



# Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7pm

- PRESENT:** Councillors S Barnet, L Browne, J Coles, J Cousins, J Keery, P Lund, L MacDougall, D Michell, I Mutch, B Outten, C Prior, S Roney-Dougal, M Smyth and I Tucker
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Steve Henderson (working), Nick Cottle (training), County Councillor Terry Napper.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
Terry Dowden – Macebearer
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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 7.00 AND 7.15PM

- Subjects raised included:
- Pomparles Bridge – access preventative measures
  - Diesel emissions – Glastonbury High Street
  - Ethical banking.
  - Glastonbury by-pass
  - Anaerobic digester and gas-powered public transport

The peace candle was lit and a minutes silence upheld.

### 19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

### 20. APPROVAL AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019.

The minutes of the previous meeting were considered accurate and were duly signed by the Worshipful Mayor

### 21. POLICE BEAT MANAGERS REPORT

PC Katie Moyse prepared and submitted a report which was read to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Lund, seconded by Cllr Cousins and unanimously **AGREED** that the monthly police report is to be placed on the town council's website.

**Action: Town Clerk**

### 22. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF:

- Planning Committee 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 – approved
- Youth Committee 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – approved. *Cllr Cousins made reference to a pending project with the youth and town councils, together with Johnny Mars which received the support of the Council.*
- Bloom Committee 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 – approved – *Town clean-up day is July 14<sup>th</sup> with SW in Bloom judging on 17<sup>th</sup> July.*
- Property and Assets Committee 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – approved.
- Promoting Glastonbury Committee 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – approved. *Ambiguous signs indicating P&R on the outskirts of Glastonbury are referred to the next meeting of the Property and Assets committee*

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

Cllr Leyshon had prepared a report which was previously circulated by email to Councillors. Key points from this report included:

- Peninsula Transport Major road network consideration, particularly sharing the date of 3<sup>rd</sup> July when correspondence on any scheme should be received.
- Small infrastructure and highway improvement scheme - £1.4m is to be made available to support small schemes in this financial year.
- Parking restrictions and review. Glastonbury is not included in this first round of work.
- SCC financial recovery – the situation is much improved since last year with a small reserve having been saved.
- Hinkley C Jetty – anticipated to be operational very soon.
- Improving Lives grant scheme. Each County Councillor is to have access to upto £2,000 to assist projects that improve lives. Applications open on 1<sup>st</sup> September.
- Street library – temporarily open in the Parish Rooms.
- Mendip District Council – Morlands Group. Cllr Leyshon informed that four Glastonbury Town Councillors are to be invited to contribute to the discussions and seeking solutions to the many Travellers related concerns in the town. Cllrs Tucker, Keery, Barnett, MacDougall, Roney-Dougal, Browne, Lund, Mutch, Smyth, Cousins and Michell each indicated their interest in joining this group. It was **RESOLVED** that these Councillors will meet and decide among themselves who is to represent Glastonbury, once the requirement has been defined and an invitation sent by the Leader of MDC Cllr Ros Wyke.

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

- Cllr Henderson tabled a report which was presented in his absence.
- Cllr MacDougall spoke to the report which she had previously tabled
- Cllr Cousins provided a verbal report informing that he had undertaken an enormous amount of training, recently which now qualifies him to sit on the Planning Board, Audit and Scrutiny Committees. Within the Council, he has a shadow responsibility to Economic Development and sits on the Assets and Services Panel.

### **25. TO REVIEW:**

- *Community Engagement Policy* – This policy was presented for the second time to Council following the comments raised during Public Participation in May when a member of the public enquired why a response was not encouraged to points raised. The Clerk informed that the suggested amendments should be referred to the Standing Orders and it was **RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk would revisit the Standing Orders and identify if the suggested

improved interaction can be implemented. The Clerk reminded Councillors that legislation exists which prevents items being decided on at a meeting which has not be correctly advertised (*LGA 1972 Sch 12 paras 10 (2)(b) – Source – Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration 10<sup>th</sup> edition.*)

**Action – Review of Standing Orders – Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clerk**

It was proposed by Cllr Keery, seconded by Cllr Tucker and unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the Community Engagement Policy. 14-0-0

- *Equal Opportunities Policy* – This policy was first approved in 2003 and has remained on the Town Council website since then. Proposed by Cllr Cousins, seconded by Cllr Barnet and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the words ‘*religious beliefs*’ are added to the current statement. 14-0-0

**26. TO RECEIVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2019/2019**

Copies of the Income and Expenditure Account had been previously circulated to members. It was proposed by Cllr Cousins, seconded by Cllr Tucker and unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts which were signed by the Mayor. 14-0-0

**27. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2018/2019**

The Annual Governance statement was completed and approved by the Full Council and signed by the Mayor following a proposal by Cllr Coles, seconded by Cllr Barnet and unanimously approved. 14-0-0

