



# Glastonbury Town Council

**Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors L Browne, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, S Henderson, J Keery, P Lund, L MacDougall, D Michell, I Mutch, B Outten, C Prior, M Smyth and I Tucker.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Barnet and Roney-Dougal  
County Councillor Napper

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk  
Claire Crumpton and Terry Dowden – Macebearers  
David Greenway – Town Crier  
County Councillor Leyshon

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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 7.00 AND 7.15PM**

Subjects raised included:     Housing  
  Fusion  
  Climate Change

### **83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

### **84. APPROVAL AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September were considered an accurate record and were signed by the Mayor.

### **85. POLICE REPORT**

The monthly report received from PC Katie Moyse was read by the Mayor. Key points included the commencement of the mini police sessions at St Benedict's School, visits to Tor and St Dunstan's schools. The whole beat team have attended a training session at Mendip DC on the subject of PSPO. Confirmation that PC's Hicks and Miller have taken up posts elsewhere was announced.

### **86. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF:**

- a. Youth Provision Committee – In the absence of Cllr Barnet, the Deputy Chair Cllr Outten presented the Youth Provision report. Within the report, a request to obtain funding of £1,000 towards the mini Police through a direct grant was discussed. Cllr Tucker proposed, seconded by Cllr Coles and **AGREED** that the funding is taken from the existing youth grants programme. Carried 8 – 5 - 1

- b. Planning Committee – The minutes presented were noted. A request by the applicants agent to revisit item 8b *land adjacent to Dyehouse Lane* has been dismissed.
- c. Property and Assets Committee. Mendip DC has informed that coach parking will remain free of charge at Northload West car park. The report was noted.
- d. A361 committee. A couple of grammatical errors were corrected following which the report was noted.
- e. Finance and General Purposes Committee. The attendance of Cllr Cousins had been wrongly recorded, following this correction, the minutes were noted.

#### **87. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Leyshon's report was previously circulated and has been placed on the town councils website. The main points included:

- i. The reduction in HGV movements following the opening of the jetty serving Hinkley Point C.
- ii. Safer crossing point in Chilkwell Street for pedestrians.
- iii. Residents parking in Wells Road
- iv. Odour testing in the vicinity of the Sewerage Works
- v. Ongoing discussions and meetings of the Living Spaces Panel.
- vi. Temporary road closure in Walton from 14<sup>th</sup> October for repairs.

#### **88. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr MacDougall, Henderson and Cottle's reports were previously circulated and have been placed on the Town Council website.

The main points covered include:

Cllr Henderson –

- i. Attendance at the Mendip Planning Board.
- ii. Update on the progress to address Climate and Ecological Emergency
- iii. Request for a review of Foamstream. *Following a discussion on this item, the Clerk has been asked to prepare and present a report on the effectiveness of Foamstream for consideration at a future meeting of the council.*
- iv. Reports that the manning of the cctv monitoring station has been suspended. *Cllr Cottle is to contact the Officer with responsibilities for cctv monitoring and report back. Also, to arrange a visit to the monitoring station for those interested.*
- v. Appreciation of the Steve Knightley performance recently held in the town hall.

Cllr Cottle –

- i. Update on the unauthorised encampment of travellers at Pomparles Bridge.
- ii. Response to the request to obtain access to the land next to the cemetery. It has transpired that this land is *not available for the towns use. The clerk was asked to write to both the Leader and CEO of Mendip DC informing that Glastonbury Town Council would like to rent or own land that has seemingly been abandoned.*

- iii. Cinnamon Lane play park fencing
- iv Mendip Energy audit
- v Opportunity for grant funding of trees through the Woodland Trust

Cllr MacDougall –

- i. Outcome of the Local Plan review and the Inspectors report which is on the Mendip DC website.
- ii. Free coach parking in Glastonbury
- iii. Encouragement of District Councillors to become Mental Health Champions.
- iv. Update on climate and ecology emergency group
- v. Glastonbury's own climate emergency event to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> October

Cllr Cousins

- i. Provided a list of meetings and events attended.
- ii. Information on the Mental Health Day to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> October at Mendip DC offices
- iii. Public event organised by the Police, Tor Leisure and others to inform parents and children on wider issues involving drugs, vulnerable people etc. Cllr Cousins informed that there is currently only one Enforcement Officer working in Mendip DC. He also informed that he has been in discussion with an Economic Development Officer and can report that small business premises are being provided in Street in the form of shipping containers. Cllr Cousins suggested that a news release is prepared and submitted after the community event informing that the use of recreational drugs by adults fuels the presence of drugs in Glastonbury putting young people at risk of addiction. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk is to prepare a news release at the appropriate time.

