



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at Glastonbury Town Hall at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: G Avalon, D Abbott (Mayor), J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, S Henderson, J Keery, W Knight, L MacDougall, D Michell, S Thurgood, I Tucker

APOLOGIES: Councillors Black, George and Napper

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk. Mace Bearers - Crumpton and Dowden

Public participation – 6 members of the public took the opportunity to speak.

Topics raised included:

- 5G concerns on residents health
- Councillors engagement with retailers.
- Climate Change
- Plastic Free Glastonbury
- Town Clerks correspondence with the Glastonbury Chilkwell Carnival Committee
- Emerging group involving with the Crown Inn as a central venue

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

172. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Henderson declared an interest as a recipient of a payment identified in the budget report.

173. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FROM ZARA SCOTT-DAVIES ON THE YOUTH PROVISION STUDY

In November 2018, the Town Council sought to understand if the funding provided to various youth clubs and organisations was being appropriately used. Also to identify the various youth groups in Glastonbury, particularly identifying any gaps in the provision of youth services. A report was commissioned by Zara Scott-Davies a Youth Services professional and presented to the Youth Committee. In conclusion, Zara informed that Glastonbury was the only known location which has researched the youth groups in this way and were an exemplar. Her report recommended the drawing together of representatives from each of the groups to identify concerns, aspirations, funding and delivery programmes. The Town Clerk was asked to distribute the report to all councillors in an electronic format.

174. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FROM BELLA LAPWOOD, COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR SOMERSET VILLAGE AGENT

Somerset Village Agents work with all ages dealing with a wide variety of issues, although a considerable number of their clients are elderly and involves social care issues. Helping to solve these problems may, ultimately, help the elderly to remain living independently for longer. Village Agents also have the role of helping to shape services by feeding back to the appropriate body information about gaps in service e.g. transport provision. They can also motivate and support a community to respond to a local need by working together to address issues e.g. by helping them to set up a coffee morning for a group of lonely people or start a volunteer car scheme. Bella Lapwood is the Village Agent covering Glastonbury and the surrounding area.

175. TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN REPORT FROM A MEMBER OF THE GLASTONBURY POLICE BEAT TEAM

The Glastonbury Beat Team report was well received. Prepared by PC Katie Moyse and verbally presented by the Town Clerk, items of interest included:

- The success of the Pizza in the Park initiative
- Various breaches of PSPO regulations
- Outline of various arrests for a variety of issues, including driving offences
- The success of the multi-agency day of action, which moved away from the High Street for one month to Cinnamon Lane and Kennel Drove.
- Dealing with a non-cooperative busker
- Change of Big Issue sales person
- Nat West Bank providing advice on scams
- Detail of a further youth engagement programme over Easter.

176. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th February 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 19th February 2019 were **NOTED**.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 28th February 2019 were **NOTED**. Proposed by Cllr Brunsdon, seconded by Councillor Thurgood and unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept any recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee regarding the External Auditor report and clarification.
- d) The minutes of the Bloom Committee meeting held on 5th March 2019 were **NOTED**
- e) The minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 5th March 2019 were **NOTED**

177. REPORT ON THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chairman, Paul Manning presented his final report to the Town Council as he is standing down from this position at the agm on Thursday 14th March. Items of interest included:

- The gathering of the town chambers in the Mendip District on Thursday 14th March at a combined breakfast meeting.
- The next Glastonbury Breakfast meeting will be at a venue yet to be announced on 8th April.
- The third annual Glastonbury Tourism Symposium is to be held in the Town Hall between 1.00pm and 3.00pm on Thursday 14th March.

Cllr Cousins thanked Paul for his dedicated input over the past three years and wished him well for the future.

178. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllrs Henderson and Coles tabled written reports. During questions, distribution of Section 106 funding from the Premier Inn approved extension was questioned, the colour scheme of High Street retail premises, championing of mental health support and an unlicensed tattoo parlour.

Cllr Brunsdon reported on his last Full Council meeting at Mendip DC, informing that the budget has been set for the ensuing year. He praised the investment programme of the authority informing that income was limited now with the new homes income levy being the larger source.

Cllr Cottle questioned the £320,000 investment by Mendip DC to undertake a transport provision study which is to include a railway station in Shepton Mallet. He also expressed his concern on having to receive and deal with an increase in the number of enquires relating to housing benefit.

179. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

In the absence of Cllr Napper, Cllr Leyson tabled a written report and spoke to it. Her presentation focussed largely on the bidding arrangements for funding Major Road Network schemes of which a Glastonbury by-pass has been long-listed for inclusion in a Cornwall, Somerset and Devon list of ten schemes. Walton and Ashcott are also included as a separate scheme. Questions raised included signage which has appeared indicating that the A361 will be closed for 18 weeks. Cllr Leyshon offered to research this and to report back.

180. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The schedule of payments was presented and duly signed by the Mayor and countersigned by Cllr Tucker.

181. BUDGET REPORT

The budget report to 12th March 2019 was circulated to Councillors and duly **NOTED**. The Town Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors the proposed terms for insurance. Accepting a three year package, with a two year extension option will save the Council in the region of £600 per annum. Proposed by Cllr Thurgood, seconded by Cllr Cousins and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the council accepts the three year quoted terms.

182. MOTIONS

Proposed by Cllr Cousins, Seconded by Cllr George that *From Monday 6th May 2019, this council will seek to establish a modest 'parish basic allowance' available to each Elected Member for each year of office. In setting the level of such an allowance, this Council will consult with – and consider the recommendation of the Parish Remuneration Panel for the Mendip area (the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel)*

An amendment to the motion was Proposed by Cllr Tucker and seconded by Cllr Thurgood changing the word *establish* to *investigate*. The amendment was upheld by a majority of one and was duly passed.

183. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tabled and taken as presented

184. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Town Clerk informed that Lisa Williams one of the two Admin Support Officers has tendered her resignation and will leave the Council on 29th March.
- The recruitment process for the employment of a Team Leader/Supervisor identified a suitable individual, who on undertaking a days trial with the Council informed that he will not be accepting the employment offer made to him.
- The Town Clerk read an email received from David Clark at Mendip DC informing that they have taken the decision to serve notice on the remaining 12 travellers occupying land at the Morlands site who were not subject to the possession order made by the Court last year. These individuals have been asked to leave the site by 22nd March.
- The Mayor announced the Scrapstore Challenge on Saturday 30th March in the Town Hall as a fundraising event.
- Skittles verses Street Parish Council on Wednesday 20th March.

185. TOWN COUNCILLOR TRAINING FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS ON 2ND MAY.

The Town Clerk sought the guidance of Councillors to the idea of hosting a 'social' event in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 7th May. The idea is to assist new Councillors to understand the processes and various committees that form part of the council. Not to be confused with a training session, which will be offered separately to the suggeste event. Councillors applauded the initiative and felt the induction of new councillors was important to the smooth integration of new councillors.

186. CORRESPONDENCE

Parish Information Bulletin

Health Watch consultation event in St Dunstan's car park on Sunday 17th March

185. PRESS RELEASES

Suggested Press Releases included the outcome of the Youth Provision Survey

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

Mayor, 9th April 2019