



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 12th July 2016 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor D Michell
County Councillor A Gloak

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden - Macebearer
David Greenway – Town Crier

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the Unity candle and a moment for quiet reflection.

- Angela Friend thanked Councillor A Gloak for arranging for the double yellow lines in Manor House Road and complained about the length of the diversity item at the last Town Council meeting
- Malcolm Allen presented a letter to the Council relating to several outstanding items he had previously brought to the attention of the Town Council
- Steve Wakefield asked Councillors to take into consideration residents who live and therefore park in the High Street when discussing changing parking regulations

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

42. REPORT FROM GLASTONBURY POLICE BEAT TEAM

The Police reported on PACT priorities and that the next PACT meeting would be held at the Town Hall on 17th August 2016 at 7pm. They reported that PC Stuart Ball is putting in special measures to deal with anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre.

43. DIVERSITY OF GLASTONBURY – JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

At the invitation of the Mayor, representatives from the local Jehovah's Witnesses Community gave an overview of their organisation to the Council and distributed literature.

44. NOTICE OF MOTION – WARNING LIGHTS FOR ST BENEDICT’S SCHOOL

In the interests of road safety, Councillors Avalon and Michell put forward a notice of motion to the last meeting to purchase the lights for the school. The item had been deferred to this meeting until further information was obtained from the school. Councillor Thurgood said she had clarified with the Headteacher that the school had been told that there was no funding available from the County Council for this project and that they would have to purchase the lights from school funds.

Councillor Keery said that the safety of school children this should be the responsibility of the County Council being both the Education and Highways Authority.

It was proposed by Councillor Michell, seconded by Councillor Avalon and unanimously **RESOLVED** that this Council agrees to fund the cost of three solar powered flashing warning lights adjacent to St Benedict’s Junior School to improve road safety at a cost of £3162.00 excluding VAT.
(Highways Act 1980, s130)

It was **AGREED** to utilise the Council Tax Support Fund which currently stands at £61,100.

Councillor Napper said he is concerned about traffic enforcement near St Benedict’s School and the Montessori School.

45. ECONOMIC PROFILE OF GLASTONBURY

The Deputy Town Clerk presented a report on the economic profile of Glastonbury which was well received.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Deputy Town Clerk and to form a task and finish group to determine if the concerns raised in the report are justified and if so, work towards finding solutions for the benefit of Glastonbury.

Councillors Avalon, Brunsdon, Cottle, George, Henderson, Keery, Knight, Napper, Thurgood and Tucker wished to be involved.

46. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by: Councillor E George

Seconded by: Councillor J Cousins

‘That this Council resolves to apply to Somerset Highways to change all on street parking on the High Street, below Hanover Square, to deliveries only bays, with the provision of at least one disabled parking space and maintaining the taxi rank status of the lower bay on a Tuesday.’

It was **RESOLVED** to refer the matter to the task and finish group set up to consider the economic profile report.

47. NOTICE OF MOTION

It was proposed by Councillor N Cottle, seconded by Councillor E George and unanimously **RESOLVED** that this Council wishes to express its deep sadness and regret at the increase in racism and hate crime experienced since the EU Referendum. Moreover, the Council would like to reaffirm its commitment to inclusiveness as demonstrated in its equal opportunities policy.

48. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

The Deputy Town Clerk provided a written report. The closing date for comments is 29th July 2016. In order to allow full consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED** to refer the matter to the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 19th July 2016 and to grant the committee delegated powers in order for comments to be submitted by the deadline. The Town Clerk pointed out that there will be a second consultation once the draft order is written.

A member of the public asked the Town Council to take into account anti-social behaviour at Tor Leisure.

49. CCTV – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT – 1st APRIL 2016-31ST MARCH 2020

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Mendip District Council for the management of the CCTV system from 1st April 2016-31st March 2020.

50. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14th June 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record with the addition of a short report in public participation on the Off
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Communications Committee on 15th June 2016 were accepted
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 28th June 2016 were accepted
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the A361 Committee held on 7th July 2016 were accepted

51. REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor George gave a short report in the absence of Theo Wilson. The survey has been rolled out to St Dunstan's and St John's Schools and will go to Crispin School after the holidays. It has been identified that young people would like a purpose built graffiti wall. In order to secure membership, the current members will visit all youth groups and ask them each to send a representative to the Youth Council. The recent Youth Council funded sports provision was not successful but on a positive note the Youth Council has been able to secure a table tennis table for St Benedict's Youth Club through Sport England.

52. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Councillor George reported on the Town Centre Working Group. At the last meeting the Last Bank Standing group formed a Chamber of Commerce. Traffic congestion in the High Street remains a top priority hence the notice of motion re on street parking.

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – The Neighbourhood Planning Officer hoped to see more people at the next meeting and stressed the need for a quorum so as not to delay the process.

53. 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.

54. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Brunsdon reported that the District Council is:

- putting together a working group to discuss the mural in Northload Street and expects two members of the Council will be asked to join.
- moving on to the next phase of the devolution process

Councillor Coles provided a written report.

Councillor Henderson reported on devolution.

Councillor Cottle reported a busy month assisting ward residents.

55. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Napper reported on the devolution process.

Councillor Gloak provided a written report.

Councillor Thurgood asked whether the Town Council could have sight of the replies the County Council received from the banks about closures.

Councillor Brunsdon suggested the County Councillors could speak to the enforcement officers about the congestion on the High Street.

Councillor George said she had noted that the parking restriction signs are missing from the bottom of the High Street.

56. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last meeting the Mayor had taken part in the following:
Annual Mayor's Visit to Worthy Farm, welcoming MEP Molly Scott Cato to Glastonbury; Visit to Rural Life Museum to view development; opening the Glastonbury Fringe at the Market Cross; EU Referendum debate at Red Brick Building; opening the Community Council for Somerset's 90th Birthday celebrations in Cheddon Fitzpaine; opening the Synchronicity Arts Fayre; Glastonbury Town

Hall; Civic Service of the Mayor of Taunton Deane, St John's, Wellington; Lions Club Children's Concert, Strode Theatre, Street; welcoming visiting Buddhist monks to Glastonbury; Corporate Parenting event, Taunton; Glastonbury Abbey Exhibition Opening Event; Millfield Prep School Speech Day and Prize Giving; Anglican Pilgrimage, Glastonbury Abbey; Mayor of Weston-super-Mare's Civic Service; Roman Catholic Pilgrimage in Glastonbury Abbey; Abbey House AGM.

57. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor George was pleased to announce that the St Benedict's Family Day had generated £889 worth of equipment for the youth club. SASPA will be visiting the youth club in September to help with promotion of the club. At the Health and Wellbeing conference the Big Lottery fund available for communities to run community events. She is keen to make an application for an event along the lines of the Celebration of Youth event run by Councillor Thurgood during her mayoralty.

She also reported that the GlastonburyFM Councillor rota is being reorganised.

Councillor Thurgood reported that speed watch has been operating at the top of Fisher's Hill.

Councillor Coles announced that Councillor Brunsdon is being presented with a medal for 30 years service as a National Trust Warden.

Councillor Cottle spoke about a new charity specialising in counselling for cancer sufferers and families and passed around information leaflets.

Councillor Tucker said that the South West in Bloom judges will be in town on 14th July and 2pm.

Councillor Brunsdon announced that Mike Free has been appointed as patient representative on the board at Musgrove Hospital.

Councillor Thurgood reported on the Bridging the Gap AGM. 121 adult packages and 48 children's packages had been issued during the year. As well as food the packs contain nappies, formula, electricity top ups. Rough sleeper packs are also available. There have been more referrals this year from the Children's Centre due to benefit delays.

58. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Glastonbury Fringe - Councillor Henderson reported he would be attending a debrief on Thursday and will provide a detailed report for next month's meeting.

59. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Somerset County Council – Chairman's Award for Service to the Community 2016 – It was **AGREED** that nominations should be considered at the August meeting
- b) SCS – A proposal to Glastonbury Town Council from Somerset Co-operative Services CIC to site a community bank facility in Glastonbury - This was referred to the Last Bank Standing Group for investigation

60. PRESS RELEASES

It was **AGREED** that the Communications Committee writes press releases from the A361 Committee, the funding of the warning signs for St Benedict's School and Hate crime

61. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Mendip District Council – Council Tax Support Grant – Termination of payments from 2017-2018
- b) Historic England – Copy of letter to Jane Boldy, Conservation Officer, Mendip District Council

Mayor, 9th August 2016