**28. ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2018/2019**

The accounting statements for 2018/2019 were presented to the Council. Cllr Keery proposed, seconded by Cllr Tucker and unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the statement which was duly signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk. 14-0-0

**29. TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AND SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS.**

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments presented at the meeting were approved and duly signed and counter signed by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Cllr Cousins asked that the allocated budget for Regalia be transferred annually to create a larger fund for future expenditure **AGREED** 14-0-0

**30. MOTIONS**

**a.**

Proposer: Cllr Jon Cousins  
Seconder: Cllr Mike Smyth

This council re-affirms its commitment to Foamstream non-toxic weed control and makes weed control in the areas of the town, which councillors consider of most need, the upmost priority of our staff. Highlighting that:

- 1) Some residential areas of Glastonbury require hand weeding and hoeing prior to the application of Foamstream.

- 2) Staff must ensure that **all** dead weeds and debris are removed from all areas after the Foamstream application has taken place so they do not act as a mulch for new weed growth.

Unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt this motion 14-0-0

**b.**

*Proposer:* Cllr. Mike Smyth  
*Seconder:* Cllr. Jon Cousins

This council has a social responsibility to protect the public and environment from exposure to harm, albeit unpredictable in the current state of scientific knowledge, and therefore opposes the roll-out of 5G in the Parish of Glastonbury – based on the precautionary principle – until further information is revealed from a newly convened 5G advisory committee (working group).

An amendment proposed by Cllr Keery and seconded by Cllr Tucker reads:

This council has a social responsibility to protect the public and environment from exposure to harm, albeit unpredictable in the current state of scientific knowledge, and therefore opposes the roll-out of 5G in the Parish of Glastonbury – based on the precautionary principle – until further information is revealed from a newly convened **town council led** 5G advisory committee (working group). Cllr Cousins requested a named vote

This amendment on presentation for consideration was **RESOLVED** by 12-0-2 with Cllrs Coles and Roney-Dougal abstaining.

**c.**

*Proposer* Cllr Denise Michell  
*Seconder* Cllr Jon Cousins

This Council re-affirms our commitment to ‘Mayors for Peace’, and we declare our support of Mr. Kazumi Matsui, the Mayor of Hiroshima’s petition to abolish nuclear weapons by 2020;

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Keery, seconded by Cllr Tucker:

This Council re-affirms our commitment to ‘Mayors for Peace’, and we declare our support of Mr. Kazumi Matsui, the Mayor of Hiroshima’s and the Mayor of Nagasaki to request the leaders of all nations states, and urge the United Nations to exercise strong leadership:

This motion was approved 13-0-1

**d.**

*Proposer* Cllr Lindsay MacDougall  
*Seconder* Cllr Laiqa Browne

*This Council is opposed to building any new roads as a solution to the heavy traffic on the A361 through town.*

**Amendment 1**

After a long debate, Cllr Keery proposed and Cllr Coles seconded that this motion should be reviewed at a later date. This amendment was defeated 4-10-0

Cllr MacDougall presented a revised motion, seconded by Cllr Smyth.

### **Amendment 2**

*With reference to the South West Peninsula Group discussions to be reported back to Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> July – This Council is opposed to building any new roads on our flood plains around Glastonbury as a solution to the heavy traffic on the A361 through the town.*

Cllr Cousins requested a recorded vote – 11 in favour, 3 against (Cllrs Coles, Keery, Tucker) and no abstentions 11-3-0

### **31. REVIEW OF POLICIES**

It was agreed that this item should be presented at the next meeting of the Council in July

### **32. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

The previously suggested Climate Change working group sought the participation of Councillors and if appropriate non-elected councillors. The following agreed involvement:

Cllrs Browne, Roney-Dougal, Outten, Lund, Prior, Barnet, MacDougall, Smyth and non-Councillors Paul Manning and Mandy Stone.

### **33. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

This item was held over until the next meeting

### **34. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This item was held over until the next meeting

### **35. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Clerk reported that the Army Cadets have invited the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors to their awards ceremony in the Town Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

### **36. NEWS RELEASES**

- a. 5G motion
- b. Holy Thorn working group

### **37. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Shape our future information previously distributed.
- b) Police and Crime Commissioner newsletter previously distributed.
- c) Street and Glastonbury Food Bank – an invitation to their agm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- d) Strode College – Arts, Design and Media Show 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June
- e) Burnham on Sea Motor Club annual gathering in St Dunstan's car park on 14<sup>th</sup> July (to be completed by 10.00am)
- f) Mendip District Council Street Trading Consent application for a ice cream vendor. This application was unanimously supported by the Council 14-0-0
- g) Road Closure notification – Pilgrims Day Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1.00pm – 4.00pm

The meeting closed at 11.00pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Worshipful Mayor 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019

