



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of WHS Working Group held on Monday 20th October 2025 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllr J. Cousins, S. Henderson, M. Oakden
Apologies	
Absent	
In Attendance	W Bloom, J Dyer, A Gay, Dr T Hopkinson-Ball, A Kirk, A. Murray, S Petterson, T Rowntree, K Unwin & M Webb 9 members of the public

47. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, including Somerset Councillor Henry Hobhouse, who had kindly agreed to assist with the report from the 'Other Options' sub group.

The Chair gave an update regarding the planned WHS event with the Town Council on Saturday 25th October, asking for volunteers for the afternoon public session. A rota of attendees was agreed.

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received.

49. APPROVAL OF 15 SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Point 39 was discussed and it was agreed that statements from the Pilgrim Reception Centre and the Goddess Temple should be added as a post meeting note to the September meeting minutes.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved by the committee and subsequently signed by the chair.

50. REPORT FROM 'INTANGIBLE HERITAGE SUB

The report was distributed and will be collated ready for the October meeting to be approved by the working group.

51. REPORT FROM 'OTHER OPTIONS' SUB GROUP

A presentation was given by the sub group and discussed. This focused on position of the Tor and its part in the landscape. It also covered the role of the National trust regarding land that they own including, and around, the Tor. The sub group also presented the areas Glastonbury that are within the Glastonbury conservation area, and explained the level of protection that gives. It also considered the town boundary and areas not covered by the conservation area. A key point was the view both from the Tor and of the Tor from the surrounding area, and how that may need to be protected. Other options discussed were National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The topic of Management plans and how they are funded was also explored.

Cllr Henry Hobhouse discussed his involvement in Natural England and other counties with AONB and/or National Landscapes protection, including Cornwall, Mendip and the Quantocks, and what protection this has actually provided. The presentation material is attached.

52. DISCUSSION OF 'GLASTONBURY VISION'

The deputy Chair offered to provide some proposed amendments. The document will be circulated for discussion as a future agenda item.

53. BATH AND BLAENAVON VISIT'S

The Blaenavon visit is provisionally planned for 13th November and awaiting confirmation. Further details will be sent to working group members.

Work continues to set a date for the Bath visit.

54. WHS MIS-INFORMATION LIST

A useful discussion was had regarding concerns that mis-information had been circulating in the community. It was agreed that these matters would be the subject of further analysis by the group, and summarised in the final report.

55. PRIVATISATION OF WHS SITES

After a short initial discussion, it was agreed that this topic will be further discussed at future meetings if useful information becomes available.

56. FINAL REPORT

The outline report structure was considered and agreed by the meeting. As elements are completed, they will be integrated into the report structure to form the final report. The outline report structure is attached.

57. POSSIBLE GLASTONBURY VISITOR QUESTIONNAIRE

At the WHS public event on 30 August, the Pilgrim Reception Centre had offered to create and put into use a visitor questionnaire, to provide feedback on what visitors to Glastonbury come to see and do, and how they feel about the town. It was agreed that this was a good idea, but that it should be shared with the Glastonbury Information Centre. It was agreed that the Pilgrim Reception Centre should be asked to share the draft questionnaire document with the working group. It was also agreed that the group should ask the Abbey to share the results of their annual questionnaire. A member also offered to speak to the Rural Life Museum for past and current information

58. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Glastonbury Vision document
- Attendance for 17th December event
- Management Plan (December)

59. ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING

- It was agreed that the questions asked of the Consultants, but not addressed, should be put to Counsellors for consideration.

- Glastonbury Vision document to be further amended and distributed for comment.
- Housing needs assessment to be circulated
- Contact Somerset Council and the Police regarding information previously requested.
- Request sight of draft questionnaire from Pilgrim Reception Centre (para 57).

60. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 17TH NOVEMBER 2025

61. FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

- 13 November 2025 – Blaenavon visit (TBC)
- 17 November 2025 WG Meeting
- 15 December 2025 WG Meeting
- 17 December 2025 (WG Members invited to Council Mtg)
- 17 January 2026 final WHS WG Consultation event.
- 19 January 2026 WG Meeting
- 16 February 2026 Final WG Meeting.

Attachments: Amended Vision Document
 Final Report Outline Structure
 Presentation material from Other Options Sub-Group.

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