



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Glastonbury Town Hall

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor D Michell

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
Terry Dowden – Macebearer
Gary Knight - Macebearer
Liz Leyshon, County Councillor

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Angela Friend reported that she was pleased that the rubbish near the Old Library had been cleared.

Chris Lavis complained about overgrown hedges and grassy areas throughout the town.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

34. REPORT FROM POLICE

In the absence of the Police, Councillor George informed the Council that the Police have successfully completed the recruitment of a dedicated PCSO for Glastonbury with negotiated core hours from 12pm to 8pm. She will be in post by 24th July 2017. In future, whichever PCSO is on duty will attend the Council meeting.

35. WESSEX WATER

Paul Knight, Jim Humphries and David Osborne attended to explain the rationale behind their objections to residential development in close proximity to the sewage works and said that in principle any residential development would not be in the best interests of the company. Councillor Cousins enquired about the refusal of an application for affordable housing on the Morland's site. Wessex Water confirmed

that they are only consultees in the planning process and it is therefore within the power of the District Council to ignore the advice of Wessex Water.

They confirmed that the scheme financed by SWERDA had been to mitigate odour and not to reduce it.

They were happy to meet with the Town Council and Beckery Island Regeneration Trust to try to find a solution to their objections to residential development on the Morland's site.

36. YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor George said that the Youth Council members have now designed a flier advertising the Youth Council for notice boards in youth clubs and schools. The poster will be regularly updated. Councillors were asked to post them where they see fit. Work on the graffiti wall will begin on Monday necessitating the closure of the skatepark. Councillor George hoped that water needed for the building work could be supplied by Wessex Water. Messages about the closure will be posted on the Council's website and Facebook page.

37. REPORT FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Paul Manning reported that there are now 70 members and the first birthday of the Chamber will be celebrated at the Rural Life Museum on 27th July at 6pm with strawberry and prosecco. The next breakfast meeting will be at Middlewick Farm on 14th August. He confirmed that the Chamber of Commerce would be happy to join the Tor Fair working party. There has been confusion over the objections to the Brocante Fair as there are split opinions between traders. Councillor Cottle will talk to Paul and take comments back to Mendip District Council.

Councillor Henderson asked the Chamber of Commerce to investigate how many traders have problems with pigeons and whether they would be prepared to discuss how they could be dealt with.

38. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the A361 meeting held on 16th May 2017 were received. Councillor Cousins said that he had not been present at the meeting. Councillor Abbott pointed out that James Heapey MP is now Private Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th June 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- c) The minutes of the Youth Provision Committee held on 20th June 2017 were received.
- d) The minutes of the Property and Assets Committee held on 27th June 2017 were received. Councillor Thurgood asked for a detailed budget update for St Dunstan's House for the next meeting.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27th June 2017, were noted. The Chairman said that the members of the public spoke against the Street Road application.
- f) The minutes of the Glastonbury in Bloom Committee held on 4th July 2017 were received. Councillor Tucker asked Councillors to take part in the next Town clean-up prior to the South West in Bloom judging.

39. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors Coles and Henderson provided a written report.

Councillor Henderson also reported that work should be starting at the Crown Hotel on Monday 17th July.

Councillor Brunsdon reported on problems with rubbish collection and a future meeting of the Conservation Advisory Panel.

Councillor Cottle reported that Elim are working with the District Council about provision of Shepherds Huts for the homeless.

Councillor Keery asked the District Councillors to sort out the problems at Coldharbour Bridge.

40. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Liz Leyshon provided a written report. Councillor Napper concurred with the report.

Councillor Leyshon again encouraged Councillors to report Highway issues on the County Council website.

Councillor Coles asked for a no HGV sign at the bottom of Manor House Road and double yellow lines at the junction of Wells Road and Manor House Road to improve visibility. Regarding the yellow lines, Councillor Leyshon said that the TRO's for July are now closed but she will put them forward for the next round.

41. 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 Cousins asked the Town Clerk to investigate whether the banks used by the Town Council are ethical.

42. BUDGET REPORT

The budget report to 30th June 2017 was circulated to Councillors and duly noted.

43. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2016-2017

Copies of the income and expenditure account had been circulated to members with the agenda.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts which were signed by the Mayor.

44. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2016-2017

The annual governance statement was completed and approved by the full Council.

45. ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2016-2017 AND INTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT

The accounting statements for 2016/2017 had been completed by the Town Clerk and was approved by the Full Council.

It was noted that the internal auditor expressed concern about outstanding town hall letting invoices over three months old and was unable to ascertain that the full risk assessment had been completed. It was **AGREED** that the debts should be considered by the Property and Assets Committee and that the Town Clerk will carry out further work on the risk assessment.

46. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS – CONSULTATION

It was **AGREED** to defer this matter to the next Council meeting.

47. NOTICE OF MOTION

In light of the recent death on the Tor, it was proposed by Councillor E George, seconded by Councillor D Abbott and **RESOLVED** that Glastonbury Town Council funds the provision of a defibrillator for Glastonbury Tor.

The Mayor had already discussed the matter with the National Trust who are open to the idea but would not give permission for the equipment to be positioned in the tower. Town Clerk was asked to contact the National Trust on the positioning of the equipment at one of the entrances.

48. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor provided a written report of her activities on behalf of the Town Council since the last meeting and informed the Council that she would be attending the court hearing with the travellers.

Prior to the Council meeting the Town Clerk had tabled an email from the Police and Crime Commission stating that Avon and Somerset Constabulary have confirmed that operationally the Morland site is unsuitable to develop a 'blue light' centre. Councillor Keery hoped that the travellers' legal team are aware of this.

A statement from Mayor's for Peace was circulated to all Councillors for information.

49. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Cousins had attended the Citizens Advice Bureau AGM and noted that Glastonbury is currently the only Mendip town without a permanent drop-in service.

50. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Councillor George reported that the parking restriction changes at the bottom of the high street are being implemented although there had been a problem with the signage which is now being rectified.

51. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Thurgood reported on the PACT meeting priorities of dealing with street drinkers, anti social behaviour in Silver Street and the positioning of a mobile camera van at the Tor.

52. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Glastonbury Chilkwell Guy Fawkes Carnival Committee Ltd – Application for road closure for Glastonbury Carnival – There was no objection to the proposed road closure. It was **AGREED** to support the Carnival Committee in its bid to receive the income from the District Council car parks on the day of the carnival.
- b) Community Council for Somerset – Consultancy Service – It was **AGREED** to invite a representative to a future Council meeting.

The following correspondence was noted:

- c) Mendip District Council – Parish Bulletin

53. PRESS RELEASES

Press releases regarding the defibrillator for the Tor and support for the Carnival Committee re car parking charges to be dealt with by the Communications Committee.

54. ACTION

The Town Clerk to send the odour report which was in the papers from Mendip District Council relating to the Morlands travellers' site to Wessex Water.

Mayor, 8th August 2017