



# Glastonbury Town Council

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Lund and Prior. County Councillor Napper

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk, two Mace Bearers, Transitional Town Clerk. 14 members of the public were in attendance. A further 7 viewed the live streaming of the meeting.

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

Low Traffic Glastonbury  
Glastonbury on Foot  
Support for High St businesses  
Tor Leisure

## **152. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM JANE COPESTAKE FROM THE YMCA**

Unfortunately, Ms Copestake was unable to attend and the clerk has suggested that she attends a meeting of the Youth Provision Committee on 25th January. This invitation is unconfirmed at this time.

## **153. TO RECEIVE PRESENTATIONS FROM EACH OF THE PROSPECTIVE COUNCILLORS IN ST MARY'S WARD.**

The vacancy within St Mary's Ward has been advertised resulting in four candidates wishing to be considered for co-option: Maggie Dear, Sue Thurgood, Bruce Denney and Andrew White. Each was asked to make a short presentation on why they would like to be considered for the Town council vacancy.

## **154. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllrs Cousins and Tucker declared an interest in agenda item 16 as they sit on the Town Deal Fund Board.

Cllrs Cousins, Tucker and Keery declared an interest in agenda item 13 as they are directors of the Glastonbury Information Centre

Cllr Roney-Dougal declared an interest in agenda item 16 as she is leading one of the projects of the Town Deal Fund – Brides Mound.

## **155. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN- COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December were considered accurate and were duly signed by the Mayor. Cllr Outten raised a concern about the decision to consider the motion he had proposed in December in his absence and in the absence of the seconder to the motion Cllr Prior. He subsequently resigned his position on the council and retired from the meeting.

## **156. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The clerk confirmed that the actions from the previous meeting had all been completed.

- A request for a site meeting to discuss traffic speed on Old Wells Road has been sent (a response was relayed under correspondence later in the meeting).
- An application for additional allotments is being prepared. To include the parcels of land identified on Windmill Hill and St Dunstan's Park
- The reinstatement of the benches on the High Street has been requested. Idverde responded and informed that they have removed the benches numerous times and subsequent requests will occur a charge. In light of the unknown outcome of the Omicron virus, the decision to reinstate the benches has been delayed for a while.

## **157. TO RECEIVE A POLICE REPORT**

The police report compiled by PC Moyses had been previously circulated by email and was also tabled. There were no questions or comments arising from the report.

## **158. TO RECEIVE THE RESOLUTIONS OF:**

### **Planning 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

- (a) 2021/2620/TPO – T1 Oak (M294) – prune the low lateral branches by 2m – 4 Chalice Hill Close, Glastonbury, BA6 8AY – Works/Felling of TPO Trees.  
Recommend APPROVAL
- (b) 2021/2602/HSE – Erection of rear single storey extension – 8 Dod Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 8BZ – Householder Application.  
Recommend APPROVAL
- (c) 2021/2435/FUL – Demolition of existing building and replacement with the erection of a light industrial building – Park Farm, Park Farm Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9NN – Full Application.  
Recommend APPROVAL
- (d) 2021/2342/TCA – G1 (Ash Group) – Fell. T1 Ash – Fell – Hepworth, Bulwarks Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 8JL – Works/Felling Trees in a CA.  
Recommend APPROVAL
- (e) 2021/2571/HDG – Hedgerow removal to facilitate the installation of a new water main – Land south west of A371 Between Wells and Glastonbury – Hedgerow Removal.  
Recommend APPROVAL
- (f) 2021/2669/ADV – 1 no. Externally illuminated fascia sign, 1 no. externally illuminated projecting sign and 1 no. edge illumination poster display sign – 17-18 Market Place, Glastonbury – Application to Display Adverts.  
Recommend REFUSAL
  - The proposal is not in keeping with the stylistic context and character of the local area,
  - The proposal will have a negative impact on the area through light pollution;
  - The proposal will destroy the ambience and have an impact on a conservation area)
- (g) 2021/2692/HSE – Erection of two storey side extension and internal alterations – 40 Old Wells Road, Glastonbury, BA6 8EA – Householder Application.  
Recommend APPROVAL
- (h) 2021/2711/TCA – T1 – Horse Chestnut – Reduce crown by upto 5m – Abbey Gatehouse, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9EL – Works/Felling Trees in a CA.  
Recommend APPROVAL
- (i) 2021/2733/FUL – Replacement 1no. dwelling house – Land at 10 Northload Bridge, Glastonbury – Full Application.  
Recommend APPROVAL

