

**Glastonbury Town Council**  
**Somerset County Councillor Report**  
**October 2019**

**1/ Travellers Encampment at Pompareles Bridge.**

We are moving forward on this situation , I am afraid that it is taking longer than expected for the situation to be resolved to everybody's satisfaction including my own, this situation will be resolved as soon as possible , but remembering that what we ( Mendip) do wish to avoid , would be caravans lining Roman way, Tor View Avenue area or for that matter any where else , as this causes even more annoyance to the residents., Possibly I should not say this , but I will, the situation would have been solved a few years ago , if land could have been located in the Glastonbury area for sites for people who do not wish to be confined to bricks and mortar dwellings. The Administration at mendip has taken a proactive approach to this situation , by forming the Glastonbury living spaces group, and for added information I have a meeting of this group on Thursday of this week

**2/ Land next to the Cemetery.**

As some of you will be aware , over the last few years I have been attempting to have this land gifted to the Town Council , I had a meetings with officers last week , where I again pushed for answers I finally discovered , from a senior officer , that the land would not be available for anyone to purchase or have gifted at this time , what is really annoying is that I could have been told this under the last administration , but they failed to explain the situation , and instead fobbed me off with lame excuses .

But on the upside , this land falls under my portfolio , as soon as I was informed that the town council could not have the land , I asked for a quote for fencing and clearance of brambles etc , to bring the field back into a satisfactory condition, if the Town council could concenter tidying up their adjoining land . this would be a good idea.

When the land is back in use , I have a sensible way forward mapped out , but at the moment nothing is confirmed.

I am really annoyed at the last administration for allowing this asset of Mendip , to become so overgrown and neglected.

If anyone knows of a local business that would like to quote for the contract of clearing and fencing etc , please let me know as a matter of urgency , as this will be a large expense for my portfolio and I would like any local businesses that have the capacity to undertake the work to contact me in the first instance.

**3/ Cinnamon lane play area** , as you will be aware some unhelpful person broke off some of the hard wood posts along the land owned by Mendip , I have now had it confirmed that the replacement posts are now on the work list , personally I was concerned that a caravan may appear on the verge , hopefully this work will now be completed before somebody spots this space.

4/we are having a **energy audit at Mendip** , this is not for sustainable energy , but so that we can understand where where energy is being wasted, so that we can resolve the issue.

before anyone says , why are the council not using renewable energy , I have no idea , that would be for previous administration to answer , this administration will be looking at renewable energy in the near future , it is another piece of work for the officers, and as you can appreciate the officers in my portfolio and others are working their socks off and have been very proactive for the council.

5/ I believe that it is sensible that I inform you that we have formed a **new car parks advisory group** , this is under my portfolio , but I have asked that some one else chairs this group , I wish to be free of chair responsibilities on this subject because as a dual hatted councillor I don't want anyone wagging fingers etc .  
this group will include members from rural areas as well as urban members , because car parking effects everyone, it is also cross party , the intention to be inclusive.

#### 6/ **Wood land Trust**

I had a very informative meeting with the woodland Trust ,I believe everyone at the meeting learnt a lot of useful things , I would suggest that Glastonbury town council could benefit from a meeting with these people , preferably not at full council , but maybe the Tree group , and invite other Councillors  
FREE Trees , has to be a good thing for everyone.

Thank you for reading this report , apologies for mistakes , I am dyslexic , but spell check works wonders.  
I will happily take questions , but I may not be able to provide a instant answer , but then again maybe I can.

**Cllr Nick Cottle**