



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 9th July 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, B Outten, C Prior, S Roney-Dougal, M Smyth and I Tucker

APOLOGIES: None

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 7.00 AND 7.15PM

Subjects raised included: Glastonbury Cricket Club
Diesel emissions – Glastonbury High Street
Tor Leisure x 2
Morrisons Bund

Glastonbury **Youth Council** presented their recently prepared Youth Charter the purpose of which is to define the appropriate ways of engagement with businesses and the wider community. Providing young people with a voice is important and the Youth Charter goes a long way towards delivering this objective. The Youth Council has also created a new website www.youngpersonfriendlycharter.co.uk which aims to inform of their work and how to involve. The presenter Poppy was thanked for her presentation.

Barry Morgan presented on **Tor Leisure**. He informed that the organisation was broadly supportive of the proposed Deed of Dedication prepared by Fusion. He continued by thanking both the Town Council and Mendip District Council for working through the preparation of the deed. Barry continued and informed of the numerous sports groups that use the facilities including Wessex Youth football, Keinton Mandeville football club, numerous cricket teams. Riders in the Sky is returning as is the frisbee championship and England Rounders championship. There has been an increase use since the closure of 1610. Tor Leisure would like to undertake some wider consultation with residents to identify investment priorities and create a short and medium-term plan of action. The support of the Town Council would be appreciated with this work.

Questions included an observation that the tennis courts are in need of refurbishment and investment in many areas is now long overdue. A comment regarding the need for more regular

mowing and disposal of clippings was raised and another informing that the Mill Stream required an increase in maintenance. Fusion are responsible for drainage which has been an issue, although is seemingly now being addressed. When asked for a response to the proposed Deed of Dedication, Rob Taylor (Fusion) informed that their preference would be to have the whole field included, although they are not troubled by the club house facilities not being included. As this item is included on the agenda under correspondence later in the meeting, Barry and Rob were thanked for their presentations.

The peace candle was lit by Poppy from the Youth Council and a minutes silence upheld when we were asked to remember Mike King a former Caretaker and Macebearer.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Tucker and Cousins declared an interest in the Harvest Show as participants and sponsors.

39. APPROVAL AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2019.

Two amendments of the minutes of the previous meeting were requested. Item 29 omitted to mention that it was agreed to roll-over any underspend to create a larger fund for future requirement. Item 30 (c) omitted to mention the amendment the target date of 2020 for the removal of nuclear weapons. With these amendments having been agreed, the minutes were duly signed by the Worshipful Mayor

40. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF:

- a. Planning Committee held on 18th June – approved Cllr Henderson informed that he has taken advice on the appropriateness of his being on the Mendip DC Planning Board and the Town Council Planning Committee. He has been guided to resign his position on Glastonbury Town Planning Committee. The next meeting of this committee a new chairman will be elected.

41. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Leyshon had prepared a report which was previously circulated by email to Councillors. There were two additional points shared in her presentation. Peninsula are considering the priority road improvement projects for the south west to present to Government. The A39 corridor proposal is 5th on a list of 6 projects. AECOM are overseeing the prioritising programme on behalf of Peninsula. The additional housing development programme is suggesting an additional 3,600 houses being built between Walton and Shepton Mallet on the A39/A361 route. Cllr Leyshon will provide the clerk details of the updates for onward distribution.

Cllr Napper had tabled a report which was presented. Discussion continued over the suitability of various road programmes to relieve the impact of traffic on Glastonbury. Comments raised including the continued consideration of diverting traffic on alternative routes. Confusion through mixed messages may result in no solution being identified.

42. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Cllr Cottle provided a verbal report. He informed that he has a responsibility within Mendip DC for Neighbourhood Services and Cllr MacDougall is the shadow portfolio. Glastonbury is rising higher among the priority requirements of the District Council.
- Cllr MacDougall tabled a report.
- Cllr Cousins tabled a report which he then spoke to. The emphasis of his report was the recent application to include The Crown Inn as an Asset of Community Value which was refused recently at a meeting of Mendip District Council.

