



# Glastonbury Town Council

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors S Barnet, L Browne, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, S Henderson, J Keery, P Lund, L MacDougall, D Michell, I Mutch, C Prior, S Roney-Dougal, M Smyth and I Tucker

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Brian Outten

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
Terry Dowden and Claire Crumpton – Macebearers  
County Councillors Leyshon and Napper

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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 7.00 AND 7.15PM**

Subjects raised included: Glastonbury Cricket Club  
Overgrown hedges on A39 by-pass  
Provision of a park and ride facility  
Air quality, particularly in the High Street  
Co2 levels

Presentation by Janet Hardy from Adult Social Care, with responsibilities for the Mendip District Council area. The core message is that it is preferred that people with infirmities and disabilities remain in their own homes for as long as possible to retain their independence. It is proven that they remain healthier and happier. Janet is responsible for the creation of personalised care plans, where support is provided as appropriate. The scheme is considered an exemplar and importantly, the message needs to be shared that there is possibly an alternative route, other than admission to a nursing or care home.

### **52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

### **53. APPROVAL AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019.**

Two minor amendments were made to the previous minutes a) Minute 43 is to include the environmental and amenity value of open and local green spaces., b) minute 44 is to be amended to read 18 people invited to attend the 5G working Group following the action to invite the Youth Council to participate. Having made these amendments, the minutes were signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record of the previous meeting.

### **54. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF:**

- a. Bloom – The minutes were presented and accepted. Further, it was **RESOLVED** that it would be more appropriate to consider these minutes in the future under Reports from Working Groups.

- b. Youth Provision – The minutes presented were noted. Cllr Barnet informed that the police are undertaking some work at St Benedict's and St Dunstan's schools where 18 pupils will involve and understand more their role.
- c. Planning – The minutes presented were noted.
- d. Promoting Glastonbury - The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. It was **NOTED** that the funding request from Glastonbury Dragons is to be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee with a recommendation for approval. Council suggested that the review of the committee should include organisations not currently represented.

#### **55. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Napper had previously presented a written report highlighting the recently published SCC Mental Health report. He also raised observations and questions regarding the enforcement of unauthorised encampments.in Glastonbury

Cllr Leyshon reported on the proposed removal of the boulders placed around land at Pomparles Bridge a decision of the Living Spaces Panel which is looking at all aspects of accommodation provision in Glastonbury. The jetty at Hinkley Point is due to open later this year which should relieve a significant number of HGV's from Glastonbury's roads. A plan of a suggested small improvement scheme at the Chilkwel Street roundabout was presented. It is anticipated that a safe crossing point will be created which will improve pedestrian safety enormously. The plans presented were unanimously supported by Councillors.

Cllr Lund proposed, seconded by Cllr Barnet and unanimously **AGREED** that County Councillors reports from September are to be displayed on the town council website. 15 – 0 - 0

#### **56. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr MacDougall informed that the grazing management of the tor has been enhanced by the introduction of native cattle. This follows a group of volunteers who earlier in the season manually cleared the weeds and unwanted vegetation from the area, thus saving the use of glysohate. Other items reported included the new facility soon to be opened in Avonmouth for the separation and onward distribution of recycled waste (Somerset Waste Partnership responsibility). Discussion and engagement with Tony Thompson who is representing the travelling community in relation to site provision, in particular the unauthorised encampment at Pomparles Bridge.

Cllr Cottle reported that the Glastonbury Living Spaces Panel is meeting regularly and that he and Cllr Henderson attend the meetings. Other items reported are the overhanging branches on Bove Town. The commissioning of a Play Strategy for Mendip DC which will identify areas where existing play equipment needs replacing and areas where there is lack of adequate provision. He is also a representative for Mendip DC on the Climate Change Emergency Panel.

Cllr Henderson had submitted a report which was tabled. He identified his discussions with Tor Leisure and stakeholders as being his main focus since the last meeting.

Cllr Cousins had also submitted a report which was tabled. He also referenced discussions with Tor Leisure. This report also evidenced the numerous meetings that he has attended since the last meeting.

Cllr Lund proposed, seconded by Cllr Smyth and unanimously **AGREED** that District Councillors reports from September are to be displayed on the town council website. 15 – 0 - 0

#### **57. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The schedule of payments to August 12<sup>th</sup> were presented and accepted and duly signed by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

#### **58. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

The budget monitoring report was presented and accepted

#### **59. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

- a. *5G – Cllr Cousins informed that a long list of 20 applicants had been received for 9 available places on the Working Group. Councillors have identified those to be included and the first meeting is proposed to be held in early September.*
- b. *Climate Change Emergency Group. Cllr Browne informed that the group has met twice recently and identified early actions, which includes an information day to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> September in the Small Hall. Eight stalls have been booked and leaflets/posters designed and ordered.*
- c. *Local Plan II. The Town Clerk informed that he had presented to the Local Plan Inspector on the shortfall of traveller sites delivery in Glastonbury, in particular Morlands site as a potential site. All parties have been asked to prepare a commonality statement for which Mendip DC took the lead. The Town Clerk, having been presented with a draft of the response requested an input from Town Councillors, as at this stage, it felt as if the response was that of the clerk alone. Cllr's Michell, Cottle, Tucker and Smyth agreed to meet the following morning to read and comment of the submission.*

#### **60. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

- a. *Cllr Prior reported on Fairtrade informing that the renewal of the registration and commitment is soon due. The Fairtrade group is to meet in the near future to consider the renewal statement and plan their forthcoming activities.*

## **61. REVIEW OF POLICIES**

### **a. Health and Safety Policy**

Cllr Cousins identified a few corrections to the text which needed to be made, in particular reference to the Deputy Town Clerk. He identified a few grammatical errors.

b. Social Media Policy. Reference was made to section 4.6 within the report which refers to equality. Amendments were suggested that aligns this statement with the Equal Opportunities Policy.

c. Race Relations Policy. The Town Clerk informed that under following legislation changes in 2010, the content of this policy has been transferred to the Equal Opportunities Policy

d. Equal Opportunities Policy. The suggested amendments identified in b. above are to be included in this policy.

Cllr Cousins proposed and seconded by Cllr Tucker that each of the policies presented are approved. This was unanimously **AGREED** 15-0-0

## **62. PLANNING APPLICATION 2019/1578/FUL**

The application to convert an existing first floor flat to a two bedroom and a one bedroom flat at Thornleigh, Street Road, Glastonbury was discussed. The council asked that the following observations are shared with Planning Officers.

1. That retrospective planning applications are not conducive to good accommodation management and should be discouraged.
2. The council is concerned that building regulations have not been followed in particular in respect of fire safety policies.

## **63. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Mayor informed the council of her commitments since the last meeting

## **64. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillors were informed that the Family Counselling Trust Somerset are holding a fund-raising dinner on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the Swan Hotel, Wells.

The Police report received from PC Katie Moyse which had been tabled was read and acknowledged.

## **65. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence has been received after the agenda had been distributed

**66. NEWS RELEASES**

It was **RESOLVED** a news release is to be prepared for 1. The Mayor's charity for the year – Glastonbury Food Bank appeal. 2. Climate Emergency open day to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 21<sup>st</sup> September

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Worshipful Mayor  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2019