



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council held on 12 May 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	R. Cook, J. Cousins, I. Donfrancesco, S. Henderson, E. King, Lokabandhu, L. MacDougall, P. Manning, I. Mutch, M. Oakden, L. Osborn, Z. Price, S. Roney-Dougal, M. Smyth and M. White.
Apologies	T. Napper
Absent	None
In Attendance	Town Clerk, 2 Macebearers, Town Crier, and 25 members of the public

The Mayor, Cllr White gave his gratitude to fellow Councillors, in particular the Deputy Mayor, Macebearers, Town Council staff for their support and commitment during his time as Mayor. Cllr White updated the council regarding the events he has covered and how that has fed into his themes of Peace and Youth.

1. TO ELECT A TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Cllr Henderson proposed that Cllr Price be the Mayor for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Cllr Cook and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

2. MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Cllr Price thanked the Council for the trust they have placed in her. She shared her themes of Cooperation, Kindness and Community, chosen charities will be the Sacred Birthing Centre, Mamma Village and Children's World. The Mayor's Chaplin will be Danu Forest with the hope of also working closely with the inter-faith group.

Cllr Price then **SIGNED** the declaration of acceptance of office.

3. TO APPOINT THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAINCY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Cllr Price spoke about her chaplain, who unfortunately could not be present at the meeting but would be introduced to the Council at a future meeting.

4. TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Cllr Donfrancesco proposed that Cllr Lokabandhu be Deputy Mayor and this was seconded by Cllr Oakden and **RESOLVED** by majority.

Cllr Lokabandhu expressed his thanks to fellow councillors for their support and how he is looking forward to supporting the Mayor in the ensuing year.

5. TO APPOINT THE MACEBEARERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Terry Dowden and Patricia Des Angeles confirmed that they will continue to be the Macebearers for the ensuing year.

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

Apologies received from Cllr Napper owing to personal reasons.

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cousins declared an interest in agenda item 14 as he is a director of the Glastonbury Mental Health Network.

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

The minutes of the March and April 2026 meetings were considered a correct record and were **SIGNED** by the Chair.

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

An update on actions was given from the Town Clerk; Minutes from March Full Council meeting have now been agreed and the Pride Group has been informed of the grant approval.

10. TO CONSIDER THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR, AND APPOINT MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES, SUB COMMITTEES, AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Town Clerk updated Council on the changes in the terms of reference to the following committees.

Services, Youth, & Operations

- Glastonbury Information Centre and matters relating to local tourism, such as visitor profiling and management and local grass cutting.

Finance and General Purposes

- This committee shall meet three times per year in July, September and December, and more often as required. The September meeting shall only consider the budget, with grants being awarded in July and December.

Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee

- To investigate any relevant landscape protection designations

PROPERTY AND ASSETS COMMITTEE

The membership was agreed as follows: Cllrs Cook, Cousins, Henderson, Lokabandhu, Manning, Oakden, Price, Roney-Dougal, Smyth and White.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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The membership was agreed as follows: Cllrs Cook, Cousins, Henderson, King, Lokabandhu, MacDougall, Manning, Osborn, Price, Roney-Dougal, Smyth and White.

STAFFING COMMITTEE

The membership was agreed as follows: Cllrs Price, Lokabandhu, Cousins, Oakden and White.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The membership was agreed as follows: Cllrs Cook, Henderson, Lokabandhu, MacDougall, Manning, Mutch, Roney-Dougal and Smyth.

GLASTONBURY IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

The membership was agreed as follows: Cllrs Cousins, Mutch, Oakden and White.

RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

The membership was agreed as follows: Cllrs Cousins, Donfrancesco, King, MacDougall, Smyth and White.

SERVICES, YOUTH PROVISIONS, AND OPERATIONS

The membership was agreed as follows: Cllrs Cousins, Donfrancesco, King, MacDougall, Manning, Oakden, Price, Roney-Dougal, Smyth and White.

ARTS, CULTURE, AND EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The membership was agreed as follows: Cllrs Cousins, Lokabandhu, Oakden, Osborn, Price and Smyth.

FROST FAYRE COMMITTEE

The membership was agreed as follows: Cllrs Manning, Oakden, Price, Smyth and White.

CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The membership was agreed as follows: Cllrs King, MacDougall, Mutch, Roney-Dougal and Smyth.

