



# GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Minutes of Glastonbury Town Council held on 11 July 2023 at 7 pm</b>	
Councillors Present	R. Cook, N. Cottle, J. Cousins, I. Donfrancesco, Lokabandhu, L. MacDougall, P. Manning, I. Mutch, M. Oakden, T. Napper, M. Oakden, L. Osborn, Z. Price, S. Roney-Dougal, M. Smyth and M. White
Apologies	Cllr S. Henderson and Somerset Councillor Hart
Absent	
In Attendance	Town Clerk, 2 Macebearers, Principal of Strode College and 50 members of the public
Public Participation	5 members of the public spoke during public participation. The subjects raised included: 1. Immersive Room at Glastonbury Town Hall 2. The Light Newspaper 3. Freedom of Speech 4. The Light Newspaper 5. The Light Newspaper

## **59. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS GIVEN**

Cllr Henderson and Somerset Councillor Hart had offered apologies owing to feeling unwell. These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

## **60. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Cllrs Cousins, Donfrancesco, Manning and White declared interests as members of the Town Deal Board. Cllr Cousins declared a further interest as a director of the Glastonbury Information Centre CIC and as a trustee of the Glastonbury Mental Health Network. Cllr Donfrancesco declared a further interest as a shareholder in the Red Brick Building. Cllr Napper declared that he was a member of Street Parish Council and Cllr Cottle a member of Somerset Council. Cllr Smyth declared that he was the membership secretary of Common Moor Allotment Society.

The Mayor chose to alter the order of the Agenda at this point owing to interest from members of the public.

## **61. TO ESTABLISH THE MEMBERSHIP OF WORKING GROUPS PERTAINING TO THE LIGHT PUBLICATION AND TO PROVISION FOR THE ELDERLY AND LONELY**

Cllrs Donfrancesco and Mutch volunteered to form a working group to look at The Light publication.

Cllrs Cottle, Donfrancesco, Lokabandhu, MacDougall, Oakden and Osborn volunteered to form a working group to look at provision for the elderly and lonely in Glastonbury.

**62. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE 2023**

The minutes were considered a true record of the meeting and were duly **SIGNED** by the Mayor.

**63. TO NOTE THE NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT TEAM UPDATE AND LATEST CRIME STATISTICS REPORT**

Members received the Beat Team Update, more detailed statistics as an outcome of the Town Centre Crime Reduction Advisory Committee and reviewed the statistics for Glastonbury.

The Town Clerk would ask the Police to attend the next meeting.

**64. TO CONSIDER THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

Members considered the schedule of payments and it was duly **SIGNED** by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor..

**65. TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

Members considered and **NOTED** the budget monitoring report.

**66. TO CONSIDER AGREEING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE TOWN CENTRE CRIME REDUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Members considered the Terms of Reference proposed by the group.

Cllr White proposed that they be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Cousins and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

**67. TO CONSIDER AGREEING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE A361 COMMITTEE, AGREEING ITS MEMBERSHIP AND SETTING THE DATE OF THE FIRST MEETING**

Members considered a Terms of Reference drafted by the Town Clerk using the previous committee's terms.

Cllr Cousins proposed that these be accepted and reviewed by the committee at its first meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** by majority.

Cllrs Cottle, Cousins, Donfrancesco, MacDougall, Roney-Dougal, Smyth and White volunteered to serve on this committee and set the date of the first meeting to be 22 August 2023 at 7pm.

**67. TO NOTE THE RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES**

The following resolutions were **NOTED**:

**Planning Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

- 2023/0366/ADV – Erection of advertisement/sponsorship 4no. hoarding signs on roundabout – Beckery Roundabout, Glastonbury – L Simms – Application to Display Adverts.  
(Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr MacDougall and agreed (with 1 abstention) to recommend APPROVAL of this application)
- 2023/0839/ADV – Erection of advertisement/sponsorship 3no. hoarding signs on roundabout – Tin Bridge Roundabout, Glastonbury – L Simms – Application to Display Adverts.  
(Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr MacDougall and agreed (with 1 abstention) to recommend APPROVAL of this application).
- 2023/0850/VRC – Variation of condition 2 (Plans List) to move development away from boundary wall on consent 2022/0217/HSE (Erection of office and store) – 21 Ferryman Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9BW – Mr & Mrs Boyd – Variation or Removal of Conditions.  
(Cllr Donfrancesco proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).
- 2022/1981/FUL & 2022/1982/LBC – Repair & conversion of the former Bailey’s tannery and leather-working factory into multi-use workshops (revised info rec’d 22/05/23) – Former Bailey’s Tannery, Beckery Road, Glastonbury – Mr I Tucker – Full Application ad Listed Building Consent. (Revised Information received 22/05/23)  
(This application is part of Glastonbury Town Deal Fund – no discussion took place).
- 2023/0624/FUL – Change of Use from C3 (dwelling) to sui generis self-catering holiday accommodation for mixed and family groups – 85 Manor House Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9DQ – Hongli Gong – Full Application.  
(Cllr Cook proposed, seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and unanimously agreed to recommend REFUSAL of this application, based on the following material considerations:-
  - The development may cause traffic problems such as traffic generation, access or safety problems.
  - The proposal reduces the amount car parking available or provides insufficient parking space itself.
  - Approval would create a precedent meaning that it would be difficult to object to similar proposals.
- 2023/0906/FUL – Stopping up existing and creating new road access – Mollen Farm, Edgarley Road, Edgarley, Glastonbury – Ms Hui Yang – Full Application.  
(Cllr Cook proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).
- 2023/0853/HSE – dropped kerbs across front of property - 13 Bere Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 8BD – Mr & Mrs Reiter – Householder Application.  
(Cllr Donfrancesco proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).

