



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: All present, none received

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillors Leyshon and Napper, Town Clerk, Ch Insp Baker and thirteen members of the public

This meeting was held through electronic means due to the Covid-19 lockdown

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

Subjects raised included:

- Low traffic Glastonbury campaign
- Glastonbury Cricket Club and Tor Leisure
- Frost Sunday's
- One Way System.

135. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

136. TO RECEIVE BOTH A WRITTEN AND A PRESENTED POLICE REPORT

A written report has been received from the PC Katie Moyse. Clearly, the Glastonbury Beat Team have been kept extremely busy, with a large number of additional concerns having to be actioned relating to social distancing and Covid-19 legislation. The full report which had previously been circulated to all councillors has been placed on the website for all to access. The Mayor welcomed Chief Inspector Sharon Baker. A presentation was made to the council which included the following key points.

- There is now a relatively new team working in Glastonbury, including Insp Julie Denny, Sergeant Simon Lancey and PCSO Supervisor Hannah Hood.
- Crime these days takes longer to investigate
- Improved analytics are available to identify the trends in crime
- Tool marking, cycle marking are initiatives which are successful in reducing the incidence of crime.
- The principal of 4 E's is followed by the police, Explain, Encourage, Educate and if required Enforce.

The Ch Insp then took questions from councillors. Importantly, the emphasis of ensuring that crimes are reported was made, either through 101 or if more serious 999.

137. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2020

The minutes of the October 13th meeting of the Town Council were approved as a correct record and will be signed by the Mayor in due course.

138. TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF:

- a. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19th October were presented by the Chair, Cllr Browne. Concerns were raised over the accuracy of the minutes and the correct recording of the planning meeting. The minutes, which remain in draft format are to be presented to the next Planning Meeting on 18th November.
- b. The minutes of a meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 26th October were accepted and approved by the Council.

139. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF TENNIS COURTS AND OTHER HARD STANDING ON TOR LEISURE USING SECTION 106 FUNDING PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO GLASTONBURY

Progress with the tennis courts has been very good in recent weeks with the Town Centre staff having cleared most of the overgrown foliage and shrubs. Avalon Surfacing who have been awarded the contract to refurbish the courts and install new fencing have encountered a problem which has had to be addressed. The original quote received included the wire fencing, not however the support posts. Having removed the trees, the posts are not strong enough to use again and need to be replaced. There is a cost of £2,880 to cover the additional works required. This amount has been approved by the Section 106 Officer at Mendip District Council. The clerk informed that the target completion date of the end of November for the project was still achievable.

140. MOTION – THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL PURCHASE AND ORGANISE A RANGE OF SUITABLE RECYCLING UNITS/FACILITIES IN THE TOWN FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PLACE THEIR PLASTIC, GLASS, CANS AND PAPER APPROPRIATELY Proposer - Cllr Outten, seconded - Cllr Roney-Dougal.

Cllr Outten informed the meeting that he would welcome the opportunity for the purchase of waste bins with separate segregated areas for the collection of specific waste. The intention is to collect tins, cardboard, glass and general waste. Cllr Cousins informed the meeting that it was important to ensure the collection of the separated waste is followed up with it being appropriately recycled. A discussion needs to be held with Somerset Waste Partnership together with Idverde to ensure the collected waste is appropriately used. Both the proposer and seconder to the motion were comfortable with the suggestion of withdrawing the motion until such time as the Clerk's office is able to seek assurances that separated waste would be recycled appropriately.

141. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Napper mentioned the ever increasing numbers of unauthorised encampments and how they unfortunately can quickly become an eyesore. The 'R' number which indicates the number of people who are sharing the coronavirus virus has risen from 1.2 – 1.4. Thankfully, there have been no deaths of residents within Somerset care homes. Year 7 pupils and older are now required to wear face coverings whilst using school transport. The Track and trace system adopted by the county council appears to be working better than other areas.. The recent announcement of a vaccine to protect against the virus has been warmly received.

Cllr Leyshon informed that it remains anticipated that the 20MPH speed limit on most of Glastonbury's roads and the creation of a traffic island at the junction of Chilkwell Street and Bere Lane will

be delivered in this financial year. The recently introduced temporary one-way system can be extended, although it will require a directive from the Town Council to the Highways Authority for this to be implemented. There is no easy solutions to the problems of hosting a one way system, as it causes issues to some people, particularly bus travellers. . Rob Taylor from Fusion is to be furloughed for the foreseeable period due to the lock-down of leisure facilities. Disabled parking at Stonedown is being used as permanent parking by two units, both displaying blue badge parking permits. Cllr Leyshon informed that there was very little that can be done to resolve this as they are parking legally. The double yellow lines on Wellhouse Lane are covered with detritus. A request to clear the area has been submitted to the works department, also a request that where required, new yellow lines painted. Cllr Cottle proposed, seconded by Cllr Coles that the one-way system be lifted with immediate effect. This proposal was defeated 11-4-0 A named vote was requested.

For, Cllrs Lund, Coles, Cousins, Cottle. Against, Cllrs, Smyth, MacDougall, Browne, Henderson, Roney-Dougal, Outten, Prior, Barnet, Keery, Mutch, Tucker

Councillor Keery proposed, seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **AGREED** by majority that the one-way system should be retained for a further three weeks. 11-3-1 This was also a named vote: *For Cllrs Smyth, MacDougall, Browne, Henderson, Roney-Dougal, Outten, Prior, Barnet, Mutch and Tucker. Against, Cllrs: Lund, Cousins, Coles. Cllr Cottle abstained.*

142. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cottle informed that he has received concerns from residents because the buses were not able to stop at Lambrook Street, causing the need to have to walk further. A request for two grit bins to be installed at Ridgeway Gardens and Coarsing Batch has been made by residents. The clerk was asked to order additional bins. A dog waste bin at Dod Lane is also required. This was replaced recently and requires further exploration. Cllr Cottle chaired his first meeting of the District Council earlier this week.

