letter to Jane Boldy, Conservation Officer, Mendip District Council

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**Mayor, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016**