



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7pm

- PRESENT:** Councillors S Barnet, C Bishop, J Coles, J Cousins, J Keery, P Lund, L MacDougall, I Mutch, S Roney-Dougal, M Smyth, I Tucker and A White
- APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Cottle, Henderson and Prior. County Councillor Leyshon (until 8.30pm)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk, two Mace Bearers, Transitional Town Clerk. 12 members of the public were in attendance. A further 31 viewed the live streaming of the meeting. County Councillor Napper and Leyshon (from 8.30pm)
- Public participation:** Five members of the public spoke during public participation. The subjects covered included:
- Unauthorised Encampments
 - Middle Drove road repair
 - Travellers Rights
 - Electoral process
 - Travellers on Kennard Moor Drove

174. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllrs Cousins and Tucker declared an interest in agenda item 14 as they sit on the Town Deal Fund Board.

Cllrs Cousins, Lund, Tucker and Keery declared an interest in agenda item 14 as they are directors of the Glastonbury Information Centre

Cllr Roney-Dougal declared an interest in agenda item 14 as she is leading one of the projects of the Town Deal Fund – Brides Mound.

Cllrs Cousins, Barnet and Roney-Dougal declared an interest in item 14 as they are involved with Avalon Community Energy.

Cllr Coles declared an interest in item 8 as he is friends with the applicant of the planning application to be considered.

175. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM GLASTONBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM

Paul Manning, the acting chair of Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce and Tourism informed the council that due to covid restrictions, the Chamber has not met. They do however intend to hold their agm in late March or early April. A relaunch for members is soon to take place and part of the programme of activity may include the encouragement of businesses locally to tender for contracts in support of town deal projects.

176. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN- COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JANUARY 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January were considered accurate and were duly signed by the Mayor. Cllr Barnet informed that Jane Copestake from the YMCA has agreed to present to the Youth Provision committee in early March.

Cllr Coles enquired when the lights at the skate park were to be repaired? The clerk informed that the work was imminent.

177. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- The clerk confirmed that Mendip DC Planning service has been informed of the alleged infringement of planning at Wirral Park Service station.
- A Neighbourhood Plan meeting has been organised for Monday 28th February.
- A second meeting with Street Parish Council has been organised and was held on Thursday 3rd February.

178. TO RECEIVE A POLICE REPORT

The police report compiled by PC Moyses had been previously circulated by email. The clerk shared the contents of the report which included reference to the recent eviction of unauthorised encampments in the vicinity of The Beckery. A Councillor enquired if additional health support professionals were in attendance when the police are working with vulnerable people? Cllr Lund asked why the regular meetings between himself, Cllr Henderson and the Police had stopped. The clerk informed that it was because PC Tom Miller has now been promoted and moved out of the area. The clerk was asked to discuss this with the police and to reconvene the meetings as soon as possible.

179. TO RECEIVE THE RESOLUTIONS OF:

Planning 18th January 2022

- (a) 2021/2232/HSE - Erection of a kitchen infill extension. (**Revised plans rec'd 30 Nov 2021**) - 74 Wells Road, Glastonbury, Somerset, BA6 9BR Householder Application
Recommend REFUSAL of this application as the proposed building was large, out of scale and would set a precedent making it difficult to object to similar proposals.
- (b) 2021/2777/HSE – Erection of a rear two storey extension and porch – 10 Wells Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9DH – Householder Application.
Recommend APPROVAL of this application).
- (c) 2021/2718/FUL – Retention of 3 no. caravans for temporary 3 year use – Land off Dyehouse Lane, Glastonbury – Full Application.
Recommend APPROVAL of this application
- (d) 2021/2790/HSE – Formation of kerbs along front access and associated works – 16 Ashwell Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 8BG – Leney – Householder Application.
Recommend APPROVAL of this application.
- (e) 2021/2836/HSE – Demolition of garage and erection of new side and part rear single storey extension – 9 Jacobs Close, Glastonbury, BA6 8EJ– Householder Application.
Recommend APPROVAL of this application.
- (f) 2021/2694/HSE – Refurbishment of existing building to create store, home office and studio – 5 Dod Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 8BZ – Householder Application.
Recommend APPROVAL of this application.
- (g) 2021/2862/HSE – Erection of replacement extension, bay window roof & regularising existing attic room – 110 Benedict Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9EZ – Householder Application.
Recommend APPROVAL of this application.
- (h) 2021/2640/FUL – Demolition of garage block to be replaced by erection of 6 affordable homes with associated access, parking and landscaping – Land off Norbins Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9JG – Full Application.
Recommend APPROVAL of this application.

