



Glastonbury Town Council

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

PRESENT: Councillors S Barnet, C Bishop, J Coles, J Cousins, N Cottle, S Henderson, P Lund, L MacDougall, I Mutch, S Roney-Dougal, M Smyth, I Tucker and A White

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Keery and Prior. County Councillor Leyshon

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk, two Mace Bearers, Transitional Town Clerk. 48 members of the public were in attendance. A further 80 viewed the live streaming of the meeting. County Councillor Napper. Police Sgt Lancey and Beat Manager PC Moyse.

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

- Electro Magnetic Radiation
- The Precautionary Principal when responding to 5G
- Wireless Technology
- Tor Leisure and Glastonbury Cricket Club
- Glastonbury twinning with Patmos
- Mendip removal of funding to support the Elim Centre

191. 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 and Tucker 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.

Cllrs Tucker and Barnet have derived and income from an involvement with Michael Eavis at Worthy Farm, Pilton.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor requested that Standing Orders be suspended, which was unanimously **AGREED**. The Mayor, Cllr Cousins then proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Roney-Dougal – That this council stands with Ukraine. This motion was unanimously supported.

The Clerk informed that he is awaiting the delivery of a Ukrainian flag, yet the civic guide for Glastonbury Town Council did not extend to flying other nations flags without consent. Cllr Cousins proposed, seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Ukrainian flag is to fly above the town hall.

192. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN- COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February were considered accurate and were duly signed by the Mayor. Cllr Lund requested that an amendment be made to item 186 expressing his concern that Glastonbury Town Council had not debated fully the reason for the changes to one of the projects. The minute for this item was altered.

193. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- The clerk has written on behalf of the Mayor to Kew Gardens and attempted again to identify the location of a Holy Thorn.
- The Climate Emergency and Resilience Officer has been 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 is in hand
- The clerk written to Papa John's and informed 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 enquired if the police receive support from other organisations when dealing with vulnerable people and was informed that there is support available, which is regularly used.
- The clerk has contacted Highways (Mendip) to inform of road problems at Middle Drove as reported by a member of public at the last meeting.

194. TO RECEIVE A POLICE REPORT – SGT Lancey

The Police report had been tabled and placed on the Town Councils website. In summary Sgt Lancey informed that:

- There has been an increase in organised begging
- They are still pursuing the assault of a female cyclist
- An untaxed vehicle being seized
- Issuing of warning letters to address anti social behaviour and poor driving
- Community engagement events continue to supported by the police.
- Joint patrols with Mendip DC enforcement officers has reconvened
- The team have assisted the Mental Health outreach team by locating a vulnerable female
- The display of additional signage at the churchyard is being supported
- Continued support for 'Having a 'cuppa with a copper'.

Sgt Lancey was thanked for the work of the beat team, which are currently under staffed. Questions from councillors included the subjects of Beltane, Community Fridge and Stonedown Lane.

195. MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS

The clerk introduced this item, informing the council that earlier this year, the opportunity to input to the consultation document had been discussed. Many of the suggested changes were included in this wider document which is open now for formal consultation. The purpose of the proposed PSPO is to assist other authorities in the provision of appropriate measures to ensure that individuals or groups of individuals from either having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality.

Cllr Bishop proposed that Glastonbury Town Council supports the introduction of the proposed Public Space Protection Order. After much debate, Cllr Tucker proposed, seconded by Cllr Barnet an amended motion, that a separate committee meeting is held to discuss the completion of the questionnaire. This motion was supported 12-1-0 and therefore approved by majority. The original motion, proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Coles was defeated 1-12-0. The clerk reminded the council that the consultation had to be completed by the 20th March and suggested that a meeting is held immediately following the Planning Committee meeting on 15th March.

**196. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE RESOLUTIONS OF:
Planning 15th February 2022**

The resolutions for the February Planning meeting were noted

Property and Assets 15th February 2022

The resolutions from this committee were noted. The clerk informed that there was a significant resolution contained within these minutes, that of conjoining the properties of the Town Hall and St Dunstan's House and treating them as one unit.

Youth Provision held on 1st March 2022

Cllr Barnet informed that the YMCA have recently purchased a property on Street Road with the intention of it being used by homeless young people. The resolutions were noted.

197. MOTION

Proposed by Cllr Keery, Seconded by Cllr Tucker

Aware of the shortage of affordable housing in the town, Glastonbury Town Council planned to build some carbon neutral/eco-friendly properties on land it owns and would continue to own at Lowsides Lane, which is currently being used for allotments. Accordingly, a plot was purchased in 1995 on Common Moor Drove to enable the Lowsides Allotments to be moved there and free the land for housing. Plans are in hand to divide the Common Moor site with 61 allotments and the council is looking for other appropriate allotment sites. To enable the plan to proceed and to provide affordable housing for Glastonbury families and future income for the Town Council, this council supports these proposals as a long-term aspiration of the council.

Due to Cllr Keery's absence, this motion was withdrawn with the intention that it being included on the agenda of the next meeting.

198. RECEIVE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Napper had submitted a written report prior to the meeting which had been tabled and placed on the website. The content included an update on Local Government reorganisation and an overview of the current round of budget setting. There remains an intention for SCC to be carbon neutral by 2030, which has received a significant amount of funding in next years budget to address decarbonisation. Other questions raised included the subjects of parking permits on Wells Road, A request to introduce parking permits on Manor House Road. Concerns of parked vehicles close to the junctions on Wells Road to both St Edmunds Road and Manor House Road.

