



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr S Henderson. County Cllr Leyshon

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Napper, Town Clerk, Mace Bearers and eighteen members of public.

This meeting was held in St John's Church, Glastonbury. Rev David MacGeoch welcomed the council to the church, remembered previous Councillors who have sadly passed away and conducted opening prayers.

Public participation: Two members of the public spoke during public participation. The subjects covered included:

Agenda 21, in particular Article 51
Identifying suitable land for travellers

The Mayor presented Tanya Moore with a certificate of appreciation for her work with the Glastonbury Coronavirus Network. Tanya was nominated the 2021 Citizen of the Year.

1. TO ELECT TOWN MAYOR

Cllr Ian Tucker proposed, Cllr John Keery seconded and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Jon Cousins be the Mayor for a second term.

2. MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

His Worship the Mayor thanked those who endorsed him to continue for a second term. He acknowledged the support of those who have helped him in his previous term, which was testing due to covid restrictions. He continued by thanking the church wardens and others for providing a safe space for this meeting to take place.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Smyth proposed, seconded by Cllr Cottle and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Laiqa Browne be elected Deputy Mayor

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE SERGEANTS AT MACE (MACEBEARERS)

Claire Crumpton and Terry Dowden were appointed the Sergeants at Mace for the ensuing year.

6. APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

Rev David MacGeoch was appointed the Mayor's Chaplain

7. APPROVAL OF THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The calendar of meetings previously distributed was accepted

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

It was **AGREED** that the following will serve on the following committees

Finance and General Purposes	Councillors: S Barnet, L Browne, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins S Henderson, J Keery, P Lund, L MacDougall B Outten, C Prior, S Roney- Dougal, M Smyth, I Tucker
Property and Assets	Councillors: S Barnet, L Browne, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins S Henderson, J Keery, P Lund, L MacDougall C Prior, S Roney-Dougal, M Smyth, I Tucker
Planning	Councillors: S Barnet, L Browne, J Cousins, S Henderson, J Keery, L MacDougall, I Mutch, B Outten, C Prior, S Roney-Dougal, M Smyth, P Lund, I Tucker.
Staffing	Councillors: S Barnet, L Browne, J Cousins, J Keery, I Tucker
Youth Provision	Councillors: S Barnet, J Coles, S Henderson, J Keery, B Outten, C Prior, J Cousins
Glastonbury in Bloom	Councillors: L Browne, N Cottle, C Prior M Smyth, I Tucker
Frost Fayre	Councillors: J Coles, N Cottle, S Henderson, J Keery, L MacDougall, B Outten, C Prior, S Roney-Dougal, M Smyth, I Tucker + Jill Barker (Glastonbury Chamber)
Housing and Homelessness	Councillors: S Barnet, L Browne, J Cousins, J Keery, L MacDougall, C Prior, B Outten, M Smyth, I Tucker.
Climate Emergency	Councillors: S Barnet, J Cousins, J Keery, P Lund, B Outten, C Prior, S Roney-Dougal, M Smyth, L MacDougall.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following councillors **AGREED** to be members of the following outside committees.

Austin Memorial Homes	4	Councillors: S Barnet, L Browne, J Coles, J Keery
Glastonbury Tribunal	1	Councillor: J Cousins (Replacement – if required C Prior
Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Board	7	Councillors: S Barnet, L Browne, J Coles, N Cottle J Cousins, B Outten, C Prior, I Tucker
Citizens Advice Bureau	3	Councillors: L Browne, P Lund, M Smyth
Somerset Association of Local Councils	2	Councillors: N Cottle, J Cousins.
St Edmunds Hall	4	Councillors: N Cottle, J Cousins, S Roney-Dougal I Tucker
Glastonbury Community Development Trust	2	Councillors: J Coles, L MacDougall
Mendip Health and Wellbeing Panel	1	Councillor: L Browne
Glastonbury Carnival Committee	1	Councillor: J Coles
Harvest Show:	2	Councillors: S Barnet, J Cousins
Strode College Theatre Board	1	Councillor: C Prior
Mendip One Team	1	Councillor: P Lund – supported by Cllr Henderson
NALC	1	Councillor: N Cottle
Glastonbury Information Centre	3	Councillors: J Cousins, J Keery, P Lund
CCTV	1	Councillor: J Coles
Glastonbury Charities	1	Councillor: J Cousins
Fairtrade	2	Councillors: P Lund, L MacDougall
Rights of Way lead	2	Councillors: B Outten, M Smyth
Highways lead	1	Councillor: L Browne
Police Liaison	4	Councillors: L Browne, J Cousins, S Henderson, P Lund
Town Deal Board	1	Councillor: I Tucker

10. APPOINTMENT OF SIGNATORIES TO THE BANK ACCOUNTS

It was **RESOLVED** that the following are to remain signatories of the bank accounts.

HSBC Cllrs Cousins and Coles. Officers Gerard Tucker and Jane Czornij
Nationwide Cllrs Cousins and Coles, Officer Jane Czornij.

11. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27th April 2021

The minutes of the April meeting of the Town Council were considered to be accurate were then approved as a correct record and were signed by the Mayor.

12. TO RECEIVE THE RESOLUTIONS OF:

Planning Committee meeting held on 27th April 2021

Glastonbury in Bloom held on 5th May 2021. The key resolutions taken at that meeting were:

1. To pursue the replacement of hanging basket brackets
2. To refund retailers that have paid for a basket to be displayed in 2021

Property and Assets Committee meeting held on 5th May 2021. The key resolutions taken at that meeting were:

- a) Seek quotes to replace the curtains (possibly with blinds) in the Main Hall
- b) Seek quotes to professionally sand and treat the floor of the Main Hall
- c) To fill the void under the water fountain recently placed at the Market Cross
- d) Continue with the installation of cycle racks
- e) Convey the appreciation of the council to all involved in the delivery of the Town Deal programme.
- f) Remove the planter at Jubilee Park and to repaint the sign.
- g) Permit the Glastonbury Information Centre to rent the first floor
- h) To include St Edmunds Hall when seeking to transfer assets from Mendip DC to the town Council
- i) Accept the offer of £150 per week from Mendip DC for the use of the car park as a market venue.
- j) Request that the benches are reinstated on the High Street and closely monitored.
- k) Pursue the cost of replacing the council's vehicles with electric power.

13. TO RECEIVE A MOTION Proposer Cllr J Cousins, Seconder Cllr S Roney-Dougal-

That Glastonbury Town Council supports bulk solar panel installations. A report prepared by Cllr Roney-Dougal was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Keery proposed and seconded by Cllr Lund that an amendment to the original motion be considered – 'That Glastonbury Town Council supports bulk solar panel installations, not to recommend, nor act as an agent or promoter'. The amendment was not supported by majority. The original motion was then presented and it was **AGREED** by majority to approve the motion 6-6-3. The chair used his casting vote and the motion was approved. The details of three companies was presented and Sunlit Solar were considered the most appropriate.

14. TO RECEIVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The schedule of payments were presented and there was one query regarding the significant rise in the allotments income. The clerk considered this to be due to the S106 funding for the

renovation of the tennis courts and would seek clarification from the Responsible Financial Officer.

15. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR 2021 - 2022

The internal auditor was re-appointed as Pro-Business of Wells and PJ Littlejohn were re-appointed as the external auditors to Glastonbury Town Council.

16. TO RECEIVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2020-2021

The income and expenditure accounts for the previous financial year were presented. There were no questions arising and the accounts were signed off by the Mayor.

17. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Napper informed that there was now progress with the wider consortium of both Officers and Members with regards to the removal of unauthorised encampments. During questions on this report, Cllr Napper was asked if the pedestrian crossing on Street Road could be made safer by the hedge being trimmed and the orange light again becoming visible to motorists. **AGREED**

18. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Cottle informed that it is now probable that a poll on the preference of residents towards unitary was now one step closer to being implemented. He reiterated the frustrations of many when he spoke about the unauthorised encampment at Stonedown. Inappropriate parking at Ashwell Lane is causing issues which need to be addressed. The public footpath between Windmill Hill Road and Rowley Road which has been closed for a very long time is in a perilous state and action to resolve the problems are now overdue.

Cllr Henderson submitted a written report

Cllr MacDougall informed that a possible solution to parking on Ashwell ane was to direct motorists to the Drapers yard location on Chilkwell Street.

Cllr Cousins Informed that he has been asked to represent the authority as the Drainage Board representative.

19. POLICE REPORT

Beat Manager PC Katie Moyse had submitted a report which emphasised the difficult situations the police are regularly having to deal with. PC Tom Miller has been seconded for a couple of months to BANES and South Gloucester. This temporary arrangement is not to be back filled, although an additional PCSO is expected to join the team soon. Cllr Tucker expressed a concern that the police post is now locked and visits by residents discouraged due to an incident. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk is to contact Sergeant Lancey to ask that the police post is opened again to the public.

20. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENT

The Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment having been previously circulated were considered appropriate and proposed by Cllr Barnet, seconded by Cllr MacDougall and unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the policy without revision.

21. REVIEW OF:

a. Power of Wellbeing

The clerk confirmed that Glastonbury Town Council meets the requirements to hold the power of wellbeing.

b. Code of Conduct for Councillors

Cllr Outten proposed, seconded by Cllr Coles and **RESOLVED** to accept code of conduct policy for Councillors

c. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Cllr Prior proposed, seconded by Cllr Cousins and **RESOLVED** to accept the GDPR policy with no amendments required.

d. Code of conduct for handling complaints

Cllr Keery proposed, seconded by Cllr Browne and unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept this policy with no amendments required.

e. Standing Orders

Cllr Tucker proposed, seconded by Cllr Browne and unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept this policy with no amendments required

f. Adoption of the Community Engagement Policy

Cllr Browne proposed, seconded by Cllr Cousins and unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept this policy with no amendments required.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed _____

Worshipful Mayor
8th June 2021