43. ALLOTMENTS AND LOCAL GREEN SPACES IN REFERENCE TO THE LOCAL PLAN.

Cllr Smyth presented this item. A concern was expressed about the loss of historic open green spaces over the years to residential development. He continued by informing that the allotments, Tor leisure and football club areas are valued green spaces with environmental value and should be protected from development. In response, the debate informed of the complicated procedure for moving allotments and the legal requirement for the Town Council to provide them. Whilst there are no known plans to develop any of the identified spaces, the council would be wise to keep all options open, particularly as being the owner of the allotments, all decisions will be at the total discretion of the town council. An area currently under utilised which could be considered for the development of open space is land adjacent to the cemetery above Avalon Estate

44. 5G WORKING GROUP – TERMS OF REFERENCE

The previously circulated draft terms of reference were presented to the council. It is suggested that there are 8 Town Councillors on this group with a total of 16. The presented document was considered a true reflection of the requirement. Cllr Tucker suggested that a member of the Youth Council joins this Group to share the voice of young people. Cllr Tucker proposed, Cllr Cottle seconded and it was **AGREED** to accept the Terms of Reference. 15-0-1. The Working Group will consist of 9 Councillors, a total of 18

The next stage is to prepare a news release inviting non-councillors with an interest in joining this group to submit a statement informing of the skills and knowledge they can bring. Successful applicants will be provided with the Councils Code of Conduct and the Terms of Reference and be expected to adhere to both.

45. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Climate Change Emergency Group.

Cllr Browne informed that the Climate Change Emergency Group met recently and have identified two priorities. In the short-term to organise an information day in the Town Hall on 21st September when members of the public will be encouraged to attend, visit exhibitions and attend presentations on climate change and how we can positively respond. More longer-term, to research and encourage the retro fit of homes to reduce heating requirements, carbon footprints and more use of sustainable materials.

46. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Bloom!

Cllr Tucker informed that the judging of Glastonbury in the SW in Bloom competition will take place on 17th July. A town clear-up day has been organised for Sunday 14th July commencing at 10.00am and all are encouraged to participate.

47. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were hosted by Michael Eavis and provided a tour of the festival site prior to the opening. The Mayor enjoyed the awards presentation of the Air Cadets which was held in the Town Hall recently.

The Deputy Mayor represented the Mayor at the Mayor Making ceremonies in Chard, Wells and Yeovil.

48. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temporary road closures notices have been received for:

- a. 20th July – Northload Bridge area will be operating a one-way system during the Godney Gathering.
- b. 19th October – High Street will be closed for two hours in support of the Zombie Walk

49. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Glastonbury Harvest Show committee have invited participants to exhibit or display at the show on 7th September
- b. Complaint received from Mr Philip Knight who raised a concern regarding the cutting of a hedge and strimming in the closed 'wildlife protected' season. In response, the clerk informed that both operations were undertaken on the grounds of health and safety and that prior to commencing the operation, staff had searched for the presence of wildlife and nesting birds.
- c. Complaint received from Ms Sue Cresswell regarding the 'irresponsible use of planters and slug pellets'. This concern was raised at the recent meeting of the Bloom committee where it was reported that the planters are made from recycled plastic and the slug pellets used are organic.
- d. Ms Fiona Montgomery sent a letter to James Heapey MP (copied to the Town Council) raising concerns about pedestrian safety on Chilkwell Street.
- e. Deed of Dedication between Mendip District Council, Fusion Lifestyle, Tor Sports and Leisure and National Playing Fields Association. Following debate, it was proposed by Cllr Michell, seconded by Cllr Henderson that the Town Council responds to Mendip District Council raising the same concerns as raised by the Friends of Tor Leisure. In summary, these include extending the protected line closer to (perhaps including) the facilities. Including the bowls and netball areas and amending the suggested non-sporting event uses to no more than 10 days per year. Cllr Cottle abstained 15-0-1
- f. Former Mayor – Hugh Sharpe, report on Lalibela hospital maternity unit.
- g. Complaint received from Mr Rob Hook regarding speeding traffic on Wells Road where an incident the previous week resulted in a personal injury.
- h. Correspondence from the Local Plan inspector who has responded positively to the Town Councils request to present at the Local Plan enquiry on the subject of gypsies and travellers. This is to be held on Thursday 25th July and the Town Clerk whilst willing to represent the council, wanted assistance in preparing a presentation with agreed content. Councillors Cousins, Coles, Smyth, Henderson, MacDougall, Keery and Tucker agreed to provide support as required.

50. NEWS RELEASES

It was **AGREED** that a news release be prepared for the promotion of involvement with the 5G working group

51. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – GLASTONBURY TRIBUNAL

The meeting closed at 10.55pm.

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Worshipful Mayor
13th August 2019