

## **District Councillor Report to Glastonbury Town Council – July 2020**

**Cllr. Jon Cousins**, Mendip District Councillor for Glastonbury St. John's Ward.  
Member of the Standards Committee, Audit Committee, and Assets of Community Value Panel.

### **Mendip business impacting on Glastonbury:**

#### **Reopening High Streets Safely Fund:**

Mendip received a grant £102,863 from Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government's 'Reopening High Streets Safely Fund' (drawn from the European Regional Development Fund). This money has been used to support the 'Active Travel Cell' operations – including the road closure in the centre of Glastonbury.

As councillors know – as a result of the consultation held by the Chamber of Commerce, it was the Town Council's consideration that a one-way system, with a reduced carriageway, was the preferred solution. This was reported to Mendip District Council following the Town Council meeting in June.

The Road Traffic Order was applied for by Mendip District Council and Mendip's Economic Development team in conjunction with the County Highways Authority have delivered the road closure programme across the District.

It is clear that the 'rationale' of the High Street pedestrianisation/closure – replicated across the UK – has been dictated by the Government's 'Reopening High Streets Safely' guidelines – issued by MHCLG on 29<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Glastonbury's Virtual Summer Solstice:**

Since the beginning of June, I have worked with Mendip's consultant Sara Snelling and the Glastonbury Information Centre's Morgana West on the development of Glastonbury's Virtual Summer Solstice. This on-line event took place at dawn on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

#### **Ward business and caseloads:**

I have dealt with a number of enquiries from the residents of St. John's – these have been sign posted to the relevant Mendip officers or to other authorities, as appropriate.