The Committee agreed that the Clerk would write to Mendip DC in respect of Planning Application 2021/0100/FUL – Installation of 1no. New Jet Wash bay and 1no. New floodlight. New air, water and vacuum bay and 2no. car parking spaces – Wirral Park Service Station, Wirral Park Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9XE. This Application was refused; however, we believe the Jet Wash is actually being used.

The Committee were advised that the Local Plan Part 2 has been agreed. Glastonbury Town Council are now proceeding with the Neighbourhood Plan.

### **Property and Assets 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Agreed to progress with the repair of the skatepark lights

To continue with the installation of cycle racks

To submit a planning application for the Change of Use of Common Moor Land to allotments

To pursue the quotes for two gates on footpaths alongside the by-pass

To obtain quotes for the town hall roof to include scaffolding

### **Finance and General Purposes 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

The recommendations and resolutions of this committee are included under a separate item on this evenings agenda

### **Property and Assets 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021**

This Town Deal sub-committee were informed that WSP (County Highways division) have been commissioned by Mendip DC to provide input to the scoping study for the Travel and Transport element of the Town Deal Fund.

O2i Design have been appointed as the architects for the St Dunstan's House community and well-being hub.

The Mayor proposed that the resolutions were accepted, seconded by Cllr Tucker and unanimously accepted.

## **159. RECEIVE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Leyshon informed that she had been in contact with the Multi Agency Group (MAG) and could confirm that the residents on the Redlands Estate were to receive a hand delivered letter informing of the suggested changes to the road layout in the area. The width of Bretenoux Road is such that to implement a safe passage for vehicles, cyclists and walkers a one way system in part is proposed. On Stonedown, the proposed works have yet to commence and the shortage of large boulders seems to be the identified issue. Cllr Leyshon has suggested that the boulders remaining at Pomparles Bridge could be obtained from the District Council. An issue of repainting the yellow lines on the road on Wellhouse Lane is being caused by the amount of mud and wet surface. The road may have to temporarily closed whilst these small works are undertaken.

The search for appropriate sites for transit and traveller use is on-going. The move to a unitary authority will change the dynamics of this requirement which Cllr Leyshon suggested should be proportionate to Glastonbury's population and not attempt to provide a solution for the county of Somerset. The issues of water running at Edgarley continue. Both Cllrs Leyshon and Napper are working to resolve these problems with the highways authority.

Cllr Leyshon informed that she has spent a considerable amount of time with each of the partners on the subject of Tor Leisure field and considered the progress to be very good.

Cllr Keery proposed a warm vote of thanks and appreciation of Cllr Leyshon for the way that she has kept council informed of progress and problems.

#### **160. TO RECEIVE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Cllrs MacDougall and Henderson had both previously submitted reports which had been both tabled and posted on the councils website.

Cllr Cousins had attended the Full Council meeting at Mendip which was partly virtual and partly in person. He reported that the Local Plan part II has now been approved, giving way for the completion of the Glastonbury Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Cottle informed that the boundary changes for the new unitary will mean that Glastonbury will have two representatives.

#### **161. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**a. Frost Fair.** Cllr Tucker

Little to report this month other than it has been agreed to return the costs of the stalls to those who were unable to trade at the Frost Fayre in November.

**b. Glastonbury in Bloom.** Cllr Cousins is leading this group in the absence of Cllr Prior. At the meeting in October, it had been agreed that the Bloom Committee is to seek an increase in its budget by £3,000. Unfortunately, this request had been omitted from the agenda of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Cllr Cousins requested that this is considered when reviewing the budget later in the agenda.

**c. Climate Emergency** Cllr Roney-Dougal

Attention was drawn to the carbon footprint calculator which can be found on the town councils website under the Climate Emergency heading. The link to this calculator is to be sent to all Councillors in anticipation that they will partake in the calculation themselves.

