



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of WHS Working Group held on Tuesday 2 December 2025 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllrs S. Roney-Dougal, J. Cousins, L. Osborn and S. Henderson
Apologies	W Bloom, K Unwin & M Webb
Absent	
In Attendance	J Dyer, A Gay, Dr T Hopkinson-Ball, A Kirk, A. Murray, S Petterson, T Rowntree

67. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The chair welcomed working group (WG) members to the meeting. He explained that the key issue for the meeting was to agree what measures may be necessary to prevent disruption of future meetings, following the disruption which caused the abandonment of the 17 November meeting.

The Chair reminded members that the WG has only 3 more meetings, before it completes its work in February 2026. With that in mind, there was a need to focus on development of the final report. As the presenter for Item 5 (research into tourism, cultural heritage and wellbeing) was not able to attend, it was agreed that that item would be deferred to the 8 December meeting.

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from W. Bloom, K. Unwin and M. Webb.

69. APPROVAL OF 20 OCTOBER AND 17 NOVEMBER MINUTES

The minutes from the 20th October and 17th November meetings were approved.

70. TO DISCUSS FUTURE MEETINGS

The WG discussed the format of future meetings, following the disruption of the 17 November WG.

After an in-depth discussion, covering a number of possible options, it was decided that the meetings would continue without public access. This decision was made in the interests of the WG members.

71. SUMMARY OF PUBLISHED WHS RELATED RESEARCH WORK REGARDING TOURISM, CULTURAL HERITAGE AND WELLBEING

This agenda item will be covered in the next meeting.

72. CLARIFICATION OF LEGAL PROTECTIONS OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE TOR

Information that had been shared with all WG members prior to the meeting was presented and discussed. The WG members expressed their thanks to the presenter for his

excellent report, and it was agreed that the report should form a new Annex K of the WG's final report.

73. CLARIFICATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WHS AND UN AGENDA 2030

Information that had been shared with all WG members prior to the meeting was presented and discussed. The WG members expressed their thanks to the presenter for his excellent report. The presenter explained that he intends to conduct more work on this report, including on some of the possible political implications of UN Agenda 2030. He agreed to present an updated report to a future WG. It was agreed that when the report is complete and agreed by the WG members, it will form Annex L to the WG's final report.

74. BATH AND BLAENAVON VISITS

The Bath World Heritage visit will take place on the 5th January at 11am. WG members were asked to confirm their attendance to the secretary. The WG will be greeted by the mayor and other World Heritage representatives. It was agreed that the WG should request details of who else, besides the mayor, will be hosting the visit.

75. VISITOR QUESTIONNAIRE (UPDATE)

Given the limited future tenure of the WG, it was agreed that this initiative would not be pursued by the WG, but would be included as a final report recommendation to the Town Council.

76. APPROVAL OF GLASTONBURY VISION DOCUMENT

The document had been shared with the working group members prior to the meeting. An in-depth discussion was had regarding the vision document and further changes suggested. It was agreed that members would update their parts of the document and send those updates to the Secretary for updating of the overall document prior to the next meeting.

It was agreed that it would be useful to understand the reasons why the Town Council decided to investigate World Heritage Status.

77. ATTENDANCE FOR 17 DECEMBER EVENT

The event was explained and WG Members invited to attend.

78. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Vision Document update
- Summary of published WHS related research work regarding tourism, cultural heritage and wellbeing.
- Review/discussion of final report
- Further presentation on UN Agenda 2030

79. REVIEW OF ACTIONS

- Reasons for the Town Council deciding to investigate WHS to be shared with the WG.
- Further review of Vision document.
- Members to confirm attendance at 5 January 2026 Bath visit.

80. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th December

81. FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

Nothing to add.

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