

Minutes Full Council held on 11 August 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	J. Cousins, I. Donfrancesco, S. Henderson, E. King, Lokabandhu (Deputy Mayor), L. MacDougall, P. Manning, I. Mutch, T. Napper, M. Oakden, L. Osborn, Z. Price (Mayor), and M. White.
Councillor Apologies	S. Roney-Dougal, R. Cook, M. Smyth
Absent	
In Attendance	Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Somerset Councillor Cameron, 2 Macebearers
Public Participation	10 members of the public were present. 3 members of the public spoke, and the topics are listed below: 1. Bus franchising 2. Public participation 3. Solutions to homelessness

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Roney-Dougal, Cook, and Smyth owing to personal commitments.

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

74. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

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

The minutes of the 14th July 2026 meeting was discussed and considered a correct record and **SIGNED** by the Chair.

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

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

- The Services committee have considered the topic St Dunstan's House; the work of the Town Clerk as project lead and were very pleased with progress towards the vision of the project.
- The specialist has been invited to work with the Town Management Plan working group.
- The Town Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer will consider the use of monies if the opportunity to buy another Speed Indicator Device at a reduced rate.
- The agreed changes to the booking policy have been made and it is in use.

77. TO NOTE THE LATEST CRIME STATISTICS REPORT FOR GLASTONBURY

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

78. 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.

79. TO NOTE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The budget monitoring report was **NOTED**.

80. TO CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TOWN MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKING GROUP THAT THE COUNCIL UNDERTAKE A RESIDENT-FOCUSED CONSULTATION TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT ARE REALLY AFFECTING PEOPLE IN THE TOWN. THIS IS TO TAKE THE FORM OF COUNCILLORS DOOR-KNOCKING WITH STANDARDISED QUESTIONS AND OTHER ONLINE METHODS AS APPROPRIATE.

Cllr Cousins spoke to this item and explained the context behind the item. Cllr Cousins had provided a set of active listening questions aimed at finding out the concerns of residents and also what people love about their community. Following this a discussion was held where Cllr Oakden indicated she would canvas the Redlands Estate.

Cllr Cousins proposed that this consultations exercise be undertaken in September and October, planning to cover as much of the town as possible. This was seconded by Cllr Oakden and **RESOLVED** by majority.

Cllr Price spoke of the logistics behind the task, Cllr Cousins stated that the working group would coordinate this.

81. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE DEPUTY MAYOR IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL'S LIST OF OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Lokabandhu spoke to his progress against the task of assembling a list of 169 outside bodies across 17 themes, and plans for how this can be used as a live directory in future consultations with the community. Following this, a discussion was held.

Cllr Lokabandhu will continue to work on this list.

82. TO NOTE THE RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES

a. Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on 16th July 2026

- i. It was noted that Cllr Lokabandhu, in his role as Deputy Mayor and the committee's Terms of Reference will chair this committee.
- ii. It was proposed by Cllr Henderson that Cllr White be Deputy Chair for the ensuing year. This was Seconded by Cllr Price and RESOLVED unanimously.
- iii. It was proposed by Cllr White that Council have reviewed the Internal Auditor report and noted that there are no recommendations. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and AGREED unanimously.
- iv. Cllr White proposed that Cllr White would review and sign the bank reconciliation from April to June after the meeting. This was Seconded by Cllr Henderson and AGREED unanimously.
- v. Crimestoppers. Cllr Henderson proposed that a grant of £200 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and RESOLVED by majority (8:1:0).
- vi. Mary Claridge. Cllr Henderson proposed that printing of 200 books be printed and invoiced to the Town Council. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and RESOLVED unanimously with the one abstention.
- vii. Sacred Death Centre. Cllr Price proposed that a grant of £1,600 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr White and RESOLVED by majority (7:2:0).
- viii. St Benedict's Church, Community Soup Lunch. Cllr Henderson proposed that a grant of £700 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and RESOLVED unanimously.
- ix. Street & Glastonbury Volunteer Driver Service. Cllr Price proposed that a grant of £1,000 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and RESOLVED unanimously.

b. Planning Committee meeting on 21st July 2026

- i. 2026/1157/HSE – Proposed solar panels, colour change to gutters, downpipes and timber elements – Garthowen, Street Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9EG – Ms J Stitch – Householder Application. (Cllr Cook proposed,

seconded by Cllr MacDougall and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).

