



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Glastonbury in Bloom Committee held Monday 1 st June 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllr M Oakden (Chair), M White (Deputy Chair), Cllr I Mutch
Apologies	G Smith & A Redwood (Volunteers).
Absent	Cllr J Cousins
In Attendance	S Marks (Committee Clerk)
Public Participation	

17. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from G Smith and A Redwood due to prior arrangements.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

19. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18th MAY 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2026 were **SIGNED** by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Cllr M White reported that he had inspected the wall adjacent to the St Dunstan's Car Park bus stop. He agreed that the wall requires repair and suggested that the possibility of carrying out the work be considered before the judging visits for South West in Bloom and Britain in Bloom.

The Committee Clerk reported that the litter pick held on Sunday was one of the most successful events organised to date, with participation levels so high that there was almost a shortage of litter-picking equipment.

It was agreed that future litter picks would be held in the morning, with the exception of those scheduled immediately before judging days.

20. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT AND MAKE ANY ASSOCIATED DECISIONS REGARDING ANY EXPENDITURE NOT OTHERWISE LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The Committee Clerk presented the finance report to the Committee and reported that support for the Bloom initiative and hanging baskets had been positive, with additional sponsorship and support received since the previous meeting.

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The Committee Clerk further reported on the anticipated expenditure for the remainder of the financial year. This included invoices for the summer bedding plants and the forthcoming winter planting programme.

Cllr M Oakden proposed that a budget of up to £250.00 be allocated for refreshments at each of the judging day buffets. The proposal was seconded by Cllr I Mutch and was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

The Committee discussed arrangements for this year's presentation and awards ceremony. It was suggested that any members of the Bloom group wishing to attend should be responsible for the cost of their own accommodation.

The Committee also discussed the South West in Bloom presentation and awards ceremony. It was suggested that attendance could be limited to the daytime event only, with the evening Mayor's event not being attended in order to reduce costs.

It was agreed that these matters would be discussed further at the next meeting.

21. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON SUMMER BEDDING FOR 2026

The Committee Clerk reported that the hanging baskets had started to be displayed. Bedding plants were expected to be planted within the next few weeks, subject to preparatory work being completed. The planters still required spuddling and refilling with compost before they would be ready for planting by Sweet Acre Nursery.

It was noted that the War Memorial would be planted by volunteers, as in previous years, and that planting in St John's Square would be undertaken by the gardening club at St John's School. The Committee Clerk arrange suitable dates for the planting of the War Memorial and St John's Square.

22. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BUSINESS SUPPORT

The Committee Clerk reported that further sponsorship support had been received since the last meeting. Despite the current economic challenges, a good number of local businesses had come forward to support Glastonbury in Bloom.

The Committee Clerk advised that replacement sponsorship signs for the barrels in Chilkwell Street would now be produced, together with a banner recognising the support received for 2026.

23. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM

The Committee Clerk reminded the committee that the judging date will be Monday 6th July 2026. Mop-up day(s) are still to be confirmed.

The Committee Clerk reported that she had visited Paddington Farm since the last meeting and held a successful meeting with representatives to explain what the judging will include. It was further noted that the farm undertakes significant work supporting children from London by providing stays at Paddington Farm during the summer holidays.

Somerset Council has been informed of the judging date and has been requested to provide a road sweeper and a barrow operative for the day.

A litter pick is to be arranged for the afternoon prior to judging.

The portfolio remains outstanding, and the Committee Clerk will remind the Town Clerk.

24. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Everything was in place, and the Committee Clerk is to email the businesses involved to advise them of their judging times. The Festival Hall and the Tribunal have been booked.

A litter pick to be arranged for the afternoon before judging day.

The Somerset Council have been advised that we are being judged this day and asked to provide a road sweeper and a barrow man for the day.

Cllr M Oakden suggested that the presentation/award ceremonies are shared between Cllr M White and herself, Cllr M White agreed to go to the South West in Bloom presentation.

The Committee Clerk to remind the schools taking part for short films for the judges.

25. TO DISCUSS "HISTORY IN GLASTONBURY"

It was agreed to defer discussion of this item until the next meeting due to G Smith being absent.

26. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE GLASTONBURY IN BLOOM POSTER COMPETITION

The Committee Clerk presented the winners to the Committee. A new judge was appointed at the last moment, and the judging took place at the Becketts Inn. The standard of entries was very high, making the decision difficult for the judges.

Certificates will now be designed for the winners, along with a thank-you certificate for all participants. Prizes, kindly donated by Dicketts the Stationers, will be presented at school assemblies.

27. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON GLASTONBURY IN BLOOM RESIDENTIAL COMPETITION

Applications are still being received for this year's competition, with several new participants taking part.

As G Smith was unable to attend the meeting, the Committee Clerk will contact him regarding the judging route so that applicants can be advised of their scheduled judging times.

Judging week is confirmed as commencing week beginning 15 June 2026.

28. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON GLASTONBURY GARDEN OPEN DAYS

The Committee Clerk reported that she had contacted the National Garden Scheme; however, as we are not collecting for their charity this year, they were unable to promote Glastonbury on their website.

The representative was very helpful and provided the Committee Clerk with useful advice on how to arrange the event.

There are currently five gardens taking part. The event is being advertised on social media and on the

Town Hall notice board. Very kindly, the Glastonbury Information Centre is assisting by giving out the addresses and information for those who wish to view the gardens.

29. TO CONTINUE TO DISCUSS GLASTONBURY IN BLOOM PROJECTS FOR 2026 AND RECEIVE UPDATES

The Committee Clerk reported that the St Dunstan’s planters were still to be received. There was an issue with the product, which has been causing delays in delivery.

The B&Q roundabout was discussed, and it was agreed that this would be deferred to a 2027 project due to time and funding constraints.

30. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The date of next meeting will be held Monday 29th June 2026.

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