



# Glastonbury Town Council

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Glastonbury Town Hall at 7pm**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors G Avalon, J Cousins, J Keery, S Henderson

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

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**Public participation – 5 members of the public took the opportunity to speak.**

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

## **91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

## **92. POSSIBLE TWINNING WITH KUNISAKI, JAPAN**

Following a request from Councillor Paul Crossley from Bath, the Mayor explained that she and Councillors Black and Michell had recently met with the Head of Tourism from Kunisaki who had shown a film of the area and presented her with a letter from the Mayor of Kunisaki. The Mayor read the letter to the Council which suggested a twinning relationship between the two towns which display similarity especially regarding spirituality and festivals.

Councillor Paul Crossley from Bath explained how their twinning with Japan works and said that he would be prepared to assist Glastonbury to set up a community organisation.

It was **AGREED** to arrange a meeting to invite other organisations to attend and show the film to ascertain who might be interested. Councillor Michell said that as Kunisaki is in close proximity to Nagasaki and Hiroshima she thought that some of the peace groups in Glastonbury would be interested.

## **94. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN GLASTONBURY**

Councillor George reported that the Town Centre Partnership met on 26<sup>th</sup> September to discuss a multi agency approach to deal with the problems in the Town. Councillor Michell has been talking to the vicar about using the Bay Tree as a drop in. Councillor George said that the Police have several orders in place banning certain individuals from the Town Centre but there is still confusion over

whether the Police can act on the Public Space Protection Order and this is being dealt with by Mendip District Council.

County Councillor Leyshon met with the MP and got further information about how PSPO's work in other areas.

Gerard Tucker will be arranging to provide larger signs (A3) to advertise the PSPO in the vicinity of the church.

It was **RESOLVED** to offer the use of the small hall for a recruitment drive for Special Constables.

Councillor Sue Thurgood abstained from the vote.

## **95. REPORT FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Paul Manning reported on the activities of the Chamber over the past month. They now have 80 members and recently toured the GIC and heard a presentations from the carnival club at the breakfast meeting. The Chamber hopes that the District Council can work with the Police regarding taking out injunctions on those causing antisocial behaviour and for the Town Council to put pressure on them to sort out the PSPO.

## **96. MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the Promoting Glastonbury Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were noted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Glastonbury in Bloom Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were accepted. Councillor Tucker was pleased to report that the Town achieved a gold award in South West in Bloom.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were noted.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 were accepted. Councillor Thurgood said that she had written to the MP to inform him of the Youth Provision cuts at County Hall and the implications for Glastonbury.
- f) The meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 were accepted.

## **97. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Coles provided a written report.

Councillor Brunsdon reported that a Mendip District Council Conservation Officer will be visiting the town to carry out checks on listed buildings.

Councillor Henderson provided a written report regarding planning applications being considered at this meeting.

Councillor Cottle asked for the response he received about a question he asked at Mendip District Council Council Meeting to be circulated to councillors.

## **98. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Leyshon provided a written report including a spreadsheet of highways and parking issues for Glastonbury and information about van dwelling on the highway and the financial situation at Somerset County Council. She said that Street Parish Council recently held a meeting to consider the implications of cuts in County Council services.

It was **AGREED** to hold a meeting prior to the Finance and General Purposes meeting to identify areas where extra funding may be required from the Town Council.

Councillor Napper reported that he had met with residents to discuss parking problems at the junction of Paradise Estate and Northload Street.

## **99. 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.

## **100. BUDGET REPORT**

The budget report to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 was circulated to Councillors and duly noted.

## **101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were considered:

- a) Application number 2018/1762/LBC – Retrospective application for 3 nos 40' Containers, 3nos 20' containers (for storage workshops, galleries and residential use) and retention of 1no. caravan for residential use and 1no open sided pole shed for workshop use – ZigZig, The Bauhaus, Morland Road – Mr Christopher Black – Full Application – **RESOLVED** to recommend approval.
- b) Application number 2018/2227/HSE – Retrospective application for the refurbishment of garden area – 15 Hamlyn Road – Mr A Walker – Householder application – **RESOLVED** to recommend approval.

Councillor Brunsdon and Coles abstained from the vote.

Councillors George and Tucker declared personal and prejudicial interests in application and took no part in the vote.

## **102. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Since the last meeting The Mayor had represented the Town on 11 occasions including the South West in Bloom presentations.

## **103. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor George reported that Mendip District Council had provided a plan outlining the proposed area for the Fields in Trust deed of dedication and that the Friends of Tor Leisure are happy with the plan. Mendip District Council asked for

confirmation that the Town Council are in agreement with the proposal. A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval of the plan.

Councillor MacDougall reported that the CPRE would be holding a meeting to discuss Affordable Rural Housing on 25<sup>th</sup> October at the Town Hall.

Councillor Thurgood was pleased to announce that following the nomination from the Town Council, Sue Barnet will be presented with a Somerset County Council Chairman's Award.

#### **104. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

Councillor Michell said that the Environmental Charter review group had not yet met. It was **AGREED** that the group should get together after the Council meeting to arrange a suitable date.

#### **105. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Coles reported his attendance at the AGM of Glastonbury Community Development Trust. Sara Clay, founder of GCDT, is hoping to retire and therefore is looking for a replacement.

#### **106. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was considered.

a) Request from Carole Poole for the Town Council to ask Somerset County Council to withdraw the sale of their buildings in Benedict Street. The Town Council were advised by Councillor Leyshon that Somerset County Council are disposing of the assets via sale by auction and that at this stage would not be prepared to withdraw the sale. It was therefore **AGREED** not to ask the County Council to withdraw the sale.

The following correspondence was noted.

b) Somerset County Council – Temporary closure of Edgarley Road (A361) from the junction with Cinnamon Lane, eastwards for a distance of 200 metres – to enable Millfield School to carry out refurbishment works of privately owned footbridge – Order effective from 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Works expected to last for 9 nights (19.30-08.00hrs – including the weekend)

c) Somerset County Council – Temporary closure of Old Wells Road from the junction with Watts Corner, southwards for a distance of 800 metres – to enable Wessex Water to build two sewer manholes and CCTV survey works in this road – Order effective from 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Works expected to last for 5 days

#### **107. PRESS RELEASES**

The Mayor's Evening to commemorate the end of the First World War.  
Gold Award – Glastonbury in Bloom.

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**Mayor, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018**