

Minutes Full Council held on 8 September 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	R. Cook, J. Cousins, I. Donfrancesco, S. Henderson, E. King, Lokabandhu (Deputy Mayor), L. MacDougall, P. Manning, I. Mutch, T. Napper, M. Oakden, L. Osborn, S. Roney-Dougal, M. Smyth and M. White.
Councillor Apologies	Z. Price (Mayor), Somerset Councillor Cameron
Absent	
In Attendance	Assistant Town Clerk, Responsible Finance Officer and 2 Macebearers
Public Participation	45 members of the public were present. 3 members of the public spoke, and the topics are listed below: 1. 5G Application 2. 5G Application 3. Town Management Plan

91. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Z. Price (Mayor) for personal reasons.

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

92. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Other than those already declared to the Monitoring Officer, no other declarations were made.

93. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AS A CORRECT RECORD

The minutes of the 11th August 2026 meeting was discussed and considered a correct record and **SIGNED** by the Deputy Chair.

94. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

An update was given on the actions from the previous meeting:

- The Town Management Working Group have been informed of the recommendation agreement.

- The two Traffic Regulation Order requests are on this agenda for Councillors to discuss and make a decision on.
- Cllr J Cousins stated that it was agreed to write a letter to Cllr Hart, Deputy Mayor confirmed that a email had been sent, with no response received.

95. TO NOTE THE LATEST CRIME STATISTICS REPORT FOR GLASTONBURY

The report was **NOTED**. The Police were unable to attend the meeting.

96. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Councillors considered the Schedule of Payments, and it was duly **SIGNED** by the Chair and another councillor.

97. TO NOTE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The budget monitoring report was **NOTED**.

98. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS FOR GLASTONBURY AND MAKE ANY ASSOCIATED DECISIONS

Cllr I. Donfrancesco proposed to accept the recommendation and progress the agreed Traffic Regulation Order on Ashwell Lane. This was seconded by Cllr T. Napper and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

Cllr J. Cousins proposed to accept the recommendation and progress the agreed Traffic Regulation Order on Coursing Batch but state concerns around speed bumps or other traffic measures. This was seconded by Cllr M Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

99. TO CONSIDER AND APPOINT A COUNCILLOR TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

Due to a resignation from a councillor on this committee a space has opened up.

Cllr M Smyth proposed himself to be added to the Staffing Committee. This was seconded by Cllr S Henderson and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

100. TO CONSIDER THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ACCESSING GLASTONBURY-SPECIFIC DATA TO UNDERSTAND THE LOCAL HOUSING NEED

It was proposed by Cllr S. Roney-Dougal to purchase the indicative housing needs dataset for Glastonbury from Thrive/arc4, in order to provide an up-to-date evidence base on the town's affordable housing requirements at a cost of £250. This was seconded by Cllr I. Donfrancesco and **RESOLVED** by majority. Funds to be taken from Place & Identity Enhancement budget line.

101. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

“IN SUPPORT OF THE RECENTLY FORMED CAMPAIGN ‘SOMERSET CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM’, THIS COUNCIL UNEQUIVOCALLY REJECTS RACISM AND FASCISM AS EXPRESSIONS OF INTOLERANCE THAT VIOLATE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. WE RECOGNISE HOW THESE EXTREMIST IDEOLOGIES HAVE CAUSED VIOLENCE, SYSTEMIC INJUSTICE, AND TRAUMA IN MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES, AND WE RE-AFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY AND CULTURE – WHERE EVERYONE FEELS VALUED AND RESPECTED – WORKING TO ENSURE SAFETY, EQUITY, AND HUMAN DIGNITY.”

**PROPOSED BY CLLR COUSINS
SECONDED BY CLLR RONEY-DOUGAL**

Cllr L. Osborn proposed an amendment to the motion to replace the word fascism with zero intolerance. This was seconded by Cllr T Napper and **AGREED** by 5 votes, against by 9 votes – motion rejected.

A recorded vote was requested.

Cllr J Cousins proposed to accept the motion. This was seconded by Cllr S Roney-Dougal and **AGREED** by majority

Agreed: Cllrs J. Cousins, I. Donfrancesco, S. Henderson, E. King, Lokabandhu, L. MacDougall, P. Manning, I. Mutch, M. Oakden, S. Roney-Dougal, M. Smyth and M. White.

Against: Cllrs R. Cook, T. Napper and L. Osborn

“AS A DECLARATION AS TO THE IMPORTANCE AND VALUE OF OUR RIVER, THIS COUNCIL RESOLVES TO FORMALLY RECOGNISE AND RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF THE RIVER BRUE AS SET FORTH IN THE RIVER CHARTER.

