



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 9th August 2016 at 7pm

- PRESENT:** Councillors: D Abbott, G Avalon, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, E George, S Henderson, W Knight, L MacDougall, D Michell, T Napper, S Thurgood, I Tucker
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor J Keery
Gary Knight - Macebearer
- IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk
County Councillor A Gloak
Terry Dowden - Macebearer
David Greenway – Town Crier
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sue Barnet of CND spoke about the Nagasaki Peace Declaration.

Mr Saggars put forward an alternative route for A361 traffic and supported a pedestrian crossing and speed restriction for Chilkwell Street.

Seano spoke about the proposed Mendip District Council Street Trading policy.

Jim Barron spoke about Tor Sport and Leisure and the poor state of the tennis courts and asked for an update on St Dunstan's House.

Angela Friend asked about the new weeding machine.

Heather Hall reported on the success of the cricket club and its concerns about antisocial behaviour at Tor Sport and Leisure.

Ian Mutch asked about his proposal for planting trees around the Beckery area and said he would circulate information to Councillors.

Malcolm Allen asked why there were no recycling bins in the High Street, reported speeding cars in Wells Road and why the Council Tax Support fund had been used to purchase flashing warning lights for the school. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council Tax support fund could be used for anything which the Town Council felt would benefit the residents of Glastonbury.

Karen spoke about the need for a homeless shelter in Glastonbury.

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the Unity candle and a moment for quiet reflection especially thinking of those effected by nuclear weapons on the 71st anniversary of the Nagasaki bombing.

62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

63. REPORT FROM GLASTONBURY POLICE BEAT TEAM

The PCSO present informed the Town Council that PC Wolstenholme has left his position in Glastonbury. PCSO Burge had recently joined the team.

Councillor Napper reported an illegally parked vehicle near the Morland Memorial. Councillor Cottle asked for more of a police presence at Windmill Hill. Councillor Abbott reported a tent pitched in Abbey Park. Councillor Coles said he had received numerous reports about drug dealing in the cemetery and at Lowside Road near the underpass.

The Town Clerk was asked to write to the MP and Police and Crime Commissioner to complain about the lack of resources.

64. TOR SPORTS AND LEISURE

Councillor John Parham and Keith Pennyfather from Mendip District Council were present to report on the current situation at Tor Sport and Leisure.

Councillor Parham said that the District Council has no plans to build on Tor Sport and Leisure site and would like to see it as a centre of sport excellence. A 50 year contract has been signed with Fusion but as long as there is a Village Green application pending they cannot invest in the project. Their intention is to invest £75,000 in the facility in the first three years.

Paul Manning confirmed that the Friends of Tor Leisure had understood that the agreement with Mendip District Council was that Tor Sport and Leisure would be put with Fields in Trust for perpetuity. In actual fact the District Council were only prepared to offer 50 years. Councillor Parham said that after further negotiations they would consider a 99 year lease but Councillors said that the Town will always need green space and sports facilities and therefore need to secure the use of the land in perpetuity.

Councillor Parham said that in perpetuity is unrealistic. Councillor Henderson said he thought 99 years is a good length of time and hoped an agreement could be reached soon.

In the interests of the current and future populations of Glastonbury it was **AGREED** to explore the possibility of the Town Council taking over the freehold of Tor Sport and Leisure and to place the matter on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

65. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th July 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record

- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee on 15th July 2016 were accepted
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Communications Committee held on 19th July 2016 were accepted
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 19th July 2016 were accepted
- e) The minutes of the Property and Assets Committee held on 21st July 2016 were accepted
- f) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury Committee held on 22nd July 2016 were accepted
- g) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26th July 2016 were noted
- h) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 26th July 2016 were accepted
- i) The minutes of the meeting of the A361 Committee held on 2nd August 2016 were accepted
Councillor Abbott asked the committee to arrive at the Town Hall at 2pm on 17th August

66. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Gloak provided a written report. He gave his apologies for the September and October Town Council meetings.

Councillor Napper provided a verbal report covering illegal encampments. He also reported major road works at Loxley Woods on the A39 starting on 31st August 2016.

Councillor Brunsdon said that the residents of Dod Lane and Chalice Hill Close are happy with the new yellow lines but there are other areas which need remarking.