- 2023/0958/HSE – Proposed erection of single storey gym outbuilding – 104 Bove Town, Glastonbury, BA6 8JG – Mr Gary McConnell – Householder Application.  
(Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and agreed (with 1 abstention) to recommend APPROVAL of this application).
- 2023/1002/FUL – External covered walkway including platform lift for disabled access – Church of Our Lady of Glastonbury, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury – Clifton Diocese – Full Application.  
(Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr MacDougall and agreed (with 1 abstention) to recommend APPROVAL of this application).

## 68. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISION

### Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**RECOMENDATION:** Susannah C proposed, Laura S seconded, passed unanimously.

1. Glastonbury Town Council sets dates for quarterly litter picks.
2. Glastonbury Town Council sets up some form of recognition for people who take part.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Mike S proposed, Luke seconded, passed unanimously.

Glastonbury Town Council to request, through the two Unitary councillors, that multi-user pathways are cleared of vegetation quarterly.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Laura W proposed, Mike S seconded, passed unanimously.

That Glastonbury Town Council get an explanation board made for Fishers Hill, similar to the Glastonbury Way boards, to inform the public of the ecological and social benefits of the project.

Cllr Smyth proposed that the above recommendations be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Cousins and **RESOLVED** by majority.

### Frost Fayre Advisory Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Recommendation to amend the pitch prices as below:

	Local (BA6 and BA16)	Other postcodes
Inside	£60	£90
Outside	£50	£80
Suitcase Pitch	£25	£25

Suitcase pitches have been reduced to encourage attendance, other pitch prices have increased by c.10% in order to build a reserve to pay for the Road Closure, payment for which will be taken for the 2024 event and each thereafter.

Cllr Cousins proposed the above recommendation be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

## **69. TO RECEIVE UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Cllr Cottle gave an overview of work being undertaken at Somerset Council, casework and the inaugural group of meetings for the Local Community Networks.

## **70. TO RECEIVE VERBAL UPDATES FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr White gave an update on the Town Deal and asked that the Town Clerk gave an update on the planning permission for St Dunstan's House and its balcony. Cllr Cousins remarked that the Council thanks the Town Clerk for the work done to ensure the planning permission progresses.

Cllr Oakden gave a further update about the availability of free courses for Glastonbury's residents via the Open University as part of the Town Deal. A larger launch would be coming soon.

Cllr MacDougall gave an update after attending the AGM of Glastonbury Bridging the Gap which runs the local foodbank. They are looking for more volunteers and anyone interested can get more from Cllr MacDougall.

Cllr Napper gave an update from the Carnival which is progressing well for this year's event but that its finances have been in better shape.

## **71. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr Donfrancesco updated members that Mayor's Sunday will be on 3 September.

## **72. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr Cousins announced that during his mayoralty £668 was raised for Glastonbury Mental Health Network and a further £260 for Plotgate.

Members were invited to a celebration at Fisher's Hill Recreation Ground on Sunday 6 August at 2pm.

Cllr Smyth asked that the Town Clerk write a letter with the Mayor on behalf of the Town Council in support of the campaign to save St Andrew's Ward from closure. This was **AGREED** by members.

## **73. NEWS RELEASES**

The Town Clerk is to organise a photo opportunity with Cllr Cousins and the Glastonbury Mental Health Network in regard to the money raised.

## **74. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

The Town Clerk read the actions captured during the meeting including: Emailing Cllr Cottle in regard to the request from St John's Church, arranging the first meeting of the A361 committee, contacting the councillors who have volunteered to sit on working groups, writing a letter with the Mayor to support the campaign against the closure of St Andrews Ward, issuing the relevant news release and delegating the quarterly litter picks to the team.

**75. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 8 August 2023.

<b>SIGNED:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
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