

CLlr Terry Napper – councillors report April 2021

Report for Glastonbury Town Council Meeting

April 13th 2021.

Future Council Meetings

The Governemt has announced that the remote regulation order for allowing Parish, Town and City Council Meetings will not be extended beyond May 6th 2021. This means that after this date Council meetings will revert to face to face in public as pre lockdown on 2020. Planning will now be made to determine covid secure meeting facilities for Council memebers and members of the public in an attempt to return to pre 2020 normality.

Road Map out of lockdown.

As from yesturday (Apriol12th) major parts of the economy are permitted to open including non essential retail, hairdressers, some public buildings e.g. libraries, outdoor persuits , beer gardens, zoos and theme parks, indoor gyms and swimming pools, campsites can reopen together with self contained holiday lets. This is a gradual return to normal life as we knew it pre 2020, but we have to continue to be very dilligent in our approach to freedom and avoidance of a 3rd lockdown that other countries are experiencing.

Infection Rate

The R rate value for Somperset is 0.7 and 0.9. the rate per 100,000 stands at 26.8 for Mendip with 787 covid attributed deaths in Somerset.

Vaccination Roll Out.

Teams accross the health care system have worked continuously at 13 GP-LED Community vaccintation Centres, two hospital sites and Taunton Racecourse, Bath & West Showground plus seven Pharmacy sites. To make Somerset one of the highest rates of vaccination rate Counties in the country. Take up rates are very high throughout the age ranges from 100% to 94%.

One Somerset.

The Governemnt public consultation into changing the way local councils work in Somerset ends on April 19th. The counties proposal to replace the 5 local counties with a single unitary council model to end confusion for our residents for waste removal, to free up funding to invest in vital public services is the key part of the consultation. It will offer more powers for Town & Parish Councils to look after their own dedicated areas.

Glastonbury Town Problems.

Can we consider the visual impact of our beloved Glastonbury when we witness, residents and visitors alike the lasting impressions of people being fed on the high street. I am sure that the people that need help to access food would prefer to be given handouts in a more secluded place and not in full view of everyone would be more appropriate. Can we evcourage these people that manage the “kitchens” to give handouts in a not full on location.

Terry Napper County Councillor.