



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors G Avalon, E George, S Henderson
County Councillor L Leyshon
Terry Dowden, Macebearer

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
PCSO K Pack

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

17. REPORT FROM PCSO KAREN PACK

PCSO Pack reported:

- PC Martha Spikes is now working in Bridgwater.
- She has been tackling anti-social behaviour in the church yard and removing and pouring away alcohol.
- She will be appearing on ITV West next week explaining her role.
- There are plans for the team shift pattern to change so that everyone is on duty at the same time. If the Town Council would like her to remain on the hours specified by the Town Council, she will.
- All vehicles will be taken away and the team will be provided with bicycles.
- The PACT meetings are being withdrawn due to low attendance.

Councillor Thurgood was concerned to hear that PACT meetings are to be withdrawn and thought the Town Council should discuss the matter further.

Councillor Keery suggested that the Town Council reviews the conditions agreed with Avon and Somerset Police about the funded PCSO.

18. REPORT FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Paul Manning, Chamber Chairman reported on forthcoming events. On Monday Strode College would be talking to the Chamber about apprenticeships. He said Chamber members are concerned about the increase in anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre.

19. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 8th May 2018, which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record. Councillor MacDougall said that she had requested to sit on the Promoting Glastonbury Committee. It was agreed that the SALC (Somerset Association of Local Councils) representatives should also be the NALC (National Association of Local Councils) representatives.
- b) The minutes of the Glastonbury in Bloom Committee held on 15th May 2018 were accepted. Councillor Michell asked for it to be recorded that she had tendered her apologies.
- c) The minutes of the Property and Assets Committee held on 16th May 2018 were accepted with the following amendment - that the Committee **AGREED** the cost of joining Visit Somerset of £1000 should be taken from the Council Tax Support Fund.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22nd May 2018, were noted. Councillor Michell asked for it to be recorded that she had tendered her apologies.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury Committee held on 23rd May 2018, were accepted.
- f) The minutes of the Youth Provision Committee held on 29th May 2018 were accepted.
- g) The minutes of the A361 Committee held on 31st May 2018 were accepted.

It was **RESOLVED** to ask the County Council to explain the process required to remove the designation as a county freight route on the A361 between Cannards Grave and Glastonbury'.

Councillor Napper was asked to pose the question at the next County Council Full Council meeting. At the recommendation of Councillor MacDougall it was agreed to bring the next meeting forward to 5th July 2018, prior to the next Full County Council meeting.

- h) The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 5th June 2018, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record with the following amendment - Councillor Cousins asked why the date of 14th March 2018 was mentioned in the A361 minutes.

20. FROST FAYRE

It was **RESOLVED** to recognise the Frost Fayre Committee as a full Committee of the Town Council. The Town Clerk confirmed that as the Frost Fayre is related to tourism, members of the public are able to join.

21. GLASTONBURY TOWN MUSEUM

The Mayor was pleased to report that English Heritage has extended the lease of The Tribunal to Glastonbury Tribunal Limited for 5 years. The Mayor suggested forming a tripartite partnership comprising Directors from Glastonbury Tribunal Ltd, Glastonbury Antiquarian Society and the Town Council to be formally responsible for developing a strategy for the future of the museum. Councillor Tucker was concerned that the Town Council would be the only precepting authority on the

group. The Mayor said that there would be no financial implication for the Town Council.

Instead, it was **AGREED** to suggest to Glastonbury Tribunal Limited that the Town Council provides two Councillors, not currently associated with Glastonbury Tribunal Ltd or the Antiquarian Society, to sit on a working group.

22. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon spoke about removing illegally parking vehicles; the upcoming court hearing regarding the eviction of travellers from the Morland's site and his attendance at a tea party in aid of the YMCA. He has been informed that Rebecca Davis would be replacing Chris Betty at Somerset Highways and that unfortunately the yellow lines throughout the town will not be repainted until the beginning of August.

Councillor Cousins said that Mendip District Council should be proactive in identifying landowners to provide a traveller site.

Councillors Coles provided a written report.

Councillor Cottle reported that he is waiting for Bristol Water to mow the grass at Leg of Mutton Road which they have recently fenced off. He also reported that Ros Wyke is the new Liberal Democrat leader at the District Council.

The District Councillors were asked to come up with a proposal to Mendip District Council to put pressure on officers to sort out the problems with Tor Leisure in relation to the Village Green and Fields in Trust applications and stating that Glastonbury residents are suffering because of the lack of progress.

23. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors Leyshon and Napper provided written reports.

Councillor Leyshon had reported on why the application for World Heritage Status for Glastonbury had not moved on and it was **AGREED** to refer this to the Promoting Glastonbury Committee.

Councillor Tucker asked the County Council to investigate why there is a delay in repainting the yellow lines.

24. 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.

25. BUDGET REPORT

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

26. NOTICE OF MOTION

It was proposed by Councillor N Cottle, seconded by Councillor Keery and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Glastonbury Town Council requests Mendip District

Council removes the coach parking charges in Northload Street West to bring parity with Street and Wells.

27. NOTICE OF MOTION

It was proposed by Councillor Thurgood and seconded by Councillor MacDougall that Glastonbury Town Council provides a financial contribution towards the 2 small improvement schemes ie introduction of a 20 mph limit along the A361 in Glastonbury and enhancement of the traffic island at Chilkwel Street near the Rural Life Museum to provide a safer crossing point for pedestrians.

Councillors felt they needed more information on the cost of the scheme before making a decision and deferred the decision to the next meeting.

28. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

The Town Clerk had placed this on the agenda to highlight that there is no clause in Standing Orders addressing how Councillors should conduct themselves when making comments to or writing to the press.

It was **AGREED** that currently a standing order addressing the issue was not required.

29. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

30. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk reported that Gary Knight had resigned as Mace Bearer and she would be advertising the vacancy.

Councillor Coles reported that there are vacant plots at Lowerside Allotments.

Councillor Cousins reported on the public meeting held to discuss the traffic issues in Glastonbury. 250 attended and 60 people aired their views. He thanked the Town Council for the use of the Town Hall.

Councillor Michell reported that Becki Nagle had been chosen as the Bard of Glastonbury for the forthcoming year. Amongst other things, she will be promoting the spoken word at Strode College.

31. REPORT FROM CHAIR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Councillor Cousins provided a written report.

32. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Councillor Thurgood was pleased to report that the Town Council, in consultation with local buskers, had now written a Busker's Code and produced leaflets which can be given to buskers by residents and Town Centre businesses informing them of the code of practice.

33. PLANNING APPLICATION

Planning application no. 2018/1056/HSE for new timber framed annexe to the side (east) of the house – 1 Dod Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 8BZ was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to refuse the application.

Councillors Brunsdon and Cottle declared an interest in the application and did not vote.

34. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Email from Chair of Somerset County Council inviting nominations for the Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community 2018 – **AGREED** that this should be placed on the next Council Agenda. Councillor Cousins suggested nominating the 2018 Glastonbury Citizen of the Year.

The following correspondence was noted:

- b) Invitation from Bishop Roger Jupp to attend Glastonbury Anglican Pilgrimage – Saturday 7th July 2018
- c) Invitation from Harry Purdon to attend Glastonbury Clifton Diocesan Pilgrimage – Sunday 8th July 2018
- d) Road Closure – Clifton Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage – 8th July 2018
- e) Mendip District Council – Parish Bulletin – June 2018

35. PRESS RELEASE

Busking policy.

Mayor, 10th July 2018