



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 14th August 2018 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor G Avalon, N Cottle, D Michell, T Napper
Paul Manning, Chamber of Commerce
PCSO Karen Pack

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
County Councillor L Leyshon

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Unity candle was lit, followed by a minute's silence prior to the meeting.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

53. REPORT FROM POLICE

The Police were not in attendance. Gerard Tucker reported that he had put up the signs to allow the police to implement the Public Space Protection Order and deal with antisocial behaviour and street drinking.

Councillor Leyshon said she was witness to an attack outside the church when she had been asked to visit a business based opposite at 4.30pm on a weekday. The staff regularly have to lock the door during incidents happening outside and have offered their shop for CCTV.

Discussion took place about the continued antisocial behaviour in the vicinity of St John's Church. Councillor Tucker said that the Vicar was now happy for a zero tolerance approach in the churchyard and that it was up to the Police to deal with the problems. He suggested asking the Police to take a zero tolerance approach for the whole of the town centre.

Councillor Henderson had noticed that the police presence seemed to be less this year. Councillor Keery said that there seemed to be fewer problems when there was a dedicated PC for Glastonbury.

Councillor Cousins said that the Town Council should consult with the public for their views and to see whether they would support a zero tolerance approach.

It was **RESOLVED** to hold a public meeting to find out what measures the public would like the Town Council to put in place to address the anti social behaviour and whether they support a zero tolerance approach.

The Town Clerk was asked to invite the Chief Constable, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the High Sheriff.

It was **AGREED** to produce 5 posters advertising a zero tolerance approach (subject to the agreement of Councillors by email) to be placed in the High Street outside the church and Co-op.

Councillor George said that the Town Centre Partnership is taking a multi agency approach to the situation and pointed out that the problems being experienced are not exclusive to Glastonbury.

54. REPORT FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Paul Manning reported on recent activities of the Chamber. He was pleased to note that Mendip District Council Enforcement Officers have been in the Town moving on illegal traders. Traders are extremely concerned about the crime situation. Radios are being distributed ready to go live with the Radio link project.

55. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10th July 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
The Mayor reported that the person who requested the use of the Town Hall for a performance by the Maasai Warriors had made other arrangements.
- b) The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 17th July 2018 were accepted.
- c) The minutes of the Promoting Glastonbury Committee held on 18th July 2018, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record. At the recommendation of the Committee it was **RESOLVED** to contribute £500 from the Council Tax support fund for professional support to assist with completing the Glastonbury Tourism Strategy.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 25th July 2018, were noted.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on 31st July 2018 were accepted. District Councillors were asked to report illegal parking of caravans at St Edmund's Hall.

56. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS POLICY

Gerard Tucker informed the Town Council that he and the Town Clerk had attended a Somerset Association of Local Council training session on the GDPR. The Town Council is now compliant and registered with the Information Commissioners Office. The policy will be posted on the website and reviewed at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May.

57. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon reported that Councillor Danny Unwin (Wells) had passed away. Somerset Building Preservation Trust celebrated its 30 year anniversary. Police removed illegal campers from Wearyall Hill.

Councillor Coles reported that the vehicles parked on the Meare Road had been removed.

Councillor Henderson said that he had met with Rob Taylor from Fusion and has agreed to broker a meeting between Rob Taylor and the cricket club to hopefully iron out any differences. Councillor Tucker suggested that District Councillors

could ask to meet with the Chief Executive to try and sort out the problem with the Village Green/Fields in Trust application.

58. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors Leyshon provided a written report.

She suggested it would be useful for Councillors to receive a copy of the map showing the extent of the Public Space Protection Order.

59. PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

It was **RESOLVED** to contribute £500 for publicity and promotion of a 2 day consultation on emerging policies and draft submission of Neighbourhood Plan.

60. BUS SHELTER

It was **RESOLVED** that Glastonbury Town Council explores the possibility of erecting bus shelters at the West Mendip Hospital stop (inward journey) on the grass area and on the opposite side.

The Town Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of using Section 106 money from the Watts Corner development.

61. ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER

It was **RESOLVED** to create a working group to review and update Glastonbury's Environmental Charter.

Councillors Black, MacDougall and Thurgood volunteered for the working group.

62. SCRUTINY OF ROAD CONSULTATION

The Town Clerk had approached Somerset Association of Local Councils to ask whether the Chief Executive would be prepared to carry out a scrutiny exercise for the Town Council and if so, how much they would charge and will report back to the next meeting. He had previously informed her that it was not usual for a Town Council to use a Scrutiny Committee.

63. 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.

64. BUDGET REPORT

The budget report to 31st July 2018 was circulated to Councillors and duly noted.

Councillor Thurgood asked for a breakdown of costs for St Dunstan's House.

Councillor S Henderson left the meeting at this juncture.

65. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor provided a written report of her activities on behalf of the Town Council since the last meeting.

She was pleased to report that the Shadow of the Tor Theatre Company had agreed to premier their play commemorating the First World War at the Town Hall on 2nd November.

Street Men's shed are soon to be evicted and are looking for suitable premises in the area.

66. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Cousins informed Councillors that Monsanto have been prosecuted for the use of gyphosate.

Councillor Tucker reported on progress with the purchase of the fair field. The Conservation Society had agreed to underwrite the planting of the hedge. The idea would be to advertise for sponsors for sections of the hedge. A resident suggested planting standard fruit trees which could also be sponsored. They have also been asked to restore the façade of the well at Old Wells Road.

67. REPORT FROM CHAIR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Councillor Cousins provided a written report.

68. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor MacDougall had been sent a consultation on rural services from Somerset Association of Local Councils. This was forwarded to all Councillors who were asked to email the Town Clerk with any responses they would like included.

69. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

a) Letter requesting bus shelter at Thorndun Estate and surrounding area is regularly cleaned and tidied. The Town Clerk had passed on the details to Mendip District Council.

The following correspondence was noted:

b) Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner Summer Newsletter

70. PRESS RELEASES

- Public meeting, 13th September including a short report about anti-social behaviour.

71. APPOINTMENT OF MACEBEARER

An application had been received for the position of Macebearer. It was **AGREED** that the Mayor and Town Clerk should arrange to meet the applicant to discuss the position and for the Mayor to appoint them at the next meeting if they were found to be suitable.

Mayor, 11th September 2018