Cllr Leyshon's report was read to the council and included:

- Residents parking on Wells Road
- Body cameras being worn by NSL Parking Enforcement staff
- The proposed PSPO
- The continued search for appropriate locations for traveller sites
- Road narrowing on Stonedown Lane
- Bretenoux Road and the outcomes of recent consultation.

199. TO RECEIVE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Henderson informed that he had attended the Full Council meeting recently where the budget was set for the last year of this authorities existence. Cllr Henderson had reflected on the comments raised about the funding being withdrawn from Elim Connect. Further, Cllr Tucker proposed, seconded by Cllr MacDougal and unanimously **AGREED** that the clerk is to write to the Leader, CEO and Portfolio Holder for Housing and enquire what the authority proposes to introduce to replace the existing support provided to rough sleepers. 12-0-0

Cllr Cousins informed that he had attended also the full council meeting and the agm of the Drainage Board.

Cllr Cottle informed that he had chaired the recent full council meeting.

200. TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The budget monitoring report was presented and approved. A question regarding the arrears of the Common Moor Allotment Association should be pursued.

201. TO RECEIVE THE SCHEULE OF PAYMENTS

The Schedule of Payments was presented and approved.

202. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

a. Frost Fair. Cllr Tucker

There was nothing to report

b. Glastonbury in Bloom

The Mayor informed that there is to be held a seminar in Beer, Devon. The Transition Town Clerk informed that a scheme to renovate the telephone box at the side of the town hall was underway, which includes a box planting scheme

c. Climate Emergency

Cllr Roney-Dougal informed of;

- the pending food fair and the importance of food security.
- A retrofit project which informs people how to reduce energy
- The intention to revisit the Neighbourhood Plan and introduce climate emergency measures
- The intention to hold a citizens assembly in the near future
- The information stall at the weekly market
- Issues of pollution on the River Brue
- Advice on resilience available through the eco hub.

d. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee

The Mayor invited the Transition Town Clerk to speak to this. The meeting was informed that what had been presumed to be a sum of £4,000 set aside to host the various projects had been misinterpreted and was an amount that may have been available to underwrite the programme of activities. An application has been presented to The Lottery for £6,900 to support the various projects planned over the weekend of the 2nd – 5th June. The youth committee has agreed to underwrite the activities to the value of £3,000 in the event that funding is not forthcoming. Councillors were asked if the remainder of the costs, should funding not be available from outside sources and a small additional budget of £1,500 be supported by the town council.

Cllr Cousins proposed that the suggested sources of funding support be acceptable to the council, seconded by Cllr Barnet and unanimously **AGREED**. 12-0-0

203. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a. Town's Fund

Cllr Tucker thanked those who had attended the open event on 25th February in the Town Hall, summarising that he considered the event had been organised well and received in excess of 350 visitors during the day.

Mendip DC are the accountable body and are following the guidelines on project management through a programme identified as the Green Book. One of the projects is undergoing a review with a change of emphasis. Melissa Taylor is supporting the project to renovate the Baily's buildings and has been funded by Mendip DC to support this project.

204. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor attended the funeral on 17th February of Geoffrey Ashe, a Freeman of Glastonbury. He attended also the open day for the town fund projects on 25th February.

He attended an art exhibition at The Heart of the Tribe and encouraged others to visit also. He attended the first 'Crow's Day' on 5th March.

205. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) have informed of the pending changes to the parliamentary constituencies. Councillors are encouraged to visit the consultation to see the suggested changes to the Glastonbury constituency.

Councillors are encouraged to visit Kennard Moor Drove prior to the discussion on PSPO's to be held on 15th March.

The Mayor will be attending a vigil on 19th March at 5.45pm at the Peace Pole. This is to demonstrate solidarity with Ukraine.

Cllr Coles informed that the Flying Scotsman will be passing through Somerset on Sunday 13th March.

Councillors were reminded that purdah commences on 21st March

206. CORRESPONDENCE

Community Health Network are to host a session on 21st March, between 5.30pm and 7.00pm in the small hall to support the carers of those people struggling with memory loss or dementia.

207. NEWS RELEASES

It was **RESOLVED** that a news release on the pending vigil should be prepared.

208. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING.

- The clerk to continue attempts to engage with Kew Gardens and attempt to identify the location of a Holy Thorn.
- To organise a meeting for those interested in Fair Trade
- The clerk to write to Mendip DC and enquire what is proposed to replace the work of Elim
- The council to have a dedicated meeting to discuss the PSPO questionnaire

The council agreed to enter into confidential session and excluded the public and press.

209 MOTION

Proposed by Cllr Cousins, seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal

This Council resolves that the Honorary Freedom of the Town – being the most honourable distinction which it is within the power of the council to bestow – be conferred upon Athelstan Joseph Michael Eavis CBE, in appreciation of the eminent services he has rendered to Glastonbury.

This motion was presented by Cllr Cousins and seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and unanimously **AGREED**

210 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominations received

Liz Leyshon

Tanya Moore

Lynne Sedgemore

Gina Ty Wharton

Kim Van Coels

Votes were cast for the 2021/22 Citizen of the Year, which by majority is to be awarded to Cllr Liz Leyshon

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed _____

Worshipful Mayor
12th April 2022