



# Glastonbury Town Council

## Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Glastonbury Town Hall

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors G Avalon and D Michell

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
Terry Dowden – Macebearer  
Gary Knight - Macebearer  
Liz Leyshon, County Councillor

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### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Angela Friend asked about the bidding system for social housing. The enquiry related to a local family living in overcrowded conditions. Councillor Coles said he has been contacted by the family and is assisting them with applications.

Chris Lavis reported that the fence around the bund near Morrisons needs repairing. Councillor Henderson said that he had spoken to the Manager at Morrisons on the matter. Mr Lavis also queried the loss of parking spaces during the Tor Far from 11-16<sup>th</sup> September. Councillor Coles confirmed that season ticket holders will be able to park in any other Mendip District Council car park for the duration of the fair.

Heather Hall of Glastonbury Cricket Club asked for an update regarding the current situation regarding the bottom field at Tor Leisure. The Mayor suggested that a meeting is called between the Town Council, Mendip District Council and Fusion. The Town Council undertook to keep the Cricket Club informed of progress.

Dr Tim Hopkinson-Ball, Chairman of Glastonbury Antiquarian Society, read out a statement in support of the notice of motion related to the statue of Jack Stag.

### 55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Napper – Strode College

### 56. YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor George reported that the skate park graffiti wall is now complete. £2500 was donated by Tesco for the project. Travis Perkins, Tor Multimix donated materials and Tom Dent, Builder provided labour free of charge.

## 57. REPORT FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Paul Manning, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce reported that 50 people attended the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary party at the Rural Life museum and that the next breakfast meeting is being held at Hawthorns on 14<sup>th</sup> August at 8am. There are now 75 members.

## 58. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record. The Mayor said that there is now a working agreement with the National Trust that the defibrillator can be sited at one of the gates near the Tor.
- b) The minutes of the A361 Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were It was proposed by Councillor Tucker, seconded by Councillor Abbott and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council purchases a speed indicator sign with the slow down legend beneath for the sum of £2800 excluding VAT, instead of the miniSID. (RTR Act 1984. ss 57,63) The minutes were then received.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Property Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were received.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017, were received.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were received.

## 59. GRANT APPLICATIONS

- a) An application from The Royal Air Forces Association for £5000 to curate an exhibition of war artists' work relevant to the RAF to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the RAF in 1918 was considered.

Paul Branson had provided a draft budget for the event. Although Councillors were supportive of the project, the general feeling was that the majority of the funding should be provided by the National Council of the Royal Air Forces Association. A proposal to grant £2500 failed and It was subsequently **RESOLVED** to grant £500 towards the project.  
(LGA 1972, S 145)

- b) An application from Strode College for £60,000 towards the estimated cost of £195,000 to resurface the All Weather Pitch located on the College' campus was considered.

After a lengthy debate it was proposed by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Coles and **RESOLVED** to grant Strode College £5000.  
(LGA 1972 s137)

A recorded vote was taken.

Councillors for the proposal: D Abbott, A Black, J Brunsdon, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, E George, S Henderson, L MacDougall  
Councillors against the proposal: Sue Thurgood, Bill Knight, Ian Tucker

Councillors Keery and Napper abstained from the vote.

## **60. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillors Coles and Henderson provided written reports.

Councillor Coles added that the Tor Fair had been given approval by Mendip District Council to use St John's Car Park.

Councillor Brunsdon said that he now has contact details for the developers responsible for landscape maintenance on the Millstream estate and suggested the details could be added to the website.

Following more complaints about rats in the town, he stressed that it is the responsibility of residents to deal with the problem themselves.

He reported on a visit of the Somerset Building Preservation Trust to Wrington the former home of Philanthropist, Hannah Moore.

Councillor Cottle asked the Town Clerk to contact Bristol Water regarding the over grown grassy area at Leg of Mutton Road.

## **61. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

The County Councillors provided written reports.

## **62. 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.

## **63. BUDGET REPORT**

The budget report to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 was circulated to Councillors and duly noted.

## **64. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER**

The consultation papers had been circulated to Councillors. Public Space Protection Orders provide additional powers to the Police and local authority officers to challenge and enforce any anti-social behaviours as identified within the PSPO. This provides officers with powers to issue fixed penalty notices for up to £100 or to prosecute in the Magistrates Court.

It was noted that A boards obstructing pavements had not been included in the Order although Glastonbury Town Council had requested that they should be. The Town Clerk said that the A Board problem had not been considered to be anti-social behaviour. She was asked to investigate whether Somerset County Council have updated their policy on A Boards. Councillor Henderson highlighted the fact that numerous businesses in Glastonbury rely on A Boards for advertising and would need to be consulted about any policy decisions.

## 65. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposer: Councillor A Black

Seconder: Councillor N Cottle

'That this Council pays the cost of hiring a Fairtrade stall at the Harvest Show to demonstrate its support of Fairtrade in the town.'

Councillor Alyson Black withdrew the motion as the organisers of the Harvest Show have permitted the Fairtrade Steering Group to run a stall, free of charge, at this year's show dependent on the donation of a raffle prize.

## 66. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposer: Councillor S Thurgood

Seconder: Councillor G Avalon

'That this Council is concerned about the potential effects of the closure of the Abbey Retreat house on the community of Glastonbury.'

Councillor Thurgood reported that the Chair of the Friends of Abbey House has written to the local newspaper over concerns about Abbey House.

The Mayor read a statement provided by Glastonbury Abbey explaining that Abbey House is being brought back into the direct management of the abbey estate and they plan to continue to welcome visitors into it in both the short and longer term future. Some offices and administrative functions will be based at the house to improve working conditions for their staff. They intend to continue to enable groups to book the meeting rooms on a daily basis, in the short term, although there will be no residential accommodation. When their future plans are at an appropriate level of detail they will be engaging in wider consultation with stakeholders.

In light of this information, a vote was taken but the motion was not passed.

## 67. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposer: Councillor D Abbott

Seconder: Councillor E George

'That this Council supports the Glastonbury Antiquarian Society in its demand for the immediate return of Jack Stag to the town of Glastonbury and further supports the Glastonbury Antiquarian Society in the maintenance of the town museum'.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Somerset Heritage Trust in support of the return of the statue to Glastonbury.

## 68. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor provided a written report of her activities on behalf of the Town Council since the last meeting. She reported that unfortunately the new PCSO has recently been signed off on long term sickness and therefore the recruitment process had been reopened. The Town Clerk confirmed that she has not yet released the payment to the Police for the dedicated PCSO.

## **69. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Coles reported that the last working party meeting for the Tor Fair will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Councillor Cousins reminded Councillors of the Neighbourhood Plan Road show taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in St John's ward.

## **70. OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Thurgood was concerned that the social housing element for the development of land North of A39 had been reduced to 15% from the 30% stated in the initial application.

Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor Tucker said that as there is a shortage of affordable homes/social housing in Glastonbury, it is important that the land owned by Town Council at Lowerside Land is included in the Local Plan.

## **71. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted:

a) Email from Community Health Coordinator and Policy Officer, Mendip District Council re health and wellbeing in Mendip

## **72. PRESS RELEASES**

Millstream Estate – Press release or letter to local newspaper.

## **73. ACTIONS FOR TOWN CLERK**

- Write to Somerset Heritage Trust re Jack Stagg
- Contact Bristol water re grass at Leg of Mutton Road
- Contact SCC and MDC re A Boards
- Ask Neighbourhood Planning officer to speak with developer regarding the reduction in social housing

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**Mayor, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017**