



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: D Abbott, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, J Keery, E George, S Henderson (arrived at 8.20pm), W Knight, T Napper, Lindsay MacDougall, D Michell, S Thurgood, I Tucker

APOLOGIES: Councillor G Avalon
County Councillor A Gloak MBE

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
PCSO P Linsell
Gary Knight - Macebearer
Terry Dowden - Macebearer

The Unity Candle was lit prior to a silent moment.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Roger Dow from Pendragon House spoke about the success of the commune at Butleigh Road and the rich variety of events taking place there. He hoped to be able to work with the Town Council in the future.

Malcolm Allan spoke about

- a) The Sleeping Bus project and asked whether any Councillors would like to become a Trustee
- b) Community Land Trusts

The Town Clerk will inform the Neighbourhood Plan Officer that Mr Allan wishes to join the focus group relating to housing.

Ian Mutch spoke about a film he had made about trees for Glastonbury especially to screen buildings on the industrial estates. He suggested painting trees etc on the roofs of the buildings. He was encouraged to join the Neighbourhood Plan Trees focus group and the group relating to street art.

Suzanne Addicott from Elim Centre, Wells spoke about the homelessness service they offer in and explained that they are the primary referral point for Rough Sleeping in Mendip. Their outreach workers actively seek out people living rough and work with them to get them into bricks and mortar accommodation. They provide showers, counselling, PO box and laundry services. They run a direct access hostel where people can stay for 3 months with professionals working with them during that time. They run a drop in at the Red Brick Buildings on Thursday from 1-3pm. The aim is to get people off the streets and into their own tenancy therefore they said they would not support the 'Sleeping Bus Project'. She asked

people to contact Elim if they have concerns about any one rough sleeping. The Mayor thanked Suzanne for attending the meeting.

193. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

194. REPORT FROM POLICE

PCSO Paul Linsell reported recent crime figures.

195. REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor George reported

- a) A local builder is looking at digging a test pit at the skate park prior to the erection of the graffiti wall.
- b) More entries are needed for the Battle of the Bands competition.
- c) St Dunstan's School are running a bee friendly campaign which the Youth Council hopes to be involved with.

196. REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Glastonbury Chamber of Trade and Commerce – Paul Manning, Chair of the Chamber of Commerce reported on a recent meeting held following a spate of break ins and attempted break ins. There were 6 attempted break ins one night. In several cases the shops had CCTV which captured images and police also obtained forensic evidence. The culprit was picked up, arrested and then placed on bail. He then started offending again but has now gone abroad. An emergency Chamber Meeting was called. Discussions are taking place with members about the possibility of using radios to keep in contact with each other and the Police.

197. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Town Centre – Councillor George reported that they are awaiting results from the signage group and are still waiting to hear when the traffic regulations in the High Street will come into Force.

PCSO Task and Finish Group – A report from the group was circulated to Councillors. The Mayor reminded Councillors that on 29th November 2016, the Finance and General Purposes Committee passed a motion to fund a PCSO dedicated to Glastonbury for a trial period of one year and that subsequently a task and finish group was convened to discuss terms of reference. The maximum cost to the Council of £34,631 was included in the budget for 2017-2018. The following conditions were written by the Task and Finish Group and agreed with the Constabulary.

The dedicated PCSO for Glastonbury will be recruited as an addition to the existing Glastonbury local policing team (currently two police officers and 3 PCSO's); Glastonbury Town Council will be represented in the recruitment process (short-listing and interview); the dedicated PCSO for Glastonbury's tour of duty will cover Glastonbury only and will not be removed elsewhere whilst on duty, unless their assistance is required at a life changing or life threatening situation; Glastonbury Town Council will have a role in the day-to-day tasking of the dedicated PCSO for Glastonbury and the main point of daily contact will be the Town Clerk's office.

The process will begin immediately and it is anticipated that the recruitment process will take a short period of time. The police will supply an electric bike for the use of the PCSO.

Councillor Keery said that he would expect police provision to be funded through Central Government.

Councillor Tucker said that with proper management of the PCSO, backed up with officers from the Special Constabulary the Council may be able to influence the way the town is policed.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor confirmed that they had informed the Special Constabulary Chief Constable that the Town Council will support them in a recruitment drive for officers.

Councillor Thurgood hoped that the duties of the new PCSO could include school visits.

Tor Fair – Councillor Coles reported that he had met with Chipperfields, the Mendip District Council Car Park Manager, Councillors Henderson and Knight to discuss siting the Tor Fair in St John's Car Park. All parties are quite happy with the arrangement. A meeting has been arranged between himself, Chipperfields and the emergency services.

198. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14th March 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

Reports on actions following the last Council meeting:

The Town Clerk made a Freedom of Information request to the Mendip District Council to have sight of the committee papers provided to District Councillors prior to the decision to close the traveller site. She has had an acknowledgement but has not yet received a reply.

Councillor Henderson confirmed that he had attended a meeting about the provision of disabled changing facilities which is being driven by Frome Town Council who are looking at crowd funding to subsidise the provision. Therefore he confirmed that Mendip District Council are expecting the parishes to fund their own schemes.

The Town Clerk had enquired about parking charges at Northload West car park and was informed that the charges are the same as other Mendip District Council car parks in the town.

Councillor Brunsdon contacted Mendip District Council to inform them that despite the Scout Hut being on land owned by Mendip District Council and managed by Fusion, the building is in the ownership of the Scouts. This has now been recognised by the District Council.

- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury Committee held on 15th March 2017 were accepted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Board held on 16th March 2017 were noted.

- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 21st March 2017 were noted.

Councillor Henderson arrived at the meeting at this juncture.

- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 21st March 2017 were accepted.
f) The minutes of the meeting of the A361 Committee held on 28th March 2017 were accepted.
g) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 29th March 2017 were accepted.

199. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Mayor presented Councillor Alan Gloak with a copy of the Glastonbury Seal on his retirement from the County Council. The Mayor and other Councillors spoke about Councillor Gloak's work for the town including Glastonbury in Bloom, SRB, the restoration of the Red Brick Buildings and the setting up of the TS5C charity. Councillor Gloak thanked the Mayor and Councillors and said it had been an honour for him to serve the town.

Councillor Napper reported on that a number of the railings along Chilkwell Street need replacing; further works to the cattle grid at the bottom of Wellhouse Lane.

200. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon reported that talks between the developer of the Millstream estate and the District Council regarding grounds maintenance of the estate have yet to be concluded.

Councillor Coles reported on a recent planning application in Manor House Road when he had been misinformed that the application was for a B & B when in fact it was for disabled living accommodation.

Councillor Henderson provided a written report. He also reported on the provision of disabled changing facilities which is being driven by Frome Town Council who are thinking of crowd funding to subsidise the provision.

Councillor Cottle reported that the people responsible for the fly tipping at Stonedown have been prosecuted. He asked the Town Clerk to contact Wessex Water maintenance to ask them to mow the piece of land by their facility at Leg of Mutton Road.

Councillor Keery asked the District Councillors to instruct enforcement to deal with the site at Coldharbour Bridge which continues to be an eyesore.

201. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor T Napper

Seconded by Councillor J Coles

'That Glastonbury Town Council recommends to Somerset Highways that parking restrictions stating 'no overnight parking' are introduced on the whole of Beckery Old Road on the Morland's Enterprise Park'.

Councillor Napper explained the rationale behind his proposal including the fact that vehicles are being parked along the road, on corners etc., causing obstruction and encouraging antisocial behaviour.

Councillor Michell pointed out that the bollards have been removed which has meant that vehicles are able to access the area near the skatepark. The Town Clerk said that she has reported the missing bollards to Highways.

Councillors did not think an overnight parking ban would be effective and therefore Councillors Napper and Coles agreed to withdraw the motion.

The Town Clerk was asked to contact Wessex Water about the brambles on their land adjacent to the skate park.

202. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor J Keery

Seconded by Councillor J Cousins

‘That this Council requests Mendip District Council to stop any further action concerning the Beckery Travellers’ Site until Glastonbury Town Council has seen the supporting documents for any such action, and has been properly consulted about the implications that any changes to the site would have on the town’.

Councillor Keery said that there are moves afoot ie eviction of the travellers from the site, which will cause many problems for the town. The current site is accepted by the residents and there is sufficient room for a traveller site and industrial units. If the site could be formalised there might be some way to establish a permanent site.

Councillor Henderson said that due to the proximity to the sewage works planning applications for residential development, including traveller sites would not be permitted.

Councillor Tucker reminded Councillors that Wessex Water seem to be the problem as they object to residential development in that area due to the ‘smell zone’ from the sewage works and since the RDA granted Wessex Water £1m to mitigate the smell problem, a new physical report has not been produced. In his capacity as Chairman of Beckery Island Regeneration Trust, he reported that Wessex Water only submitted a desktop model with their objection to the BIRT application for affordable housing and the application was refused on that evidence. The MP is in the process of speaking with Wessex Water on the matter.

The Motion was carried.

Councillors Brunsdon and Coles abstained from the vote.

203. GRANT FUNDING

An application for grant funding for Glastonbury and Street Lions Club for Message in this Wallet Scheme

It was **RESOLVED** to grant the sum of £50.

204. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Planning Application no. 2017/0556/TPO – 20% reduction by crown thinning to mature ash tree – Coombe Orchard – Miss Anne Furniss

RESOLVED to recommend the decision is left to the Tree Officer.

- b) Planning Application no. 2017/0534/HSE – Replacement of existing UPVC first floor windows on front elevation with hardwood sash windows – 146 Benedict Street – Mr Adrian Mullins

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

205. 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.

206. BUDGET REPORT

The budget report was noted.

207. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported his attendance at the following events since the last meeting. Meeting with Deputy Mayor and Avon and Somerset Police HR to discuss terms of reference for a dedicated PCSO for Glastonbury; High Sheriff of Somerset's Procession and Legal Service at Wells Cathedral; meeting with Mendip District Council about the traveller site; Mayor of Yeovil's charity fund raising event; Mayor's Musical Variety Evening in aid of the Glastonbury Abbey Rescue our Ruins Appeal; Beatles radio show on Glastonbury FM to be broadcast over the Easter weekend; meeting with Deputy Mayor and representatives from Chamber of Commerce to discuss recent spate of break-ins; AGM of Glastonbury FM at Hawthorns.

208. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor George reported that the first version of the new website will be available shortly for consideration.

209. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Letter from Somerset County Council re Rowley Road Footpath. Councillor Brunsdon said that the Jacob's Ladder footpath was not accepted as an alternative due to the steps and dangerous access which is not suitable for children, prams etc.

The following correspondence was noted:

- b) Mendip District Council Parish Bulletin
c) Avon and Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner Spring 2017 Newsletter

210. PRESS RELEASES

- Councillor Gloak's retirement
- Traveller site motion
- Dedicated Town Council funded PCSO for Glastonbury

211. ACTIONS ARISING DURING MEETING

Councillor Henderson to contact James Heapey MP re Wessex Water negotiations.

The Town Clerk to contact Wessex Water to mow the piece of land at Leg of Mutton Road.

Mayor, 11th April 2017