



## GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Minutes of WHS Working Group held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7pm</b>	
Councillors Present	M. Oakden
Apologies	K Unwin, Dr T Hopkinson-Ball, A Kirk, A. Murray
Absent	I. Donfrancesco and S. Henderson
In Attendance	W Bloom, J Dyer, A Gay, S Petterson, T Rowntree, & M Webb 18 members of the public

### **36. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

A welcome was given to all from the Chair of the Working Group.

### **37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from K Unwin, T Hopkinson-Ball, A Kirk, A Murray and Cllr J Cousins

### **38. APPROVAL OF 21 JULY MINUTES**

The minutes of the July meeting were approved by the committee and were subsequently signed by the Chair.

### **39. FEEDBACK FROM THE 30 AUGUST EVENT**

The event was attended by the Goddess Society and the Glastonbury Pilgrim Reception Centre, and some very useful and informative discussions were had.

Topics included tourism and mis-information, possible commercial benefits of World Heritage Status, a feeling of fear within the community due to lack of information and discussions on a management plan should WHS go ahead. Both groups were keen that Glastonbury should seek to attract the 'right sort of visitor'.

After some discussion of the feedback, it was agreed that WG Members should keep a record of recurrent mis-information points that come to their attention, with a view to collating a list at the next WG meeting. 'Privatisation' of WHS sites was another specific concern. It was agreed that this should be investigated and discussed at the next meeting.

A question was raised about a possible referendum before any decisions will be made and how that will support the Town Council decision.

### **40. REPORT FROM 'INTANGIBLE HERITAGE SUB-GROUP – INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF NEW COMBINED DOCUMENT**

The Intangible Heritage Sub-Group had not yet prepared their report, so the Chair read out the original document to assist the understanding of members of the public. It was agreed that this would be circulated with the minutes. The sub-group will report to the next WG when more members will be present.

**41. REPORT FROM ‘OTHER OPTIONS’ WORKING GROUP**

Unfortunately, the presentation had been delayed and will be presented to the October meeting. This will be looking at National Landscapes and other layers of protection beyond World Heritage.

**42. DISCUSSION OF ‘GLASTONBURY VISION’ (V3) – INCLUDING DECISION ON EARLY DISCLOSURE REQUEST**

The Vision document was discussed. Further additions are going to be made before the next meeting and distributed. The Deputy Chair kindly agreed to produce an amended version. The Chair advised the meeting that a member of the public had requested early sight of the document, but that he had declined this subject to the consideration of the WG. WG members agreed that the document should not be shared until it is more mature and therefore more fully represents the views of the WG members, noting that the document will be shared in the future.

**43. BATH AND BLAENAVON VISIT’S**

Blaenavon visit to be rescheduled.  
The chair to chase the visit to Bath.

**44. REPLIES (IF AVAILABLE) FROM AVON AND SOMERSET CONSTABULARY AND OTHER BODIES**

No replies have been received. The assistant Town Clerk will chase replies.

**45. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING PRODUCTION OF FINAL REPORT**

World Heritage Status Mis-information list  
‘Privatisation’ of WHS sites.  
Draft Final Report.  
Report from Intangible Heritage SG  
Report from Other Options SG

**46. ACTIONS**

Resend Intangible Heritage document.  
Share email from member of the public.  
Chase replies from Minute point 44.  
Further develop Vision document

**47. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

**48. FUTURE MEETINGS**

17 November 2025  
15 December 2025  
17 December 2025 – Invitation of WG Members to discuss consultants action plan.  
17 January 2026 – final WG Consultation event.  
19 January 2026  
16 February 2026

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