

Glastonbury Town Council
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Only two trips to MDC this month. There was a Planning Board meeting on the 18th Sept and although the agenda was a long one there were no Glastonbury based applications to be heard.

On the 30th there was a Full Council meeting and it was good to see nearly 100% attendance of members.

There was a full agenda and the first substantive item was an update on the progress to address the Climate and Ecological Emergency.

Tom Ronan was the portfolio holder for this item and in general the report was well received. There is good cross party cooperation, as you would expect, for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Group (CEEG) but a question was asked by Cllr. Cousins about the replacement recommended for Glyphosate which he said could be just as harmful. He suggested that the Foamstream option should be looked at. Cllr Ronan replied that Foamstream was not without its own problems.

This reminded me that we were to have a review of the effectiveness of our own Foamstream system. Can we have this at some point? Maybe after next year's season if we have no information from this year.

As well as other items including the quarterly Treasury Management report there was also a number of speeches thanking Mike Hillman for being the Independent person on the Standards Committee for the past 8 years and being part of MDC in different capacities for about 30 years. The only time our paths crossed was when I sat before the Standards Committee as Chair of the Planning Committee and I found him very fair.

It has been reported to me that Glastonbury is not getting its live CCTV coverage any more. We pay approx. £9k pa for the privilege of having someone physically man our CCTV at weekends and apparently this is no longer the case. Cllr. Coles, any comments?

I enjoyed the Steve Knightley concert in the Town Hall on Friday 4th. The show was well attended and I hope that the Council continues to pursue the policy of putting on its own events. Well done to all involved.

Cllr Steve Henderson