TOWN CENTRE CRIME REDUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The membership was agreed as follows: Cllrs Cousins, Donfrancesco, Henderson, King, Lokabandhu, Manning, Mutch and Oakden.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The membership was agreed as follows: Cllrs Cousins, Donfrancesco, King, Lokabandhu, Manning, Oakden, Price, Roney-Dougal and Smyth.

It was proposed by Cllr Roney-Dougal to reaffirm the Terms of Reference for all committees and accept any changes made to those Terms of Reference and to accept the membership of Councillors to those committees. This was Seconded by Cllr White and **AGREED** unanimously.

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11. TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

GLASTONBURY TOWN DEAL BOARD

It was proposed by Cllr Lokabandhu that Cllr White be the Glastonbury Town Council representative. This was seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

The Town Clerk was asked to advise Somerset Council that Cllr Lokabandhu would deputise for Cllr Price and take the Mayor's seat on the Town Deal Board.

AUSTIN MEMORIAL HOMES CHARITY

It was proposed by Cllr Oakden that Cllrs White and Henderson be the Glastonbury Town Council representative. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

GLASTONBURY AND SHARPAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Cllr Mutch that Cllrs White, Cousins, Donfrancesco, Manning, Price, Henderson, and Lokabandhu be the Glastonbury Town Council representative. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougall and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

AVALON AND POLDENS LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK

It was proposed by Cllr White that Cllr MacDougall be the Glastonbury Town Council representative. This was seconded by Cllr Henderson and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FAIRTRADE

It was proposed by Cllr Cousins that Cllr MacDougall be the Glastonbury Town Council representative. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

12. TO CONSIDER THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

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

13. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

"THIS COUNCIL RESOLVES TO CONSIDER DEBATING ITEMS RAISED AT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT A FOLLOWING MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL AND/OR AT THE RELEVANT COMMITTEE AS APPROPRIATE AND PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO THE SPEAKER"

Proposed by Cllr Price

Seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu

Cllr Price and Lokabandhu spoke regarding this motion and what the aimed outcomes would be. The councillors had a discussion regarding some amendments.

It was proposed by Cllr Osborn that this motion be amended with: "people wishing to raise questions or issues should be advised by Town Council staff to be advised to the relevance to the

work of the council and if not relevant, be signposted to the correct body.” This was seconded by Cllr Cousins and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr Price that this council resolves to consider debating items raised at public participation at a following meeting of full council and/or at the relevant committee as appropriate and provide a response to the speaker with people wishing to raise questions or issues to be advised by Town Council staff to be advised to the relevance to the work of the council and if not relevant, be signposted to the correct body. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

14. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

“THIS COUNCIL AGREES TO AWARD A GRANT OF £1480 TO THE GLASTONBURY MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO CONTINUE OFFERING THEIR VERY SUCCESSFUL "SNUG" IN THE FESTIVAL HALL”

Proposed by Cllr Lokabandhu

Seconded by Cllr Manning

This motion was withdrawn by Cllrs Manning and Cllr Lokabandhu owing to a change in circumstances at the Glastonbury Mental Health Network.

15. TO NOTE THE RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES

a. Arts, Culture and Events Committee meeting held on 16th April 2026

There were no resolutions from this Committee.

b. Glastonbury In Bloom Committee meeting held on 20th April 2026

- i. Cllr M White proposed, seconded by Cllr M Oakden and unanimously agreed to buy dog poo stickers at a cost of £150 plus VAT.

c. Planning Committee meeting held on 21st April 2026

- i. 2026/0404/FUL – Erect a single storey dwelling – Land at 352492 137988 Havyatt, Glastonbury – Mr & Mrs Jeff & Jane Neale – Full Application.
(Cllr Smyth proposed, seconded by Cllr MacDougall and unanimously agreed to recommend REFUSAL of this application, based on the following material considerations:
 - The development may cause traffic problems such as traffic generation, access or safety problems, for example - movement of vehicles within the site, could potentially cause vehicles to reverse onto the highway, causing addition hazard to all road users).
- ii. 2026/0450/FUL – The erection of units for Class E (g) (iii) and/or Class B8 and/or Class B8 with ancillary showroom and/or sui generis uses and Class E (a)/(b) use together with new access arrangements, parking, landscaping and associated works – Land at 348844 138418 Beckery, Glastonbury – Res Land (Glastonbury) 2 Ltd – Full Application.

