



# Glastonbury Town Council

## Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Glastonbury Town Hall

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

**APOLOGIES:** None

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
Terry Dowden (Macebearer)  
Gary Knight  
County Councillor L Leyshon  
PCSO Karen Pack  
David Greenway, Town Crier

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### Public Participation

Ian Bell complained about harassment from neighbours and asked for help. PCSO Karen Pack said that the Police are fully aware of the situation and are doing as much as possible to help. Councillor Henderson said he would report the matter again to Mendip District Council.

Bruce Garrard spoke about the road consultation statistics which he said were misleading.

Liz Payne from the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England was concerned about the wording of the road consultation and misleading statistics.

Chris Lavis reported that nothing has been done about the bund near Morrisons. He was concerned about the amount of money being spent by Mendip District Council on the eviction of the travellers and suggested the Town Council buys the land to provide the a site.

Angela Friend reported concerns about dementia patients in hospital. The Mayor said she would raise the concerns with he hospital representative on the Dementia Alliance.

Reg Cohen reported a recent problem when an ambulance had been unable to turn around in Turstin Road and instead had to reverse out. He urged the Council to reapply for a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce double yellow lines at the Turstin Road turning circle.

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

## **185. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

## **186. REPORT FROM POLICE**

PCSO Karen Pack provided a written report. She confirmed that in future, she would be attending all Full Council meetings.

## **187. REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Mayor reported on Youth Council activities since the last meeting.

## **188. REPORT FROM GLASTONBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Paul Manning, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce reported James Heapey MP would be speaking at the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April. There are now enough people interested in the Radio Link scheme to go ahead.

## **189. MINUTES**

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were accepted.

b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were noted.

Councillor Keery was concerned that due to declarations of interest the Town Council could not comment on two applications which appeared on the agenda. He suggested that the Chamber of Commerce were asked to comment on behalf of the Town which was **AGREED**.

c) The minutes of the meeting of the Glastonbury in Bloom Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 were accepted. It was noted that Councillor Michell had given her apologies.

d) The minutes of the meeting of the A361 Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were accepted.

Councillor MacDougall said she had spent time looking through the returned consultation forms. She disputed the statistics published and felt it was important that the Town Council respected the trust residents have invested in the Council by the detailed responses given and would like a public meeting to discuss the comments.

## **190. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillors Coles provided a written report.

Councillor Brunsdon gave a verbal report relating to help for rough sleepers. The Mayor was concerned about a comment Councillor Brunsdon had made in the national press which was untrue ie. that Mendip District Council had offered the travellers an alternative site. Councillor Brunsdon stated that he had been misquoted. Councillor Coles was also challenged as a comment also made in the press about arrests having made at the site relating to drugs and antisocial behaviour was also untrue. Discussion took place as to whether to write in response to the article which had appeared in the Daily Mail which could bring the

Town Council into disrepute. A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED** not to write to the press at this stage. The Mayor confirmed that a barrister will be representing the residents of the Morland's site on 20,21 and 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Travellers present at the meeting made the Council aware that they would like to negotiate with Mendip District Council to purchase the site. The Mayor undertook to keep the Town Council informed and hoped all parties could work together to find a solution.

#### **191. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillors Leyshon and Napper provided written reports.

Councillor Leyshon pointed out that before any new roads are considered by the County Council a feasibility study would be required.

She confirmed that the next round of TROs would probably be August 2018.

#### **192. NOTICE OF MOTION**

It was proposed by Councillor Thurgood, seconded by Councillor T Napper and unanimously **RESOLVED** that this Council forms a working party to discuss formulating a busking policy for Glastonbury.

This ties in with Mendip District Council requesting busking policies from the towns.

It was **AGREED** that the working party should include community members. The Mayor said that the Neighbourhood Plan Contemporary Art Focus Group had found that the majority of respondents to the survey did not want buskers to use amplification.

#### **193. 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.

#### **194. BUDGET REPORT**

The budget report was circulated to Councillors and duly noted.

#### **195. TOWN COUNCIL INSURANCE POLICY 2018-2019**

The insurance schedule for 2018-2019 from Zurich Insurance was considered appropriate for the needs of the Town Council and it was therefore **RESOLVED** to appoint them or the forthcoming year.

#### **196. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on activities she had undertaken, on behalf of the Council, since the last meeting. She was pleased to report that she had attended a meeting about the Fields in Trust agreement for Tor Fields and provided that Rob Taylor from Fusion is happy with how it will work, Fusion will go ahead with their planned

improvements. She had been discussing the new Public Space Protection Order with the Police at it would appear to not include street drinking. A matter which needs addressing.

## **197. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Brunsdon advised that there would be a St George's Day service at St John's Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Councillor Cousins said that the first results from the Neighbourhood Plan will be reported at the Town Meeting.

## **198. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Mendip District Council – Parish Bulletin
- b) Creating Health Road Show – Town Hall – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 160 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, the press and public were excluded for the following item (183) due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

## **199. UPDATE ON PURCHASE OF A FAIR FIELD FOR GLASTONBURY**

Councillors Tucker, George and the Town Clerk reported that they would be meeting with the owners of Herbies Field tomorrow to finalise details of the purchase. It is understood that the owners are minded to accept the offer of £65,000 plus £5000 costs (a total of £70,000) from the Town Council. Also present at the meeting will be Chairman of Mendip District Council Planning, a representative from the Environment Agency and the land agent. Officers from the Planning Authority declined to attend.

The Mayor said that it would be unlikely the site would be ready for the Fair for September so the Fair has been informed that this year it will have to take place in St John's Car Park. The residents will be consulted and informed that this will be the last year the Fair will be held in the car park due to the provision of a new field.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint the Town Clerk and Councillors George and Tucker to continue with negotiations.

## **200. PRESS RELEASES**

The Town Clerk to issue a press release about the code of conduct hearing once the relevant paperwork had been received.

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**Mayor, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018**