#### **89. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The schedule of payments was presented and following questions, signed off by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

#### **90. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

The budget monitoring report was presented. There were a couple of questions that the clerk was unable to answer. It was **RESOLVED** that the budget monitoring report would be held over until the two questions could be satisfactorily answered.

#### **91. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL RETURN AND THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2019**

The report received from the external auditors was presented. There were no questions asked or additional requirements. The clerk was asked to obtain a breakdown of the number of users of the Tor Bus during the season and report this to the next meeting of the Property and Assets Committee.

## **92. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

- a. *5G – Cllr Cousins informed that the work of the group continues and soon speakers will be invited to present their views on 5G*
- b. *Climate Change Emergency Group. Cllr Prior informed that the Earth Protector event and presentation in September was well received.*
- c. *Glastonbury in Bloom. The minutes of this committee were circulated with the agenda. The Clerk informed that financial decisions had been taken that were not compliant with the legislation of operating a council and he advised that the minutes should not be accepted. Further, he informed that a terms of reference has been drafted for the group and that there is a requirement to prepare a specification and seek three quotes. The Chairman of the Bloom committee has been kept informed.*

## **93. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

- a. *Frost Fayre – Cllr Tucker informed that all the stall spaces for the Frost Fayre have now been allocated and that they were sold within 24 hours of becoming available. He asked for volunteers to assist on the day and all present with the exception of two councillors agreed to assist.*
- b. *Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Board – Cllr Tucker informed that a new notice board has been purchased for installation at the cemetery. Further he informed that there is a requirement to review the health of the trees and an expectation that the gatehouse property will need renovating in the not too distant future.*
- c. *Glastonbury Community Partnership – Cllr Lund presented a paper on the work of the partnership. He encourages councillors to engage and involve with retailers by visiting them to establish the effects of behavioural problems. Other ideas to be further discussed include the setting up of tourist information volunteers, identifying clearly the roles and responsibilities of each authority, determining what is an acceptable level of tolerance.*
- d. *Glastonbury Information Centre – Cllr Tucker informed that the centre continues to have a good season. There is a requirement to increase the town council presence in the GIC and a full time manager position is being discussed.*

## **94. LICENCING CONSULTATION**

The application to extend the hours of the retail premises Earthfare, 45 High Street when alcohol is available for sale was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to agree to the request by the majority of the council. 11 – 2 – 1

## **95. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Mayor informed the council of her commitments since the last meeting. Included was attendance at a shop blessing in Glastonbury, Climate Emergency open event in the town hall. The Mayor and Cllr Prior are representing the council at the SW in Bloom presentation on 11<sup>th</sup> October in Newquay.

## **96. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Communications and announcements included:

- a. Power to your parishes climate emergency event in Wedmore on 9<sup>th</sup> October
- b. Mendip DC poverty and deprivation workshop on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October in the Mendip Council offices
- c. A suggested amendment to the deed of dedication submitted by Fields in Trust. *The amendment was presented to the council which was unanimously accepted .*
- d. Cllr Coles has suggested someone to be considered as a Freeman of Glastonbury. This to be discussed at a future meeting/
- e. Cllr Coles presented the town council with a photograph of Queen Elizabeth when she visited Glastonbury in

## **97. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Community day – Tor Leisure
- b. Somerset Association of Local Councils agm to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> October in Edgar hall, Somerton.

## **98. NEWS RELEASES**

Mendip DC be asked to produce a news release on progress with the Living Spaces programme

Glastonbury Town Council to produce a news release on drug use and related issues.

## **99. CLOSED SESSION**

Members of the press and public were asked to leave the council chamber and the meeting reconvened in confidential session.

The meeting closed at 10.25pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Worshipful Mayor  
12<sup>th</sup> November 2019