Property and Assets 26th January 2022

- To insulate the town hall roof at the same time as the scaffolding is in place

- To seek legal advice on the solar panels removal from the town hall roof
- To purchase 50 chairs for the Council Chamber
- Abbey Scaffolding to provide scaffolding access to the town hall roof
- Treble Roofing to undertake the repair of the roof
- To relocate the telegraph pole in the car park.
- Retain the sheds at Common Moor
- Undertake an ecology study of the rhynes at Common Moor
- Transfer of gardens at Manor House Road
- Formalise the use of the bay window room in the information centre for permanent access
- To reconnect the water supply at Herbies Field
- Cricket bat willows were planted last week.

Youth Provision 25th January 2022

- To be represented at the interviews for the replacement Youth Coordinator
- Tanya Moore to be invited to attend the next meeting
- To fund the replacement skate park lights from the Youth Provision budget

180. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION 2021/2232/HSE – Erection of a kitchen infill extension (revised plans received 30th November 2021) – 74 Wells Road, Glastonbury BA6 9BR
This application was considered at the January Planning Committee meeting, with a recommendation of refusal on the grounds of over development. The plans have now been amended removing a structure in the garden. The proposed development now is an infill to create a larger kitchen to the rear of the property. Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed, seconded by Cllr Barnet and **AGREED** by majority to recommend approval of this application. 9-0-3

Cllr Keery raised a concern about the recently introduced business to the Market Cross, Papa John's, a take away fast food premises. The delivery vehicles associated to the business are parking on the Market Cross, which is in the conservation area of the town. Cllr Smyth proposed, seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and approved by majority that the clerk is asked to write to the Manager at Papa John's and inform that the approved planning conditions are not being followed and in the spirit of good trading, there are improvements to be made. He was asked also to inform the Papa John's head office, the Highways Authority and Mendip DC of the local concerns. 11-0-1.

181. RECEIVE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Napper had submitted a report prior to the meeting which had been circulated and included on the town council website. He made reference to the recently shown film 'Down by the River' which was screened in the town Hall. He hoped that the history of peat digging could be captured somewhere, possibly the proposed new museum or the Rural Life Museum. In his report, reference was made to the grant known as 'Heat Somerset', which promotes energy saving measures.

Cllr Leyshon informed that the measures for both Bretenoux Road and Stonedown Lane are progressing. Double yellow lines have been painted on Wellhouse Lane. The consultation document for the Public Space Protection Orders has been 'toned down' a little and invitations are invited before the 20th March on the document. Cllr Lund commented that he considered the consultation of residents in the vicinity of Bretenoux Road to be insufficient. In response, Cllr Leyshon informed that to create a multi user path requires 3m width and the remaining road was too narrow to be able to install the proposed improvements and retain two lanes of traffic.

She continued by stating that in her opinion, 'there is no other options on the table and the proposals are not negotiable'. To conform with Policy LTN120, the road and multi-use widths are pre-determined. Both Councillors were thanked for their continued input.

182. TO RECEIVE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Henderson had submitted a report which had been circulated and placed on our website. Cllr MacDougal had also submitted a report which had been circulated by email and placed on the website. In addition, she informed that it would be helpful to have small signs placed at strategic locations around the town informing that the town council does not use herbicides to control weed growth.

Cllr Cousins informed that he had missed some meetings due to being unwell. He had however attended a scrutiny committee meeting of the Somerset Rivers Authority.

Cllr Cottle is away on leave.

183. TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The budget monitoring report was presented and approved.

184. TO RECEIVE THE SCHEULE OF PAYMENTS

The Schedule of Payments was presented and approved.

185. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

a. Frost Fair. Cllr Tucker

The Frost Fayre have met recently. It appears that the 2021 Fayre made a loss of approximately £600, due to the high winds and the postponement of many stalls who were unable to trade. These stallholders have been refunded. New items had been purchased prior to the Fayre, including additional waste bins and surveyors nails, which amounted to more than the losses incurred. In conclusion, it was considered that the permanent retail premises had a good days trading.

b. Glastonbury in Bloom. Cllr Cousins informed that the decision has been taken to provide each retail premises with a hanging basket at no charge. Should additional baskets be required, these are to be purchased.

c. Climate Emergency Cllr Roney-Dougal thanked the councillors who had completed the Carbon Footprint questionnaire. The annual report from the Climate and Emergency Resilience Officer had been well received and Melissa is to be asked to circulate the report to all councillors. It has been suggested that group takes a stall one Tuesday in each month where it will be encouraged to distribute information in support of addressing climate change issues. Cllr Roney-Dougal encouraged the assessment of the whole town with regards to assessing the carbon footprint for Glastonbury and Melissa Taylor is to be asked to undertake this work.

d. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Cllr Cousins informed that there had been three presentation of the Alice Buckton film last Sunday in the Town Hall. In excess of 250 people in total saw the film. A sound track had been played over the silent movie which had been well received. There is to be a meeting soon, where the idea of a street party will be discussed.

186. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a. Town's Fund Cllr Tucker shared with the council the sad news that the Chair of the Glastonbury Town Fund Robert Richards had passed away, his funeral service is to be live streamed with a memorial service in Pilton in early March. The town owes an enormous gratitude to Robert for his involvement in driving the projects forward.

There is to be a showcase of the projects included in the Glastonbury bid on Friday 25th February between 12noon and 7.00pm.

Cllr Lund raised concerns over the handling of information and the processes followed relating to two projects, including the Baily's Buildings. He was particularly concerned that the Town Council had not had debated the proposals before being considered by the Town Deal Board

The clerk informed that there is to be an advisory committee meeting of the Property and Assets Committee to be held on Tuesday 15th February immediately following the planning meeting. The two projects that the Town Council are to deliver need further discussion.

187. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed that he had:

- Attended a service in Wells Cathedral to welcome the new High Sheriff.
- Attended two of the three showings in the town hall of the Alice Buckton film.
- Held discussions with the High Sheriff regarding an application by Glastonbury for the area to have World Heritage status.
- Met with Street Parish Councillors to consider areas where closer working could be positive for both Street and Glastonbury. Addressing mental health concerns and providing a pump track are to be further explored.
- A joint advisory committee is to be convened to study the idea of creating a Pump Track on Jubilee Park. Councillors White, MacDougall, Cousins and Smyth offered to serve on a joint advisory committee.

188. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Tucker informed that the planting of 17 oak trees in memory of John Brunson will be undertaken by the Conservation Society this coming weekend.

Cllr MacDougall informed that Fairtrade fortnight will take place between 21st February and 6th March.

Cllr Barnet informed that the Repair Café at St Edmunds Hall was proving a great success on Saturday mornings. Something similar is planned to be delivered from St Benedict's church.

Cllr MacDougall enquired if there had been any progress with Kew Gardens and locating Holy Thorn saplings for transplanting in Glastonbury. The clerk informed that emails were not being answered. The Mayor asked that a letter is sent to our contact at Kew.

189. CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk has received notification from the Responsible Finance Officer that £2,000 has been transferred to the town councils account from Mendip in support of the project at Fishers Hill.

Correspondence relating to the consultation of the Public Space Protection Orders has been received and the town council is invited to respond. It was suggested that this becomes an item for discussion at the next full meeting of the council.

Cllr MacDougall requested assistance in drafting a letter to James Heapey MP regarding the situation with housing and homelessness in Glastonbury.

190. NEWS RELEASES

A news release to encourage people to engage with the election process.

191. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING.

- The Mayor to write to Kew Gardens and attempt to identify the location of a Holy Thorn.
- The Climate Emergency and Resilience Officer is to be asked to undertake a whole town study of Glastonbury to assess the carbon footprint.
- The Climate Emergency annual report is to be circulated to all councillors.
- Signs informing that there is no herbicides or pesticides used by Glastonbury Town Council
- The clerk has been asked to write to Papa John's and inform that their car parking is not appropriate at the Market Cross.
- The clerk is to contact the police to reconvene the monthly meetings with Cllrs Henderson and Lund.
- The clerk is to enquire if the police receive support from other organisations when dealing with vulnerable people.
- The clerk to contact Highways (Mendip) to inform of road problems at Middle Drove.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed _____

Worshipful Mayor
8th March 2022