(Cllr P Manning declared an interest for this application. Cllr Smyth proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and agreed (with 1 abstention) to recommend **REFUSAL** of this application on the basis of the following material planning considerations:

- Concerns raised by neighbouring residents, including:
 - Use of units and lack of clarity regarding future flexibility
 - Noise impact and questions over the validity of the submitted assessment
 - Deliveries, servicing arrangements, and proposed hours of operation
 - Lighting impact
 - Building height, scale, and impact on light
 - Boundary treatment, screening, and loss of privacy
 - Impact on trees, vegetation, and the residential interface
 - Ecology, including potential effects on protected species and habitats
 - Drainage and flood risk
 - Air quality and pollution).

iii. 2026/0558/FUL – Change of use from annexe to holiday let – 40 Old Wells Road, Glastonbury, BA6 8EA – Mr Pooley – Full Application.

(Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr MacDougall and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application, but would prefer to have permanent residential accommodation for local people because Glastonbury has the highest number of caravans in the country).

iv. 2026/0565/HSE – Conversion and side extension of outbuilding – Tor Side, Coursing Batch, Glastonbury, BA6 8BH – Ms P Barratt – Householder Application.

(Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application, but would prefer to have permanent residential accommodation for local people because Glastonbury has the highest number of caravans in the country).

v. 2026/0640/FUL – Change of use of annexe to annexe/holiday let – 65 Wells Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9BY – Paula Harding – Full Application.

(Cllr P Manning declared an interest on this application. Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application, but would prefer permanent residential accommodation for local people).

d. Services, Youth & Operations Committee meeting held on 28th April 2026

i. It was proposed by Cllr Roney-Dougal to install clear signage for the Glastonbury Information Centre, at the front and side of the building, including signage for the luggage lockers. This was seconded by Cllr Cousins and AGREED unanimously.

ii. It was proposed by Cllr Cousins that the council delegates powers over the delegation for crucial strategic decisions in relation to us becoming one of the four pilot sites for the new NHS neighbourhood way of working to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Mayor. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and RESOLVED unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr Cousins that this decision be ratified by Full Council. This was seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

The resolutions were **NOTED**.

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

(a) Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee held on 30th April 2026

RESOLUTION: proposed by Cllr M. Smyth, seconded by S. Clemence

That this committee contributes £300 to the Bus Partnership towards the cost of printing bus timetables.

It was Proposed by Cllr Roney-Dougal to accept this resolution. This was seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and **AGREED** unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION: proposed by Cllr M. Smyth, seconded by G. Lowe, all in favour except for one abstention.

That Glastonbury Town Council contributes £2,500 to facilitate testing of the River Brue for one year, through the Living Brue Group.

This will be carried over to a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: proposed by Cllr Roney-Dougal, seconded by Cllr MacDougal, all in favour.

That Glastonbury Town Council arranges for the water fountains in town to be replaced.

This will be added to the Property and Assets Agenda.

(b) Town Centre Crime Reduction Advisory committee meeting held on 6th May 2026

There were no recommendations from this meeting.

17. TO RECEIVE UNITARY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Cameron's report was shared to Councillors ahead of the meeting and a discussion was held.

18. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor spoke regarding the Cooperative Councils Open afternoon on the 23rd June.

An invite to the community from the Mayor for Mayors Day on the 22nd May at St John's Church starting at 2.30pm.

19. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Manning updated about the Street and Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce decided to close at their meeting on the 13th April.

Cllr Henderson updated regarding the Fusion Leisure Facility going into administration, Somerset Council has taken over for the next three months and operations are continuing as normal at all sites.

CLlr Cousins updated regarding the Step, Ride and Thrive Discovering Nature fortnight event that is taking place soon. Starting on the 19th May.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

An update has been received from the Step, Ride and Thrive project and a letter regarding the imminent closure of the Stroke Unit at Yeovil District Council. Both letters have been shared with councillors prior to the meeting.

21. NEWS RELEASES

New Mayor, Beltane, Youth Council, Cooperative council event on the 23rd June will be announced.

22. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

The Town Clerk noted several actions arising from the meeting including

- News release of new Mayor and Deputy.
- Update Council Committee lists.
- Write to the Town Deal Board regarding Councillor Membership.
- Discuss response with Mayor and Deputy Mayor regarding correspondence received regarding the Stroke Unit.

23. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th June 2026

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