



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors S Barnet, J Cousins, S Henderson, J Keery, P Lund, L MacDougall, D Michell, I Mutch, B Outten, C Prior, S Roney-Dougal and M Smyth.

APOLOGIES: Cllr L Browne, J Coles, N Cottle, I Tucker

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
Claire Crumpton – Macebearer
County Councillors Leyshon and Napper

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 7.00 AND 7.15PM

Subjects raised included: Use of glysohate by the Environment Agency
Update on the Opportunities (Ops) Shop
Rubbish at Cinnamon Lane
Climate Change

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

68. APPROVAL AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th August 2019.

A minor amendment was made to minute 56 referring to the non-use of glysohate on Glastonbury Tor. The minutes were then considered a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

69. POLICE REPORT

The monthly report received from PC Katie Moyse was read by the Mayor. PC Moyse was present and answered questions. The important message to relay from this presentation is to ensure that all incidents are reported to the Police either through 101 or 999 communication.

70. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF:

- a. Youth Provision – Cllr Barnet informed that a small group had met to discuss the Johnny Mars project and were getting closer to being in a position to proceed with this musical youth project.
- b. Planning – The minutes presented were noted.

71. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Napper had previously presented a written report, which was received too late to table. He highlighted that SCC have purchased low carbon school transport and were running again their own routes to transport children. He informed that SCC are

delivering 300 apprenticeships over the past three years. I-aero an aerospace Incubation Centre in Yeovil has been supported by SCC culminating in an £8m investment. The Hinkley jetty is now operational. Cllr Napper raised his concerns at the seemingly lack of progress in removing the unauthorised encampment at Pomparles Bridge and other locations. As an additional point, he was pleased that government are considering enforcing illegal pavement parking.

Cllr Leyshon's report was previously tabled. She informed that the Living Spaces panel were meeting the following day and was hopeful that a solution to remove the unauthorised encampment at Pomparles Bridge was making progress. Cllr Lund raised a question regarding the downgrading of an existing road if a new one was built and this was confirmed to be correct by Cllr Leyshon.

Both reports are available on the Town Councils website.

72. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr MacDougall, Henderson and Cousins reports were previously circulated and have been placed on the Town Council website.

Cllr MacDougall included her work and involvement with the Equalities panel, in addition to shadow Neighbourhood Services, Planning Board and Licencing responsibilities. She continued to inform of the progress that Mendip DC are making with addressing the Climate Emergency through the compilation of a strategy which will be made easier with the appointment of a dedicated officer.

Cllr Cousins informed of the meetings he has attended. Of particular interest was the response received following a visit to a previous meeting by a representative of the Adult Social Care team.

Cllr Henderson referred to the rising levels of anti-social behaviour and was pleased with the response received earlier from PC Moyse. Further Cllr Henderson informed of his involvement with discussions attempting to finalise the Deed of Dedication at Tor Leisure.

Cllr Cottle, whilst not at the meeting had submitted a brief report informing of damage to fencing at Cinnamon Lane recreation area.

73. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The clerk shared a concern that he has noted with the process of making payments for invoices received. He suggested that a few councillors, not necessarily signatories to the bank account visit the office between the preparation of the schedule of payments and the monthly meeting of the council to cross reference the payment, invoice and bank statement. Cllrs Barnett, Keery, Michell and MacDougall offered their services. The schedule of payments to September 9th were presented and accepted and duly signed by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

74. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The budget monitoring report was presented and accepted. Cllr Cousins enquired if the underspend of election expenses was held over in the same budget or transferred to the general fund. The clerk did not know the answer and offered to respond directly. (Response – the funds are held in the same account in case of the need of a by-election)

75. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

- a. *5G – Cllr Cousins informed that the recent meeting was considered a success. Terms of reference and the code of conduct were both agreed, together with the regularity of information and the process of sharing information. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18th September. Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Keery and unanimously **AGREED** that £500 be made available to cover the costs of visiting speakers invited to present to the 5G working group*
- b. *Climate Change Emergency Group. The emergency day planned for Saturday 21st September is to proceed. The Terms of Reference for the group were considered with an amendment proposed by Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Keery that the draft Terms of Reference should reference the aims to be carbon neutral by 2030 and link to our own Environmental Charter. This was **AGREED** by majority with one abstention. Cllr Cousins proposed, seconded by Cllr Smyth and **AGREED** with one abstention to accept the Terms of Reference. A request for a budget of £500 was proposed by Cllr Keery, seconded by Cllr Lund and unanimously **AGREED**.*

76. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- a. *Frost Fayre – The Clerk informed that all spaces for trade-stands at the Frost Fayre were booked before the end of the day.*
- b. *Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Board – Cllr Michell reported that at a recent meeting, the Board has proceeded with the purchase of a notice board. Discussion is on-going with regards to the purchase of a scanner which will be used to record the content of the many ledgers onto a retrievable system which will be stored on ‘the cloud’.*

Cllr Henderson left the meeting at this point.

77. MOTION

- a. Proposed by Cllr Michell and seconded by Cllr Prior – that ‘We propose a motion to Glastonbury Town Council that the Council fully endorses and supports the passing of Ecocide Law at National and International level. This was unanimously **RESOLVED**
- b. Proposed by Cllr Michell and seconded by Cllr Prior that ‘We propose a motion to Glastonbury Town Council that this Council becomes an Earth Protector Town in May 2020 and join with Stroud Council in the establishment with this scheme’. This was unanimously **RESOLVED**.

78. TOR LEISURE REVISED DEED OF DEDICATION

A revised draft of the Deed of Dedication has been received from Mendip District Council regarding land at Tor Leisure. Following a detailed debate, it was proposed by Cllr Cousins, seconded by Cllr Michell and unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the document with the following amendments.

Removal of sub-section 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3 and 3.2.4 which name the permitted non-sporting events that are permitted on the field. The existing 3.2.5 which states that Sporting events and other recreation and leisure time occupation becomes the new 3.2.1. Further a limit on the number of days per year the area can be used for non-sporting activities is to be restricted to ten which will replace sub-section 3.2.2.

79. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

80. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Response to letter received from Mike O'Dowd-Jones, Somerset County Council in response to a letter sent to Cllr Woodman from the Mayor regarding the re-routing of the A361. Cllr Keery proposed, seconded by Cllr Michell and **RESOLVED** that a meeting of the A361 Committee is organised as soon as possible to debate a response. Carried 6-3-2.
- b. A fundraising dinner is to be held in Wells in support of the Family Counselling Trust
- c. Morrisons provided a verbal update to the Clerk, informing that the Manager is permitted from attending meetings, yet the improvement works to the attenuation pond are now in hand.

81. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Resilience Mental Health information
- b. Somerset Community Foundation event in Taunton on 17th October
- c. Mendip DC informing that coach parking is to be permanently free in Glastonbury and Well
- d. The agm of the Somerset Association of Local Councils will be held on 26th October at Edgar Hall.
- e. Shape – Parish Bulletin

82. NEWS RELEASES

It was **RESOLVED** news releases are to be prepared for:

- a. The Climate Emergency open event
- b. Ecocide and Earth Protector status

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.

Signed _____

Worshipful Mayor
8th October 2019