THE RIVER CHARTER

- i. THE RIGHT TO FLOW, AND FOLLOW ITS NATURAL COURSE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE;**
- ii. THE RIGHT TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS WITHIN ITS ECOSYSTEM;**
- iii. THE RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM POLLUTION;**
- iv. THE RIGHT TO FEED AND BE FED BY SUSTAINABLE AQUIFERS;**
- v. THE RIGHT TO NATIVE BIODIVERSITY; AND**
- vi. THE RIGHT TO REGENERATION AND RESTORATION”**

Cllr M Smyth proposed to accept the motion. This was seconded by Cllr L MacDougall and **AGREED** by unanimously.

102. TO NOTE THE RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES

a. Staffing Committee meeting held on 17th August 2026

- i. Cllr Cousins proposed that the recommendations contained within the Role Evaluation Report be accepted, together with the Town Clerk's additional recommendation to incorporate relevant provisions in relation to a future training policy be included into all staff contracts. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- ii. Cllr Cousins proposed that, through the annual review process, roles not included within the Role Evaluation Report be reviewed. This was seconded by Cllr White and **AGREED** unanimously.
- iii. It was proposed by Cllr Cousins that Glastonbury Town Council adopt a policy to provide newly elected Councillors with the opportunity to undertake the ILCA or CiLCA qualification. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- iv. It was proposed by Cllr Cousins that the Assistant Town Clerk be awarded salary increase, backdated in recognition of the successful completion of probation and attainment of the CiLCA qualification. This was seconded by Cllr White and **AGREED** unanimously.
- v. It was proposed by Cllr White that a training policy be produced for a decision at the next or a future meeting be produced. This was seconded by Cllr Cousins and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- vi. It was proposed by Cllr Cousins to agree to delegate the task of management to the Town Clerk and the Assistant Town Clerk, authorising the recruitment of additional staff to cover rota gaps. Seconded by Cllr White and **AGREED** unanimously.

b. Planning Committee meeting on 18th August 2026

- i. 2026/1438/FUL – Extension of existing waste processing facility, erection of new industrial unit, creating of new vehicular access, proposed extension of 2.4 mtr high palisade fencing and gates –

Glastonbury Skip Hire Ltd, The Mound, Glastonbury, BA6 9QA – Baker – Full Application.

(Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook and unanimously agreed to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application with the caveat that the they plant trees to try and obscure the view from Wearyall Hill).

- ii. 2026/1279/HSE – Widening of rear first floor bedroom dormer windows in central part of house (the original building before extensions were added on either side) – Pendragon House, Butleigh Road, Glastonbury, BA6 8AQ – Mr Roger Dow – Householder Application.

(Cllr Much proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and agreed (4 in favour, and 1 abstention) to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).

- iii. 2026/1407/FUL – Proposed agricultural barn – Land at 348146 140060 Meare Road, Glastonbury – Mr I Dascalu – Full Application. (Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Mutch and agreed (4 in favour and 1 against) to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application with the caveat that they plant trees).

c. Resilience Committee meeting held on 1st September 2026

There were no resolutions from this meeting.

103. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISION

a. Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee held on 27th August 2026

- i. Cllr. Smyth proposed that the CEEAC Committee pay the sum of £500 for equipment to monitor the River Brue. This was seconded by S. Clemence and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- ii. Cllr Roney Dougal proposed that Glastonbury Town Council support the Somerset Bus Franchising survey. This was seconded by S. Clemence and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

Cllr S. Roney-Dougal requested that the Council support bus franchising.

Cllr I. Donfrancesco proposed to accept the recommendation. This was seconded by Cllr L MacDougall and **AGREED** by unanimously.

104. TO RECEIVE UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Cameron's 15-page report was shared to Councillors ahead of the meeting and a discussion was held.

105. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM LEAD COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr White reported that disappointingly the Town Deal Board meeting 28th August was cancelled. Next meeting will be the 9th October.

Cllr Donfrancesco announced the police has confirmed no further action regarding Red Brick Building Finances.

Cllr L MacDougall reported that Fair Trade Week beginning of October with a coffee morning in Town Hall.

106. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Lokabandhu shared in absence of the Mayor that he had taken part in the Pilgrimages over the weekend including a walk from Wells to Glastonbury.

107. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Mayor reported that no correspondence has been received.

Play Parks working group, consultation out to public soon.

Tracking the Medieval Colvert under Silver Street

Cllr R Cook St Dunstan's Cottage has completed a preliminary report to take to Property & Assets.

108. TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS FOR NEWS RELEASE AND/OR THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

It was requested that we share the River Charter and the Public Consultation for the Abbey Park Play Area.

109. TO REVIEW ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Cllr J Cousins request to add an agenda item to inform the public that the Town Council take action regarding the items raised in public participation.

Item will be added on Planning Committee agenda regarding questions raised regarding the 5G mast

Share Somerset Bus franchise proposal alongside River Brue.

110. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th October 2026.

Signed:	Date:
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