



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of WHS Working Group held on Monday 16th February 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllrs S. Roney-Dougal, J. Cousins, S. Henderson & L. Osborn
Apologies	A. Murray
Absent	W. Bloom
In Attendance	A Gay, Dr T Hopkinson-Ball, S Petterson, T Rowntree, J. Dyer, A Kirk, M Webb and K Unwin.

103. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the WHS WG, thanking all WG members for their excellent support throughout the tenure of the WG.

The Chair reminded members of the need to clear the final report to the Town Council by the end of the meeting, and reminded members of the 3 guidelines he had issued by email earlier in the day to ensure this:

1. Members not able to attend to forward their votes for the Summary section.
2. Only specific wording amendments, agreed by all WG members, at this stage.
3. The current report is the default position. This, with any amendments agreed at the meeting, will be our final report to the Town Council.

All members agreed these guidelines.

104. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Andy Murray had given his apologies, due to illness, but had submitted his vote to the clerk.

105. APPROVAL OF 19 JANUARY MINUTES

The minutes from 19th January meeting were considered a true record of the meeting and approved.

106. FINAL REVIEW AND AGREEMENT OF FINAL REPORT

The final report was discussed page by page and several specific amendments were agreed by the committee.

For the Summary vote, of the 9 members of the Working Group (discounting Councillors), 6 Members felt that World Heritage Status (WHS) would be of benefit and should be pursued further, 1 member felt that while WHS would be of benefit, the difficulty, costs and time needed would probably not justify the journey and 2 members felt that WHS should not be pursued further. This result was agreed to be added to the report Summary.

107. REFLECTIONS ON OUR TIME TOGETHER AS A WG, AND HOW GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL MAY MAKE BEST USE OF OUR WORK

All WG members had enjoyed the research and discussions and felt that, despite some differing views and some interesting challenges along the way, all WG members had worked well together to produce what was hoped would be a useful report to the Town Council.

108. FINAL COMMENTS, WASH UP

Councillors Roney-Dougal, Henderson and Cousins gave there thanks to the Working Group members for attendance and good ideas. Thanks was given to the Chair, Deputy Chair and Assistant Town Clerk for all their hard work during the committee.

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