



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Glastonbury Town Hall

PRESENT: Councillors: D Abbott, G Avalon, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, J Cousins, E George (Mayor), J Keery, W Knight, S Henderson, L MacDougall, T Napper, S Thurgood, I Tucker

APOLOGIES: Councillors N Cottle and D Michell

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
Terry Dowden (Macebearer)
Gary Knight (Macebearer)
County Councillor L Leyshon
PC M Pople
PCSO M Rowlands

Public Participation

Chris Lavis spoke about a) the proposal regarding St Benedict's School suggesting that more people walked their children to school instead of driving b) Hinkley Point traffic using the A39 c) He reported that there is a covenant saying that Morrisons are liable for maintenance of the fence around the bund.

Heather Hall reported that the Cricket Club have lost half of the 1st team players to other clubs partly because the Tor Leisure facilities are not up to standard. An extraordinary meeting has been arranged to work out a plan for the future of the club which could be to close or to merge with another club ie Ashcott or Shapwick. She explained that there is an outstanding invoice for Fusion for maintenance of the pitch. The Town Clerk agreed to write to Tor Leisure to ask them to settle their invoice with the Cricket Club.

The peace candle was lit by Stephen Bower and the meeting was preceded by a silent moment.

133. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

134. REPORT FROM POLICE

PC Mark Pople and PCSO Mel Rowlands reported that crime figures for December were 4% down on the previous year. PC Pople had attended the Tor Fair meeting on 18th January. Councillor MacDougall reported deer being poached on Chalice Hill.

135. REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor George reported that the Youth Council now meets at different venues in the town, including the Town Hall and has met with Street Action for Youth to discuss joint ventures. Work continues on planning the skate park garden.

136. REPORT FROM GLASTONBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Paul Manning updated the Council on recent activities.

137. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th December 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 21st November 2017 were received.
- c) The minutes of the Youth Provision Committee held on 19th December 2017 were accepted. Councillor Henderson was deleted from the attendance list.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 19th December 2017 were noted.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the A361 Committee held on 3rd January 2018 were accepted. Councillor Abbott explained the rationale behind the road survey.

Councillor MacDougall was concerned that the survey, in its current form, would mislead the public and it did not make it clear that a road would need significant development to provide finance. Councillor Cousins said that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group oppose including the road survey in the same envelope as the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire as suggested by the A361 Committee. The Mayor said that Natasha Durham from Mendip District Council who advises on the Neighbourhood Plan and Jane Llewellyn, Neighbourhood Plan Officer for Frome strongly advise not to circulate the road survey before the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires are returned as it could jeopardise the adoption of the Plan.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor I Tucker, seconded by Councillor S Thurgood and **RESOLVED** that the road questionnaire is prepared to be distributed on 14th February 2018 subject to amendments suggested at this meeting and to be ratified at the Planning Committee meeting on 23rd January 2018.

Suggested amendments were:

- Add a heading
- 'Relief road' to be removed from question 1 and replaced with a question relating to through traffic
- Increase space for comments
- Information and Map to be on pages 1 and 2 and form on 3rd sheet
- Tick box to be included for option to suggest an alternative route with sufficient space below for reply
- Add a question 4 giving respondents suggesting an alternative route the opportunity to state whether they approve of development

137. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Coles reported that Sonia Pike, ex manager of Mendip Citizens' Advice Bureaux had passed away.

Councillor Brunsdon reported that the District Council agreed to take out a low interest loan of £100m and intends to provide loans for businesses etc at a higher interest rate to cover the debt.

Councillor Henderson said he had asked at Full Council why Mendip District Council do not have representation on the Traffic Review Group and did not receive a satisfactory answer.

The Town Clerk was asked to write to Mendip District Council to ask why they have not asked for representation on the group.

Councillors were concerned about the future of Tor Leisure, following the report from the Cricket Club and asked for a meeting with Mendip District Council and Fusion to discuss the future of the site and to attempt to untangle the problems regarding the Fields in Trust application.

138. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor Napper provided a written report. In relation to Tor Leisure, Councillor Napper said that he had recently attended a presentation from Rob Taylor from Fusion when he had confirmed that the planned work at Tor Leisure would be completed by April and if not the £75,000 allocated to Tor Leisure would be ring fenced.

In response to a question from Councillor Cousins about who decided to put heavy goods through Glastonbury. Councillor Leyshon said that as far as she is aware, it is a local authority designated route and the Road Haulage Association works with each County Council to set the routes.

Councillor Napper was asked to broker a meeting between the local MP's to discuss the problems with the A361.

County Councillor Leyshon provided a written report. She was disappointed the proposed restrictions for Bretenoux Road had been rejected. Residents feel they have been treated unfairly.

Councillor Brunsdon asked for assistance with reinstating a right of way from Windmill Hill to Rowley Road which is closed due to overgrowth from an adjacent Property and suggested the County Council does the work and charges the resident.

139. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments, now submitted, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes be approved and signed by two members as the Town Clerk's authority to make the payments.

Councillor Thurgood asked for a breakdown of expenses for St Dunstan's House for the next meeting.

140. BUDGET REPORT

The budget report to 31st December 2017 was circulated to Councillors and duly noted.

Councillor Thurgood asked for a breakdown of expenses for St Dunstan's House to be circulated at the next meeting.

141. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Thurgood said she had been prompted to bring forward the following motion due to problems at the school being reported at the last PACT meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Sue Thurgood, seconded by Councillor John Coles and **RESOLVED** that this Council supports further safety measures at the rear of St Benedict's School to facilitate, particularly at the end of the school day, safe passage of children across the environs of Northload Street Car Park and Sedgemoor Way opposite Proper Job.

It was **AGREED** that Councillor Thurgood should consult with the County Councillors and arrange a meeting with the appropriate agencies to discuss safety measures.

142. NOTICE OF MOTION

It was proposed by Councillor John Keery, seconded by Councillor Ian Tucker and **RESOLVED** that, taking into account the danger and health risks for citizens and damage caused to property by the Hinkley Point traffic travelling along the A361 through Pilton, West Pennard, Glastonbury, Street, Walton and Ashcott, this Council requests that Somerset County Council directs Hinkley Point traffic to use the alternative route to Hinkley Point that has already been established when Chilkwell Street, Glastonbury was closed for repairs'.

Councillor Napper abstained from the vote.

143. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor provided a written report of her activities on behalf of the Town Council since the last meeting.

144. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Thurgood advised that the next PACT meeting would be taking place at the Town Hall on 24th January 2018 at 7pm. She also informed the Council that on behalf of the Youth Provision Committee, she and the Town Clerk had met with Rob Taylor from Fusion, to discuss refurbishing the tennis courts in Benedict Street. They will be reporting fully at the next Youth Provision Committee meeting.

Councillor Coles advised that Roger Bond would be giving a talk on Morlands at the United Reformed Church at 10am on 11th January 2018.

Councillor Keery advised of the Glastonbury Town Brass concert at St John's Church on 20th January 2018.

145. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Somerset County Council – Notice of Confirmation regarding public path diversion Order 2017 – Footpath WS 15/6 in the Parish of Glastonbury.
- b) Mendip District Council Local Plan Part II: Sites and Policies – Consultation on the pre-submission draft – This consultation was referred to the Planning Committee for consideration.

146. PRESS RELEASES

To inform the public that the Town Council will be publishing a road survey and contacting the County Council about rerouting the traffic.

147. ACTIONS

- Letter to Somerset County Council re diverting route
- Letter to Mendip District Council re representation on Traffic Review Group
- Invite Fusion and Mendip District Council to discuss Tor Leisure.
- Amend road questionnaire and circulate prior to planning meeting.

Mayor, 13th February 2018