



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at Glastonbury Town Hall at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: A Black, D Abbott (Mayor), J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, S Henderson, J Keery, W Knight, T Napper, S Thurgood, I Tucker

APOLOGIES: Councillors G Avalon, J Cousins, E George and L MacDougall

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
County Councillor L Leyshon
PCSO Paul Linsell

Public participation – 5 members of the public took the opportunity to speak.

The Unity candle was lit by Claire Crumpton, followed by a minute's silence prior to the meeting.

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

73. REPORT FROM POLICE

PCSO Paul Linsell reported that anti-social behaviour had improved over the past week and that tomorrow the Enforcement Officer from Mendip District Council would be in town with Licensing Officers to enforce the Public Space Protection Order and to warn illegal traders. He said that the beat team will be attending the public meeting on 13th September.

74. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN GLASTONBURY

The Mayor said that she would be chairing the meeting on 13th September. An Assistant Chief Constable and Ian Glover, Mendip District Council had agreed to attend. The format will be an introduction from the Mayor; a short presentation from Gerard Tucker about the town; a presentation by the Assistant Chief Constable on how the police are addressing the anti-social behaviour in the Town followed by a question and answer session with the public.

75. REPORT FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Paul Manning reported on the activities of the Chamber over the past month. They have responded to the Mendip District Council Car Parking Order highlighting the fact that improvements to the car parks and car park signage are badly needed.

76. APPOINTMENT OF MACEBEARER

On the recommendation of the Mayor it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Claire Crumpton as Macebearer for the ensuing year.

77. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14th August 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21st August 2018 were noted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the A361 Committee held on 30th August 2018 were accepted.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 5th September 2018 were accepted.

78. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon

- A balanced budget had been approved
- Experienced senior planning officers are leaving at a rapid rate.
- Illegally parked caravans are a concern

Councillor Coles reported on a recent licensing board meeting when animal welfare licensing was discussed and his attendance at the CCTV panel.

Councillor Henderson reported that he had contacted the Chief Executive of Mendip District Council to arrange a meeting to discuss Tor Leisure.

Councillor Cottle said that the problem with caravans parking on the highway is getting worse and that Mendip District Council should be providing a site. He reported on licensing of animal breeders and HMRC implications on earnings. He was concerned that the land at Leg of Mutton Road owned by Bristol Water is not being maintained.

Councillor Tucker suggested it would good for all the District Councillors meet to discuss how to pressure Mendip District Council and Fusion to finalise the Fields in Trust application relating to Tor Leisure and deal with the neglect of the facilities.

Discussion took place about the possibility of funding an enforcement officer to implement the Public Space Protection Order.

79. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors Leyshon and Napper provided written reports.

They had met with Rebecca Davis, the new traffic engineer and Jeff Bunting to discuss highways issues in Glastonbury. They have asked for a list of the TROs currently in place and pending. The Town Centre review will incorporate the more complex orders. Small Improvement Schemes - the 20 mph limit through the town centre can be implemented soon and improvements to the Chilkwell Street island has gone to the second stage.

The financial situation at the County Council is critical and approximately £15m of cuts need to be made for this year and next. The cuts in youth grants, bus subsidies (possibly the Tor Bus) and Citizens Advice will need to be borne in mind when setting the Town Council precept for next year.

Councillor Leyshon apologised for not being able to attend the public meeting on 13th September and informed the Council that Tessa Munt would be attending on her behalf.

80. 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.

81. BUDGET REPORT

The budget report to 11th September 2018 was circulated to Councillors and duly noted.

82. LOAN APPLICATION FOR THE FAIR FIELD

The Town Clerk said that the Town Council had been asked by the Parish Loans Officer to pass a specifically worded resolution detailing 1) amount of the loan 2) period of the borrowing term 3) purpose of the borrowing.

It was proposed by Councillor Tucker, seconded by Councillor Thurgood and **RESOLVED** to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB Loan of £70,000 up to 19 and a half years, not over 20 years, for the field purchase to hold fairs and town events for the benefit of the community. It is not intended to increase the precept for the purpose of the loan repayments.

83. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered:

- a) Application number 2018/2042/LBC – Removal of existing masonry paint and replacement with limewash – 2 Chilkwell Street – Benedict Deefholts – Listed Building Consent – **RESOLVED** to recommend approval
- b) Application number 2018/1996/LBC – Change of use from retail/office to retail/office and accommodation, including internal alterations – 74 High Street – Mr Julian Clark – Full Application and Listed Building Consent – **RESOLVED** to recommend approval, subject to adequate fire escape provision
- c) Application number 2018/1970/HSE – Single storey rear extension and 1st floor addition – 5 Southfields – Mr Mike Fidler – Household Application – **RESOLVED** to recommend approval

84. SCRUTINY

The Town Clerk reported that Justin Robinson from Somerset Association of Local Councils would be prepared to carry out a desk top exercise to scrutinise procedures taken when drafting and distributing the Road Consultation. It was

RESOLVED to formally request that Justin Robinson independently scrutinises how the road consultation was formulated and distributed.

85. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last meeting, the Mayor had attended the Brunelcare Residential Home barbeque; opened the Vegan Fair at the Town Hall; met with the High Sheriff; opened the Harvest Show at the Town Hall and opened the Jack Stag Day at Glastonbury Tribunal.

86. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Thurgood reported that the youth club funding from Somerset County Council is being cut therefore the Youth Provision Committee will need to address the situation at their meeting on 2nd October. She informed Councillors that the new Methodist Minister is Tina Squire who is originally from Newfoundland.

Councillor Black reported that she had attended the event when St Mary's Church accepted gifts of an icons from Greece.

Councillor Coles reported that he would be providing an illustrated talk about Snows Timber at the U3A meeting at the United Reformed Church on 20th September at 10am.

Councillor Napper reported that Glastonbury Football Club is looking for assistance with fees charged when using Strode All Weather pitch.

87. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Councillor Tucker reported on the Frost Fayre meeting held on 5th September. As the meeting was not quorate and decisions needed to be made prior to the application forms going out on 10th September, the Town Clerk had recommended that the meeting went ahead as a working group. The group considered the snagging list from last year to avoid any problems this year. Stall charges were set at £35 for BA6 and BA16 postcodes and £50 for elsewhere. Additional parking will be made available at the new Fair field.

88. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Black reported that the Fairtrade Steering Group ran a stall at the Harvest Show with the assistance of Oxfam.

Councillor Coles reported that the Glastonbury Community Development Trust AGM would be held on 26th September.

Councillor Coles asked the Mayor to attend the blessing of the Tor Fair with the Vicar on 13th September.

The Mayor and County Councillor Liz Leyshon reported on the progress with the Town Museum. The recommendations of the museum working party were accepted at the AGM of Glastonbury Tribunal Ltd including being supported by the South West Heritage Trust. Funding for Phase A will be sought from Somerset Community Foundation (Hinkley Fund), the Fairfield Trust and C&J Clark Ltd Trusts and Phase B from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Mayor said that the aim is for the proven history of Glastonbury to be told through the history of the

building, via a rolling exhibition, with pieces from the Glastonbury Antiquarian Society and private collections. The garden will be refurbished in keeping with the period of the house.

89. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted.

- a) Letter from James Heapey MP re invitation to the public meeting on 13th September 2018 – It was noted that the MP is unable to attend.

90. PRESS RELEASES

Appointment of Macebearer.

Mayor, 9th October 2018