



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor D Abbott, G Avalon
County Councillor A Gloak MBE

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
Gary Knight - Macebearer
Terry Dowden - Macebearer

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A number of members of the public spoke in objection to a traffic regulation order to restrict parking at Bretenoux Road and elsewhere on the Redlands Estate. The Order had been received by the Town Council too late to appear on the Council Agenda and therefore would be considered by the Planning Committee on 24th January at 7pm.

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the Unity candle.

140. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Napper – Street Parish Councillor

141. REPORT FROM GLASTONBURY POLICE BEAT TEAM

The Police reported that PCSO Spencer Bishop had now joined the regular Police Force and has been posted to Bristol. PCSO Paul Lindsell has taken his place on the local beat team.

Councillor Brunsdon said that Mendip District Council has received complaints about anti-social behaviour in Bretenoux Road. The Police said that they have not received complaints about anti-social behaviour but are aware of a few arguments between residents and travellers.

Councillors were reminded to forward their questions for the Police to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting in order that the officer attending the meeting is able to report fully on the matter.

142. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th December 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

- b) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20th December 2016 were noted.

143. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Napper reported

- the metal grids at Wellhouse Lane are being replaced during the first week of February.
- Double yellow lines proposed for Redlands Estate are only on the corners to prevent obstructions.
- The IPR Unit at Beckery is going ahead.

Councillor MacDougall reported that the drains are blocked at the bottom on Wellhouse Lane.

Councillor Tucker reported that an electric pole outside 23 Selwood Road has been replaced but the light has not been returned. He had noted that Church Lane needs resurfacing and wondered whether it could be properly resurfaced when the new gas main is put in.

Councillor Brunsdon said that yellow lines need repainting in various areas of the town.

Councillor Keery asked for confirmation from the County Council of any outstanding TRO's. It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk should contact Somerset Highways for clarification.

144. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITTEN REPORTS

Councillor Coles reported his attendance at the Licensing Board.

Councillor Thurgood reported that the light in the alleyway from Benedict Street through to Northload Street West Car Park is still out. The Town Clerk said that the Community Warden is still investigating the matter. There has been a problem locating the electricity supply to the light.

Councillor Cottle reported that the piece of land owned by Wessex Water at Leg of Mutton Road has been cut.

Higher Edgarley House planning application was approved unanimously.

He has asked the District Council to include Fourways in the quarterly caravan count.

Councillor Keery said that Mendip District Council should be providing a site for travellers and asked what plans are in place when the travellers leave the site at Beckery ie. where are they going to relocate.

Councillor Brunsdon said that it is not the responsibility of the District Council but there is a scheme in which loans are provided for travellers to purchase land.

Councillor Henderson reiterated that due to the smell zone around the sewage works, planning permission for residential development including a traveller site would not be granted.

Councillor Tucker said in his capacity as Chairman of the Beckery Island Regeneration Trust, he is meeting with the MP and Councillor Henderson to discuss the situation regarding the smell zone and whether funds can be accessed for a survey, to challenge Wessex Water on their objections to residential development. He reminded the Council that Wessex Water were given £1m of public money to mitigate the odour.

It was **RESOLVED** to invite Mendip District Council to a future meeting to brief the Town Council on their plans for the site.

145. NOTICE OF MOTION

It was proposed by Councillor D Michell, seconded by Councillor J Keery, in the absence of Councillor Avalon and **RESOLVED** that Glastonbury Town Council explores the possibility of providing electric car recharging facilities on suitable land.

It was **AGREED** that a working group is formed of Councillors G Avalon, E George, L MacDougall, D Michell, I Tucker. On the recommendation of Councillor Michell, it was agreed to invite Dr Serena Roney-Dougal to join the group as she has been researching the matter.

Councillor MacDougall said that she has been looking into the possibility of a residents' car club.

146. REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor George reported that work continues investigating the possibility of installing a graffiti wall at the skate park. Members are keen to hold a Battle of the Bands competition. Theo Wakeling, who is a member of the UK Youth Parliament has become a member.

147. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

a) Tor Fair

Councillor Coles reported that the working group had addressed concerns raised at the last Council meeting. He was pleased to have the agreement of the District Council for season ticket holders in St Dunstan's Car Park to park in Butt Close car park during the week of the Fair. The fair operators have said that the field off Bretenoux Road is not suitable due to overhead cables, a public footpath and waterlogging. St John's Car Park had also been deemed unsuitable due to the number of residents in that area.

Councillor George was concerned that the relevant people and organisations had not yet been consulted, particularly the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce who had asked to be included in the working party. The Mayor allowed Paul Manning to speak when he confirmed that the Chamber of Commerce members do have concerns and would like to have been involved from the outset. It was

AGREED to include the Chamber of Commerce and Glastonbury Abbey in the working party.

Councillor Thurgood said that it was imperative to work with the Abbey regarding coach parking and other issues which might arise from the Fair being in St Dunstan's Car Park for a week.

Councillor Tucker said that historically the second Monday in September was Tor Fair day and the idea would be to close Magdalene Street for that day for a market and to make it a family affair.

In the interests of retaining the Charter Fair and to promote Glastonbury, it was **RESOLVED** that the Tor Fair should be given permission to operate from St Dunstan's Car Park with Magdalene Street being closed on the Monday for a market, on a trial basis for this year.

Councillors Black, Cousins and Thurgood abstained.

148. 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.

149. BUDGET REPORT

The budget report was noted.

150. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had represented the Council at the following events since the last meeting. Forget-me-Not Club's Christmas Dinner; Cutting of the Holy Thorn; Glastonbury Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert; Concert commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Air Training Corps at Millfield School; Social Enterprise Network of Somerset Christmas lunch; 914 Squadron Annual Christmas Dinner at Millfield School; St John's Church Carol Service; Winter Solstice Sunrise celebration on St Edmund's Hill; Chalice Well Winter Solstice Ceremony; Feed Avalon's Solstice Vegan Supper at Bridie's Yard; Nationwide Building Society's community consultation event at Glastonbury Town Hall; Celebrations for the official launch of the Avalon Community Energy's new solar panel projects across the Mendip District; Christmas edition of GFM Community Show. The Mayor also co-presented a GFM radio show exploring The Beatles at Christmas with Dave Beach and Bob Lloyd.

He was very pleased to have been able to volunteer at Glastonbury Community Christmas Lunch with, amongst others, the Mayoress, Deputy Mayor, Deputy Mayor's Consort and Councillor Abbott.

151. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor was pleased to hear that Jo Frith, Paralympic Gold medal winner had been awarded an MBE in the New Year Honour List.

152. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Paul Manning, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce spoke at the discretion of the Mayor. He reported they now have 53 members and the next event is a breakfast at Middlewick Farm Cottage when James Heappey MP will be guest speaker. They have received 13 replies to the banking questionnaire which reported 70% less cash transactions since the banks closed. He was pleased to report that the Post Office now has approved to take payments for Lloyds, Nat West, HSBC and Barclays business accounts. He is not aware of any drop in sales in the retail sector since the banks closed.

Councillor Coles reported that there are 6 vacant allotments at the Lowerside site.

153. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner and Constabulary – Be Proud Awards
- b) Letter from Tesco Community Champion with proposal to part fund planting trees in Glastonbury – It was **AGREED** to contact Tescos to discuss the matter further. The Mayor asked the Conservation Society to assist the Town Clerk in responding to Tescos due to their past experience in planting trees in Glastonbury.

The following correspondence was noted:

- c) Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner – New Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Plan

Mayor, 14th February 2017