



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Glastonbury Town Council held on 9 December 2025 at 7 pm	
Councillors Present	Cllrs M. White, Z. Price, I. Mutch, S. Roney-Dougal, R. Cook, J. Cousins, L. Osborn, Lokabandhu, L. MacDougall, M. Smyth, P. Manning, S. Henderson, E. King and M. Oakden.
Apologies	Cllrs T. Napper and I. Donfrancesco
Absent	
In Attendance	Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, One Macebearer, Ewan Cameron and Susannah Hart – Somerset Councillors, Sargent Simon Lancey and James Higgins and nineteen members of the public.
Public Participation	7 members of the public spoke during public participation. The subjects raised included: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Living Brue Day proposal2. Glastonbury Charter Market3. Norbins Road Car Park – Planning4. Town Deal – Red Brick Building5. Bridie’s Farm6. Bus/Train Partnership7. Glastonbury Carnival

180. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies received from Cllr Donfrancesco due to illness and Cllr Napper due to personal reasons.

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

181. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests in addition to those already disclosed via councillor’s register of interests to the Monitoring Officer.

182. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AS A CORRECT RECORD

The minutes of the meeting of November were considered a correct record; these were then duly **SIGNED** by the chair.

183. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

The Town Clerk updated councillors on the completed actions from last month’s meeting.

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184. TO NOTE THE LATEST CRIME STATISTICS REPORT

The Police was in attendance, they reported that Frost Fayre passed without any incidents and updated Councillors on campaigns planned for the future-Christmas Drink Drive Campaign, Walk and Talk and a Mobile Police Station.

The latest statistics were noted by councillors who then had the opportunity to ask questions, these included the PSPO and how long that will take to be in action and how it will benefit Glastonbury.

185. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Councillors received the document in advance of the meeting, various questions were raised and answered by the Town Clerk.

Members considered the Schedule of Payments, and it was duly **SIGNED** by the Chair and another councillor.

186. TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The budget monitoring report was **NOTED**.

187. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ASSET AND SERVICE DEVOLUTION FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL

The Town Clerk updated councillors that we are waiting for an update from Somerset Council.

188. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ST DUNSTAN'S HOUSE HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENTRE

The Town Clerk updated that we have the building signed over to us now and the final touches are being made.

Thanks were given from Councillors to everybody involved with St Dunstan's House completion.

189. TO AGREE A NEW MEMBER OF THE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

Councillor Roney-Dougal agreed to join the committee.

190. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE CATEGORIES FOR 2026 COMMUNITY AWARDS

It was Proposed by Cllr Roney-Dougal to have the same 4 awards as 2025. This was Seconded by Cllr Henderson and **AGREED** unanimously.

191. TO FOR A THIRD PARTY OPERATED MARKETS WORKING GROUP

It was Proposed by Cllr White that a third party working group would be created, Cllrs Manning, Henderson, Cousins and Roney-Dougall would be part of the working group to look at third party market applications. This was seconded by Cllr Henderson and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

192. TO CONSIDER NOMINATING THE RED BRICK BUILDING AS A COMMUNITY ASSET

Declarations of Interest was received at the start of this agenda point from Councillors Cousins, Price, Henderson, Lokabandhu and Roney-Dougall.

The agenda point should read to consider nominating The Red Brick building as an Asset of Community Value.

The history of the building was discussed and the possible future of it. Questions raised included what the procedure would be and the benefits or disadvantages of nominating the building.

It was discussed regarding the payment of workers from historic work at the Red Brick Building and the Town Councils sadness of the Bridie's Farm and ACE Project being stopped.

It was Proposed by Cllr Cousins to commence the process to nominate the Red Brick Building as an Asset of Community Value. This was Seconded by Cllr Henderson and **RESOLVED** by majority.

It was Proposed by Cllr Roney-Dougal to commence the process to nominate the Bridie's Farm as an Asset of Community Value. This was Seconded by Cllr Cousins and **RESOLVED** by majority.

193. TO NOTE THE RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES

The resolutions of delegated committees were **NOTED**.

194. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISION

There were no recommendations from any advisory committees.

195. TO RECEIVE UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The report was shared to all councillors from Cllr Cameron. Councillor Hart updated that she is still waiting for a meeting to take place regarding the Town Deal project.

Cllr Cameron updated that he is working towards a timeline for the bus/train partnership and will update the Town Council.

196. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM LEAD COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Price, updated councillors regarding the Community Christmas lunch. For some years a group of councillors and volunteers have had to withdraw for various reasons. Meaning that the smaller group of volunteers are unable to give the time needed for this project. The project will go ahead on a smaller scale, still in the Festival Hall and the Glastonbury Methodist Church is holding an event both on Christmas Day.

Councillor Manning updated Councillors regarding the Chamber of Commerce and the plans in place for 2026. Plans made are for a relaunch.

197. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor updated on the events he has attended, including the funeral of Mike Free.

198. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Mayor gave thanks to all the team for the work for Frost Fayre that was a magnificent success and thanks to The Town Clerk for his work on St Dunstan's House. Thanks were noted for the Services Team for their work on this year's Christmas Tree.

Thanks was given to the Climate and Ecological Officer for her work on the Climate Nature Crisis. Councillor Oakden updated Councillors that Glastonbury in Bloom have been invited to represent South West in Bloom at National Level.

It was proposed by Cllr White to give a formal thanks to the Glastonbury in Bloom team. This was Seconded by Cllr Cousins and **AGREED** unanimously.

199. TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS FOR NEWS RELEASE AND/OR THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Councillors are to send items in to the Assistant Town Clerk.

If the Living Brue Day could be included in the next Newsletter.

200. TO REVIEW ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

To advertise for nominations regarding the Community Awards.

For a Third Party Markets Working Group to be set up.

To nominate Red Brick and Bridies Farm for Community Asset

The Mayor to write regarding the Community Train Link

Pass on thanks to staff members involved with projects.

201. TO PASS A MOTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 AMENDED BY THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014, THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WILL BE EXCLUDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

It was proposed by Cllr Smyth to accept this motion. This was Seconded by Cllr Cousins and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

202. TO CONSIDER THE FINAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FROM MELHUSH AND SAUNDERS LIMITED FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S HOUSE AND CONSIDER A DRAW DOWN OF A PUBLIC WORKS LOAN UP TO THE TOWN COUNCIL'S BORROWING APPROVAL LIMIT

The Town Clerk updated councillors with the most up to date costs. He explained what the costs have been and where additional funding has been achieved.

It was Proposed by Cllr Henderson for the Town Clerk to arrange to draw down the amount of £450,000.00 from a Public Works Loan. This was Seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

203. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 AMENDED BY THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014, THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED BACK FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Cousins to accept this motion. This was Seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

204. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th January 2026

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