



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Glastonbury Town Hall

PRESENT: Councillors: D Abbott, G Avalon, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, E George (Mayor) W Knight, S Henderson, T Napper, S Thurgood

APOLOGIES: Councillor J Keery, L MacDougall, D Michell, I Tucker.
Police Sgt M Spikes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chris Lavis spoke about the continuing lack of maintenance to the fence around the bund at Morrisons and the possible future development of the allotment land and hoped that if houses are built that they can be reserved for families from Glastonbury.

The peace candle was lit by Chris Lavis and the meeting was preceded by a silent moment.

Councillor Abbott took the Chair in the absence of the Mayor who arrived later in the proceedings due to attendance at the Forget Me Not Club Christmas meal.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

118. REPORT FROM POLICE

A short report detailing crime figures for Glastonbury for the past month was forwarded to the Council by Sergeant Spikes. Councillor Thurgood was disturbed by the stats for violence against an individual and asked for further details.

119. REPORT FROM GLASTONBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Paul Manning reported on a successful Christmas meal. Currently there are 75 members of the Chamber. In future breakfast meetings will be on the second Monday of the month and evening meetings every third Tuesday. A digital day is

being held at the Town Hall on 5th February 2018 covering how IT can help businesses.

120. MINUTES

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

Councillor Cousins said that the resolution on the use of plastic has gone down well and other Councils are looking at following suit.

b) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury Committee held on 20th November 2017 were received.

c) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 21st November 2017 were received.

d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 21st November 2017 were received. Councillor Cousins pointed out that he did not have an interest in 2 Silver Street.

121. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon reported that the District Council needs to be self supporting by 2020. He was also pleased to report that the wrongly removed sets have been replaced in St John's car park and noted that the owner of the Gauntlett had put up a new plaque about the history of the site.

Councillors Coles provided a written report. He confirmed that he has declared an interest regarding the development on the A39 and is waiting to hear how it will be handled.

Councillor Henderson provided a verbal report.

Councillor Cottle had been unable to attend a number of meetings due to pressure of work. He asked the Town Clerk to report that the grass at Wessex Water site at Leg of Mutton Road needs cutting.

122. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Leyshon provided a written report. She had met with David Fothergill who had said that a relief road for Glastonbury is not in the County Council's plans but one for Ashcott and Walton is. She has discovered that Mendip District Council are not consultees in the Hinkley Point C Travel plan. The District Councillors agreed to find out why. Councillors were disappointed to hear that there is a proposal to increase HGV movements for Hinkley Point from 500 to 700 a week. The Town Clerk was asked to write a letter of objection to the relevant Councillor at County Hall.

Councillors Leyshon said that Street Parish Council are keen to work with Glastonbury and other villages regarding the Hinkley Point traffic and it was **AGREED** that they should be invited to the next A361 meeting.

She reported ongoing damage to the signage by the limited waiting parking on the abbey wall side of Silver Street. The Town Councillors were happy to support the re-introduction of on street parking in that area.

Councillor Napper provided a written report covering County Farm Review, review of community speed indicator devices, Ofsted report for Children's Services and End of Life report.

Councillor Black reported that there is still water flowing down Old Wells Road and that the Town sign coming from the direction of Wells needs repairing.

123. 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.

124. BUDGET REPORT

The budget report to 30th November 2017 was circulated to Councillors and duly noted.

Councillor George took the Chair at this point.

125. NOTICE OF MOTION

It was proposed by Councillor J Brunsdon MBE, seconded by Councillor Denise Abbott and **RESOLVED** that this Council supports the re-establishment of a Glastonbury Town Museum based on the famous Lake Village collection and that it will consider an application for financial grant aid to enable this to happen.

Directors of Glastonbury Tribunal Ltd did not take part in the vote.

126. GRANT APPLICATION – GLASTONBURY TRIBUNAL LTD

An application had been received asking for the Town Council to reinstate the £5000 grant funding for 2017-2018.

Councillor Henderson said that he thought the agreement was that the Town Council was providing free space for the TIC at the new Glastonbury Information Centre and therefore the grant would not now be required. Councillor Leyshon explained that at due to the terms of the lease, they are required to keep it open and have lost the income from the Tourist Information Centre, now that it has moved. Councillor Liz Leyshon is working with the Board on plans to open a town museum on site.

It was **RESOLVED** to reinstate the grant of £5000 for 2017-2018.

Directors of the TIC and GIC did not take part in the vote.

127. SETTING OF THE PRECEPT for 2018-2019

As recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to make a precept request to Mendip District Council for £342,000.

128. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor provided a written report of her activities on behalf of the Town Council since the last meeting. She circulated a copy of the new Youth Council logo and motto.

129. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Thurgood was sad to report the death of Michael Protheroe, a resident of Glastonbury who had been an avid church member.

Councillor George asked for donations of tins of sweets to the Glastonbury Community Christmas lunch.

Councillor George had circulated information regarding a community 'fridge and suggested that the lobby at the front of the Town Hall may be suitable.

131. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Coles reported that the Glastonbury Carnival raised £18,500 this year.

132. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

a) Email from Mr Mike Free thanking the Town Council for the free use of the Town Hall for the Poppy Concert and reporting that £13,000 was raised through the appeal this year.

The following correspondence was considered:

b) Email from PC Stuart Ball supporting proposed double yellow lines at the junction of Merrick Road – The Town Council was in agreement to the introduction of double yellow lines.

Mayor, 9th January 2018