**d. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee** Cllr Cousins

A meeting is planned for 12<sup>th</sup> January which will be held in person in the Town Hall. On the 6<sup>th</sup> February, there will be three showings of the original black and white silent movie featuring Alice Buckton. The film celebrates 100 years since being made this year, which coincides with the Queen's 75<sup>th</sup> celebrations on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **162. TO RECEIVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The schedule of payments was received without any questions being raised and was duly signed by the Mayor.

#### **163. TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

The budget monitoring report have been previously circulated and raised no questions. The summary document was signed by the Mayor. The Responsible Financial Officer is to be thanked for including the explanatory document with the budget.

#### **164. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE FOR THE 2022/23 BUDGET**

After much debate, Cllr Keery proposed, seconded by Cllr Smyth and unanimously **AGREED** that the budget for 2023/23 should remain as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes committee. The request for additional funds of £3,000 to support Glastonbury in Bloom are to be taken from the reserves.

#### **165. TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2022//23**

It was proposed by Cllr Tucker, seconded by Cllr Smyth that the precept for 2022/23 should remain unchanged at £419,160. By accepting this budget, there is a 0% change to the precept. It is estimated that the Council Tax per 'D' band dwelling is £133.28

#### **166. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

- a. **Town's Fund** Cllr Tucker informed that the whole programme of proving the need for projects, creating a business case, identifying community need etc has accelerated enormously recently. Consultants have been appointed to support the Travel and Transport programme which is being led by the town council. A project manager has been appointed for the largest project – renovation of the former Baily's buildings on the Beckery. Cllr Tucker reminded those present that there was never an intention to include housing as a deliverable within the town deal fund. Addressing the shortfall in housing stock is the responsibility of other authorities, nt the town deal fund.

#### **167. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor informed that he was promoting a youth event in the town hall on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January where various local bands will play. The evening is being called a Multi Genre Mashup and entry is £5 on the door.

#### **168. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The clerk has previously distributed a draft paper on the changes being considered in support of the Public Space Protection Order. Comments are invited by the end of January. After much debate, it was suggested that a separate meeting is held to discuss these draft document and recommend any changes to be considered. This meeting is scheduled to be on Zoom at 7.00pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **169. CORRESPONDENCE**

A request by residents of Chilkwell Street to provide an additional 6 spaces of roadside parking has been received by the Highways Authority and is currently being considered.

The clerk has received a 'holding' email response to the concerns raised with Mendip Highways of water leakage and gully clearing at Manor House Road, Basketfield Lane and Edgarley.

Mendip Highways have responded to a request for a meeting on site at Old Wells Road. The incidence of accidents on this road over the past five years has been very low with just one rear vehicle shunt. This low incidence level is such that no additional safety measures are anticipated.

The Cabinet Office has responded thanking Glastonbury Town Council with its support for COP26 and in particular the drive to reduce the effects of climate change. The council is encouraged to sign up for the Race to Zero.

Street Parish Council have requested a second meeting to discuss the evolving opportunities of working collaboratively with Glastonbury Town Council. The Mayor responded and asked the clerk to identify some dates to meet as soon as possible.

#### **170. NEWS RELEASES**

.0% precept was considered a worthy news release

The Lord Lieutenant Annie Maw planting a tree in Glastonbury is considered news worthy.

**171. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING.**

- To arrange a meeting with Street Parish Council as soon as possible
- To pursue the intention to provide additional allotments off the flood plain at locations previously identified.

**172. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC TO DISCUSS IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION THE COOPTION OF AS COUNCILLOR IN ST MARY'S WARD.**

Having excluded the press and public and stopped the live streaming of the meeting, the Mayor informed that four people had applied to be considered for the vacant council position. In line with the policy for selecting a new councillor by co-option, votes were cast for each of the candidates.

The results of the ballot were:

Maggie Dear	- 0
Bruce Denney	- 0
Sue Thurgood	- 6
Andrew White	- 6

The Mayor used his casting vote and Andrew White was duly chosen as the new councillor for St Mary's Ward.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Worshipful Mayor  
8<sup>th</sup> February 2022