



Glastonbury Town Council

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 13th September 2016
at 7pm**

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

APOLOGIES: County Councillor A Gloak

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
Terry Dowden - Macebearer
David Greenway – Town Crier

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the Unity candle.

- Hugh Sharp invited Councillors to an talk on Lalibela on 30th September at 7pm.
- Angela Friend reported brambles overhanging the path in Northload Street and overflowing bins, mattresses etc near the old library.
- Rog Cohen reported illegal parking at Turstin Road
- Jim Barron congratulated the Town Council on the floral displays
- Lembit Opik showed the shopping robot to the Town Council and discussed the trial

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

81. REPORT FROM GLASTONBURY POLICE BEAT TEAM

PC Stuart Ball reported a busy summer. The team is due to have two PCSO's but has been operating with one. The team is tackling the anti-social behaviour in the High Street. The main culprit has been arrested and issued with a Community Protection warning, the same warning was issued to the person with a dangerous dog. Tor Fair was without incident. Councillor Cottle was concerned about the length of time it took for the police to respond to a call about a violent person which highlighted the need for more Police on the beat. Councillor George said that she and the Mayor had met with the Police recently when the idea of a Council funded PCSO had been mooted. The Mayor was concerned that due to lack of attendance by the partners, the PACT meeting had not officially been able to continue. The Mayor and Deputy will be meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 18th October.

82. HEALTH CONNECTIONS MENDIP

Vicky Sullivan gave a presentation on the work of Health Connections Mendip which is a health and wellbeing service working in GP practices and in the community. They offer a range of free services and support including Talking Cafes, 1:1 support for patients; pain management courses for people who experience chronic pain; 'On Track' Group for people setting health –related goals; peer support groups; health walks; awareness-raising sessions; Health and Wellbeing radio show; Community Connectors (People in the community who can signpost and inform friends , family and neighbours about accessing support groups, advice and services) and Health Connections Directory.

The Councillors were interested in the Council being trained to be community connectors and thought there may be scope to hold a mass training day at the Town Hall.

83. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th August 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Communications Committee held on 18th August 2016 were accepted
- c) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 23rd August 2016 were noted
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the A361 Committee held on 2nd August 2016 were accepted. Last paragraph to be deleted due to duplication.

84. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Napper reported training sessions for the refurbishment of the finger Posts will be taking place. He also reported on the Annual Parking report. He said that the civil parking team have agreed to provide more enforcement for Glastonbury. Councillor Henderson asked where we were with the new yellow Lines. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Napper and Keery should look at what is outstanding from the last Traffic Order.

85. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon had attended two outside meetings, that of the Somerset Building Preservation Trust and the other with the Duchy of Cornwall about plans for 500 houses on the Royal Bath and West Showground. He reported that maintenance of hedges etc on the Millstream estate is a problem as the developer handed over the maintenance to Mendip District Council who have sold off a number of lots of land to residents. The Landscape Group are being informed about what they should be maintaining on behalf of the District Council.

Cinnamon Play area has dried out and the new equipment is a success. Councillor George said there is now a road safety issue at the park with the increased usage. Councillor Thurgood is pleased the Cinnamon play park has been upgraded but said that Thorndun Estate playpark desperately needs more equipment.

Councillor George said that the Youth Council is still waiting for the results from the survey which includes play provision. Once the results are in the Council will have more of an idea of what is wanted by the young people and negotiations can start with the District Council.

Councillor Coles provided a written report.

Councillor Keery asked about the Traveller's site since the District Council informed the residents that they intended to take back the land for an alternative use. Councillor Henderson said that 2 people have joined the housing register so far. Several people have come forward to represent the residents.

Councillor Cottle reported that he had attended the licensing board. The Street Trading draft will now go to full Council for approval.

86. TOR SPORTS AND LEISURE

Councillors considered approaching Mendip District Council to discuss Glastonbury Town Council taking over the freehold of Tor Sports and Leisure.

After discussion it was decided that the Town Council should meet with the District Council to reiterate that the residents wish the land to be placed in Trust in perpetuity as originally agreed with the Friends of Tor Leisure.

The District Councillors were asked to go back to the officers with this message. Councillor Napper said he had spoken to Councillor Parham who said that the whole matter is under review.

The Town Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting between the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Henderson, as Ward District Councillor and Donna Nolan and Keith Pennyfather from Mendip District Council.

87. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The new financial Regulations were adopted with the amount increased to £5000 from £2000 for emergency expenditure.

88. REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor Napper thanked Theo Wilson for all his work with the Youth Council. Councillor Thurgood presented Theo with a card and gift and wished him well in his university studies.

89. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Councillor George gave a brief synopsis of the meeting of the Town Centre Working Group.

90. 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.

91. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that since the last Town Council meeting he had represented the town at 16 events since the last meeting.

92. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Knight reported that Glastonbury Cricket Club had won the league. He also reported the blessing of the Tor Fair.

Councillor Brunsdon was pleased to report that he had arranged for a new flag pole to be erected at St Benedict's Church which is now flying the St George's Flag.

Councillor Thurgood reported her attendance at the Baking Protocol Review. She also reported that the Methodist Church would be holding their Harvest Festival at the weekend.

Councillor Henderson reported that Somerset Open Studios would be running from 17th September-2nd October.

The Mayor reminded Councillors about the Battle of Britain Service at St John's Church on 18th September at 9.30am.

93. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor George gave a brief synopsis of the meeting of the Town Centre Working Group.

94. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Email from Gavin Ellis, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service – Invite to appoint a Councillor to become a community safety champion
- b) Information sheet from Somerset County Council – Advance notification of major road works 22nd October 2016 to 30th October 2016 – A39 Causeway, Street, Somerset
- c) Somerset County Council – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016 – Vulnerable children and young people
- d) Letter from internal auditor – Annual Return 2015-2016 – Councillors attention was drawn to the need for a risk assessment of the Council
- e) Email from Mayor of Ferla, Sicily proposing twinning the towns of Ferla and Glastonbury – It was **AGREED** to ask the public whether anyone would be interested in discussing this further with Ferla.

The Mendip District Council Parish Bulletin for September 2016 was circulated to members.

95. PRESS RELEASES

It was **AGREED** that the Communications Committee writes press releases about the Tor Sport and Leisure and twinning.

Mayor, 11th October 2016