



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Glastonbury in Bloom Committee held Monday 13 th January 2025 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllr M Oakden (Chair), M White (Deputy), Lokabandhu (Mayor of Glastonbury), Cllr M Smyth
Apologies	
Absent	Cllr J Cousins, I Mutch
In Attendance	S Marks (Committee Clerk), C Ogilvie – Davidson (Town Clerk) Ark Redwood (Volunteer), D Balian (Volunteer)
Public Participation	

56. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

No apologies were received.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M White in on the Town Deal Board.

58. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th NOVEMBER 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th November 2024 was **SIGNED** by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

The committee went through the minutes and A Redwood reminded this year comfrey pellets were being used instead of chicken pellets for the bedding areas.

ACTION: The Committee Clerk to order comfrey pellets when required.

The Committee Clerk confirmed that the wooden stars for the Market Square Christmas tree were very well received and there were plans for them to be done again this year. She confirmed new stars would be ordered as the current ones have been recycled with the Christmas Tree.

59. TO DISCUSS THE FINANCE REPORT AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

The committee went through the finance report and discussed the future expenditure for the rest of the financial year. The Town Clerk reminded the committee that their budget would be £5,000.00 less than this financial year for 2025/2026. Glastonbury in Bloom finances were healthy going into the next financial year.

The Committee Clerk reported that she was still to confirm to all 2024-barrel sponsors that this year would be free with a new improved board. The committee agreed that it would remain £200.00 for sponsorship of Glastonbury in Bloom and £100.00 for the Chilkwell Street barrels. The Town Clerk asked the committee to consider reducing the Chilkwell Street barrel sponsorship to new sponsors.

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Cllr M Oakden proposed that 2025 sponsorship of the Chilkwell Street barrels are reduced to £50.00 to new sponsors. This was seconded by Cllr M White and **AGREED** unanimously.

On behalf of the Glastonbury in Bloom Committee, Cllr M Smyth wanted to express his gratitude to Sweet Acre Nursery for all their expertise and help with Glastonbury in Bloom.

No grant applications to consider.

60. TO AGREE ON THE PRICES FOR HANGING BASKETS FOR BUSINESSES 2025

The Committee Clerk reminded the committee of the costs for 2024.

Cllr M Oakden proposed that for 2025 hanging baskets will be charged at £30.00 and additional baskets will be £10.00 (inclusive of VAT) the same as 2024. This was seconded by D Balian and **AGREED** unanimously.

61. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE NEW BRITAIN IN BLOOM ROAD SIGNS FOR ENTRANCE OF GLASTONBURY

Cllr M Smyth spoke of his concerns of changing the design of the existing road signs. The Town Clerk agreed that the signs were in need of cleaning and were nearing 10 years old. He asked the committee to consider new ones that were uniform and were made of a reflective material as the existing ones were not and that Glastonbury deserved better signs.

Cllr M White suggested that the Twinning status signs with QR codes could be placed within the town to give more information.

It was confirmed that all designs would go to Property & Assets/ Full Council for a final decision. The Committee Clerk will proceed with investigating further and report to the committee at the next meeting.

62. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON UPDATING THE STREET FURNITURE

The Committee Clerk confirmed she had spoken to K Von Coels about helping with the decorating the street bins. She also suggested that this would be an ideal project for the new Youth Council.

It was agreed that if painting had not been organised before the South West in Bloom judging day that certain bins would be painted.

63. TO FURTHER DISCUSS ST DUNSTAN'S CAR PARK BEDDING AREA

The Committee Clerk showed the existing bedding area, and the committee suggested on how to extend the area and plants that could be used. It was agreed that the grassed area by the Peace Pole will remain the same.

64. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON SUMMER BEDDING

The Committee Clerk confirmed that the Town Clerk and herself had a meeting with Sweet Acre Nursery in the week. The committee discussed various plants for the summer bedding that could be used and to be recommended to Sweet Acre Nursery.

The Committee Clerk asked the committee if they would consider "Peace to All" as the School Poster Competition this year. The committee agreed.

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The Committee Clerk asked if the committee had any further suggestion for sponsors this year that she could approached, a list was provided.

Cllr Lokabandhu suggested a planter at the front of St Edmunds Hall, he was happy to build one out of recycled timber and the committee agreed it would make the area look nice with a touch of floral colour.

65. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING – 10th March 2025

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