Councillor Knight thanked Councillor Gloak for holding his open garden event. He reported parking problems in Sedgemoor Way, Paradise and Northload Street and the need for restrictions. Councillor Gloak said that the residents would need to make a request to the Council but there would be no money available for the work to be carried out in this financial year.

Councillor Coles said that permanent signs are needed at the top and bottom of Manor House Road to stop lorries and coaches using the road which is unsuitable for such vehicles.

67. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon urged land owners to remove ragwort from their land.

Councillor Coles reported that Furnicare is to amalgamate with Mendip Care and Repair.

Councillor Henderson provided a written report.

Councillor Cottle said that the grassy area owned by Bristol Water at Leg of Mutton Road needs mowing. Councillor Napper agreed to make contact with Bristol Water on the matter. He is concerned about the maintenance of the youth shelter on Windmill Hill. The Town Clerk suggested talking to the youth club about

taking on the task.

Councillors were concerned that that works were taking place in St John's Car Park at the busiest time of the year. The Mayor and the Town Clerk had contacted Stuart Finney who confirmed that it was schedule maintenance and apologised for not informing the Town Council. Councillor Tucker said that the work needs inspecting as the contractors have tarmaced around broken tree holders etc. which is unsightly.

68. STREET TRADING

The matter was referred to the Planning Committee for comment on the second draft by 25th August 2016. Seano, who spoke on the matter in public participation, was invited to attend.

69. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Town Clerk provided copies of the draft Financial Regulations based on the National Association of Local Council model regulations 2016, for adoption at the September meeting.

70. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER PRIORITIES CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

It was **AGREED** that Councillors will individually complete the questionnaire and return to the Town Clerk or complete it online.

The Town Clerk will point out to the Police Commissioner that Glastonbury contributes £1m towards the Police budget and expects value for money.

71. SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

It was proposed by Councillor Michell, seconded by Councillor Abbott and **RESOLVED** to nominate Sandra Booth for her work providing Christmas lunch for the lonely and needy and the Friday Soup lunches.

72. REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor George reported that Theo Wilson was on holiday therefore unable to provide a report. The Sea and Air Cadets have been approached and are keen to send representatives. It is hoped that the schools will be visited in September in an attempt to recruit new members.

73. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Councillor George reported that now there is a Chamber of Commerce the Town Centre Working Group will need to consider whether it is time to disband.

74. 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.

75. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that since the last Town Council meeting he had taken part in the following:

Opening of the YMCA'S Street Foyer supported housing project; attended the AGM of Glastonbury and Street Sea Cadets; attended Mendip District Council's Affordable Housing Day at Wells Town Hall; welcomed the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, Mrs Annie Maw to Glastonbury Abbey as she completed a 60 mile trek to mark the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the Duke of Edinburgh Award; Attended the vintage tea party – with music from the Harlem Rhythm Cats – raising money for the Abbey's Rescue our Ruins Appeal, Glastonbury Abbey; took part in the Peace and Unity event at Glastonbury's Peace Pole; opened the 21st Goddess Conference at Glastonbury Town Hall; took part in the University of Reading's Archaeological Archive Project Consultation at Glastonbury Abbey; opened the Healing Gardens Co-operative's Open Day, Glastonbury; took part in the 'For Nagasaki' event, marking the 71st anniversary of the atomic bomb dropped by a US military aircraft on Nagasaki City.

The Mayor reported that the Neighbourhood Plan and St Dunstan's House Consultation Days have been arranged for 14th and 15th October 2016.

76. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Coles reported he had attended the funeral of Terry Woods, ex Chairman and fund raiser for Glastonbury Carnival Committee.

77. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Chamber of Commerce – Paul Manning reported that the new Chamber of Commerce is up and running. The website is live, letters have been sent to local businesses and a business breakfast is taking place at the Abbey House on 5th September. The Town Clerk suggested that the Town Council joins.

78. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

(a) Glastonbury Chilkwell Guy Fawkes Carnival Committee Ltd – Road Closure application – Copy of letter to Mendip District Council

79. PRESS RELEASES

It was **AGREED** that the Communications Committee writes press releases about the Town Council supporting the Chamber of Commerce; update on St Dunstan's House and Tor Sport and Leisure.

Mayor, 13th September 2016