



# Glastonbury Town Council

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7pm**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor J Coles  
Paul Manning, Chamber of Commerce  
PCSO Karen Pack

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
County Councillor L Leyshon

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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

### **36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **37. REPORT FROM POLICE**

The Police provided a written report which was circulated to Councillors.

Councillor George reported on the emergency Town Centre Partnership meeting which had been called following a complaint from the vicar about a number of stabbings outside St John's Church. The Police now have the go ahead to use the Public Space Protection Order and Mendip District Council is arranging to erect signs. The Police regularly make arrests in the area but unfortunately the Crown Prosecution Service would appear to be too lenient and many arrests do not lead to prosecution. Elim continue their outreach work with the homeless which will be expanded to include all the agencies which hopefully will be more effective. A draft poster had been produced to encourage people to report antisocial behaviour etc to send out a message to residents and visitors that the town does not condone the current antisocial behaviour being exhibited. Councillors decided to hold off producing the posters at this time. Councillors felt that the Town Council should be more involved in the management of the funded PCSO.

### **38. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the Property and Assets Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were accepted.

- c) The minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018, were noted.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Glastonbury in Bloom Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, were accepted.
- f) The minutes of the meeting of the A361 Committee held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 were accepted.

#### **39. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Brunsdon reported on complaints received following a music event at the Riflemans Public House.

Councillor Cottle reported that the enforcement officer has been asked to deal with caravans parking illegally at St Edmund's Hall.

Councillor Henderson provided a written report.

#### **40. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillors Leyshon and Napper provided written reports.

Councillor Cottle asked Councillor Napper to contact Wessex Water to cut their grass at Leg of Mutton Road as it is tinder dry and susceptible to fire. The Town Clerk has made the request to no avail.

#### **41. 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.

#### **42. BUDGET REPORT**

The budget report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 was circulated to Councillors and duly noted.

#### **43. NOTICE OF MOTION**

It was proposed by Councillor S Thurgood, seconded by Councillor L MacDougall and **RESOLVED** that Glastonbury Town Council provides a financial contribution of £10,000, from the Council Tax Support Fund, towards the small improvement schemes ie introduction of a 20 mph limit along the A361 in Glastonbury and enhancement of the traffic island at Chilkwell Street near the Rural Life Museum, to provide a safe crossing point for pedestrians.

#### **44. NOTICE OF MOTION**

It was proposed by Councillor D Michell, seconded by Councillor A Black and **RESOLVED** that Glastonbury Town Council supports 'Refill Glastonbury' by nominating the Town Hall as a refill station for water bottles in an effort to reduce the use of single use plastic.

Councillor Tucker declared a personal interest and did not take part in the vote.

#### **45. NOMINATION FOR THE SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S AWARD 2018**

It was **RESOLVED** to nominate Sue Barnett who been a volunteer with the Mendip Community Credit Union and other worthy organisations in Glastonbury for many years.

#### **46. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

#### **47. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Henderson reported on a successful Glastonbury Fringe which ran from 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June.

Councillor George reported that the Mendip District Council v Traveller hearing which took place on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June had been adjourned until 19<sup>th</sup> July. She was also pleased to report that she had raised £10,000 for charity during her term of office.

#### **48. REPORT FROM CHAIR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

Councillor Cousins provided a written report.

#### **49. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Mayor asked Councillor Leyshon to report on progress with the Town Museum. The bid to English Heritage for a further lease was successful in the first instance. There are lots of plans for the building now that its medieval splendour has been revealed since the Tourist Information Centre moved. The intention is to tell the story of the town through 50 artefacts from Glastonbury. Somerset Community Foundation have asked for a meeting to discuss an application to the HLF fund. Councillor Thurgood said it would be unfortunate if the Town Council did not express the wish to work in partnership with the museum.

#### **50. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Email from Bruce Garrard requesting the Town council sets up a scrutiny panel to investigate the production and distribution of the Road Consultation. It was **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to investigate the possibility of appointing an independent scrutineer as the full Council has been party to all decisions relating to the Road Consultation.
- b) Email from Rosie Temple regarding a visit by Maasai Warriors and request to use the Town Hall to hold a fund raising event. It was **RESOLVED** to offer free use of the town hall for a combined Maasai Warrior and Mayoral event and money raised split 50/50 between the Maasi Warrior Charity and the Mayor's Charity. Councillor Napper abstained from the vote.

- c) Email from Somerset County Council Infrastructure Programmes Group seeking agreement with progressing a scheme to address speed review following its approval to the next gateway stage, following which the scheme will again be assessed.  
It was **RESOLVED** to agree with progressing a scheme to address speed review on High Street, Chilkwell Street, Bere Lane, Magdalene Street, Street Road Benedict Street, Coursing Batch and Chilkwell Street through to St Dunstan's School to provide a continuous 20 mph limit.

The following correspondence was noted:

- d) Mendip District Council – Parish Bulletin

## 51. PRESS RELEASES

Refill station.

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**Mayor, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018**