

Town Management Plan Working Group Notes

Date: 30 July 2026

Attendance: LB, SRD, JC, MO, PM, COD

Updates

- MO had distributed a survey to members who thanked her for it and agreed the content of the survey. This is going to start collecting data ASAP.
- SRD heard back from the consultant (Sarah Simmons) and she is happy to speak with the committee on September 17. JC to meet virtually with the consultant before the meeting on 17 September. Other members have been asked if they also wished to attend, JC to invite others. SRD to send info to the consultant to include PM and LB's first attempt at a plan using NotebookLM and the Local Insight report, LB to send it again to SRD.
- JC has found an electronic version of the documents from the former survey done by the Community Development Trust(?). JC is going to distribute these to all members and COD.
- SRD had heard from CPRE Somerset at a CEEAC meeting about creating a National Park for the Levels, moors, and Glastonbury. CPRE have an event planned for 1 October in the Town Hall.

Discussions

- Avebury consultant – the group want to hear the most about the community engagement process undertaken at Avebury and how that can feed into the works done in Glastonbury. In the pre-meeting with her, it would be worthwhile to share with her the info about those in opposition to the scoping of WHS. Sarah Simmons involved her community from the start and Glastonbury wants to learn from this including how spiritual leaders were involved. PM raised using the models and advice from CCIN about community consultation, the group agreed this should be used.
- JC asked if the Council should ask what the community's issues are. SRD asked how the Council could reach the "silent majority" and find out what their issues are so that the Council is not led by those who simply shout the loudest. MO said that the residents she hears from often express concerns about parking for large events that happen in the town and that these residents do not feel listened to. JC suggested that to find out what people think you need to go door knocking but this takes hours and hours of time. SRD stated that 17 people spent 3 or 4 hours delivering leaflets to the town. JC talked about the 'ladder of participation' and that the Council should consider this. LB stated that his list of community groups

has surpassed 170 groups with contact details. Discussed the Council undertaking this work with an online survey.

- A brief discussion was held about the timeline of this project.
 - Recommend to FC and JC questions and emails August.
 - Launch Survey ASAP.
 - Meet with Sarah Simmons in September.
 - Review responses, collate and feed to AI in October for a new draft of the plan.
 - Review the draft plan in November.
- Headings of issues for exploration is going to be a matter for discussion at a future meeting.

Actions

- COD to ask SM to contact St Dunstan's School, Crispin, Millfield, and Strode College in relation to the suggestion of Geography students undertaking a project on Glastonbury and its emerging issues.
- COD and JC to meet on Monday to investigate land ownership.
- JC to send community survey questions.
- JC to send an email to other members with the correct framing so that others can join in with the community consultation to include door-knocking. PM suggested that the other councillors should also be involved.
- **Recommend to Full Council that the Council undertake a resident-focussed consultation to find out the issues that are really affecting people in the town, to include councillors door-knocking with a standard form of questions.**