Cllr Henderson informed that he has been directly involved with various meetings associated with the Towns Deal Fund, in particular the Football Club and Fusion. Enforcement planning concerns have been reported to appropriate officers and are being dealt with.

Cllr MacDougall had previously submitted a written report which has been placed on the council's website. In addition a concern was expressed that the recently adopted Climate Change Strategy has insufficient targets and actions.

Cllr Cousins had also presented a written report to council. In addition, he mentioned that he had involved with the response from Mendip DC to the Planning Reform White Paper. Also that he has directly involved with obtaining the Section 106 funds to provide for improved tennis courts and hard play area off Benedict Street.

143. TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The budget monitoring report was received and any questions raised duly answered. The clerk informed that the Councils request for financial assistance from Mendip DC has been duly considered resulting in a contribution of £47,650 being made to the town council. The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer were thanked on behalf of the council for pursuing this opportunity.

144. TO RECEIVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Schedule of Payments was presented and there being no questions and was duly approved

145. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

a. Housing and Homelessness

This committee has not met recently. However, the District Council's lead Officer on housing and homelessness Jan Errington has been liaising with the chair Cllr Outten and the clerk. The next meeting of the group is planned for 7th December. Of interest, it is understood that the Norbins Road car park is to be released for the creation of social housing. Also that the expression of interest submitted to the Town's Deal Fund has not progressed with the reasons given that the provision of social and affordable housing does not meet the expectations of the fund.

b. Glastonbury in Bloom

Bulb planting took place over two consecutive weekends at the base of the Tor and Jubilee Park. Planters and hanging baskets are being considered for the High Street as part of the Towns Deal Fund. A certificate has been received from the SW in Bloom organisers acknowledging the summer floral displays provided during this difficult year.

c. Climate Emergency – Recommendation to Glastonbury Town Council that *As a result of the lockdown and the resulting detriment to the High Street traders, we recommend that the High Street is fully closed on Sunday's for 6 weeks after the easing of lockdown so that they can try to recoup some of their losses. Road closure will enable social distancing, reduce air pollution and hopefully create a favourable environment to attracts shoppers.*

It is anticipated that measures to assist in the further reduction of carbon emissions can be considered as part of the Towns Deal Funding, which may include the provision of cycle lanes, cycle racks. It was reported that 46% of carbon emissions are a direct result of transport.

The community fridge project has proved an enormous success. 25 volunteers are involved ensuring that the produce available is fresh and the equipment is clean. The facility is available 7 days a week and has an average of 200 people per day accessing the facilities. Since the facility opened in August, in excess of 5.5 tons of food has been distributed, which is considered to be the equivalent of 10,000 meals. This does not include the surpluses from people's own gardens and allotments which is also placed in the fridge. During the half-term week, Morrisons used the facility to distribute sandwiches to those eligible for free school meals. Councillors warmly welcomed this update and congratulated all involved in making this project work for the benefit of residents.

146. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a. Community Networking

The work of the community networking group is on-going. There is currently work underway to submit a full application for the renovation of St Dunstan's House where it is anticipated that the requirements of the Community Networking group can be delivered.

b. Town Deal Fund

Cllr Tucker informed that the various expressions of interest have been sub-divided into specific areas. There are currently three defined areas which are defined as The Beckery, Sport and Leisure and Community Hub. The various applicants for ideas in each of these clusters is being encouraged to involve in the creation of smaller working groups to assist the Mendip DC Officers in creating a deliverable project plan. Transport is also encouraged and the Town Councils submission for a park and ride facility with an electric bus service capability. Each of these project plans has to be submitted by the end of

December to central government, as expected, there is much activity currently underway.

The accelerator fund has five projects identified. The Town Council is directly involved with delivering three of these projects as well as assisting St Edmunds hall with practical support. Herbies Field is expected to start this week, the circular Ordnance Walk requires all parties to satisfy themselves with the expectations and involvement of the town council. Town Centre regeneration ideas are being discussed weekly and great progress is being made with the delivery of the ideas presented.

147. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A paper previously circulated by the Mayor informed of his actions and activities since the last meeting. Of particular note is attendance at remembrance and armistice events.

148. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information was shared by Cllr Coles on the history of Lowerside Allotments. Cllr Mutch requested that the Town Council writes to congratulate President Elect Joe Biden. This suggestion was not supported.

149. CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk has received correspondence from the Highways Authority informing that the amended 20MPH designated areas have now been approved and are expected to be implemented within this financial year. There area that needed to be amended was between Ashwell Lane and Chilkwel Street, which has now been included within the designation.

Email correspondence has been received from a resident of the Redlands Estate, via Cllr Leyshon. The message contained a request that the one-way system in the High Street is reverted back to two way as soon as possible to allow the buses to function normally again. This request has been superseded by the setting up of a task and finish group to review the one-way system. The following councillors have indicated that they would want to be part of this discussion. Cllrs Barnet, Cottle, Lund, Keery, Browne, Henderson, Smyth and Cousins. First Bus, SCC Highways and Mendip DC are also to be invited to join the discussion.

150. NEWS RELEASES

Tennis

151. ACTIONS

All the required actions have been identified and noted throughout these minutes.

The meeting close at 10.30pm.

Signed _____

Worshipful Mayor
8th December 2020