- ii. 2026/1222/HSE – Replace existing front bay windows & the external board/panel between them, replace with composite or similar design – 101 Benedict Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9NQ – Mr O Coningham – Householder Application. (Cllr Lokabandhu proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).
- iii. 2026/1219/VRC – Variation of condition 3 (Roofing) and condition 4 (Repainting Chimneys) on consent 2025/2000/LBC (Re-covering the twin gabled roof of the original structure, replacing lead gutter & abutment linings, maintaining the hipped roof over the Georgian wing, & repairing and re-covering sections of the lower roofs to the north) – The George & Pilgrim Hotel, 1 High Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9DP – Mr D Philips – Variation or Removal of Conditions. (Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook and unanimously agreed for Variation of condition 3 and 4 to be dealt with by the appropriate Somerset Officers).
- iv. 2026/1245/FUL - Change of use of the 1st floor of the existing building to a holiday let, including the installation of a new balcony and external access stairs, and the erection of an extension to the existing ground floor guest lounge following demolition of existing lean-to store – The Old Oaks Touring Park, Wick Farm, Wick Lane, Wick, Glastonbury – Mr & Mrs White – Full Application. (Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).
- v. 2026/1274/HSE – Single Storey Rear Extension – 2 Ashcott Close, Glastonbury, BA6 9GN – Beasley – Householder Application. (Cllr Lokabandhu proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).
- vi. 2026/1106/FUL – Change of use from dwelling house (Class C(a)) to a mix of commercial (ground floor) (Class E(b)) and dwelling house (ground and first floor) & internal works, external WC building, replacement outbuilding – 60 High Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9DY – Mrs Poh-Chin Tan – Full Application. (Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).
- vii. 2026/1288/HSE – Conversion of garage to habitable space; erection of 1st floor extension with new dual-pitched roof and rooflights over garage to create ancillary accommodation – 5 Wick Hollow, Glastonbury, BA6 8JQ – G Haran – Householder Application. (Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smyth and agreed (5 in favour, and 2 abstentions) to recommend REFUSAL of this application, based on the following material considerations:-

- a. Parking issues, development will cause loss of parking spaces.
 - b. The development is not in-keeping with the street scene, and
 - c. The development is in a Conservation Area)
- viii. 2026/1333/FUL – Erection of a single storey self-build dwelling house – Land centred coordinates 350767 139625 Holywell Lane, Glastonbury – Mrs Marcella Findlay, Full Application. (Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and agreed (4 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention) to recommend APPROVAL of this application with the caveat that the rubbish is removed from the site as well as behind the garage and the public footpath is reinstated and added to the OS map).
- c. **Services, Youth & Operations Committee meeting held on 28th July 2026**
 - i. Cllr Donfrancesco proposed that Cllr White would be the chair for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and RESOLVED unanimously.
 - ii. Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that Cllr Oakden would be the deputy chair for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and RESOLVED unanimously.
 - iii. Grant requests have been received from Children’s World and Glastonbury Football Club.
 - iv. Cllr Roney-Dougall proposed that a grant of £1000 be awarded to both applicants. This was seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and RESOLVED unanimously.
 - v. It was proposed by Cllr Cousins to delegate to the Town Clerk, along with the committee Chair, to respond to the correspondence received. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and RESOLVED unanimously.

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

a. Town Centre Crime Reduction Advisory Committee meeting held on 5th August 2026

There were no recommendations from this meeting but all were reminded to report crimes.

84. TO RECEIVE UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Cameron’s 15-page report was shared to Councillors ahead of the meeting and a discussion was held. Cllr Cameron spoke of two new Traffic Regulation orders which would be considered at the next meeting.

Cllr Cousins spoke to the fact that Cllr Hart has not attended Glastonbury Town Council for a number of meetings. Cllr Cousins proposed that Cllr Hart be written to and requested to attend a future meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and **RESOLVED** unanimously with two abstentions.

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

Cllr Lokabandhu gave a report to the meeting about the positive informal discussion held between councillors and the new Red Brick Building Board that had been held the night previous.

Cllr White gave an update from the previous Town Deal Board meeting and progress towards project completions by the deadline of 31 March 2027 for monies to be contracted, and for it to be spent by 31 March 2028.

Cllr Napper gave an update on the Carnival Committee's successful Tractor Run.

86. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Price shared that it had been a busy month. The Mayor had attended:

- The opening of the Baily's building.
- The tenders of the redevelopment of Abbey Park has been published and that there will be an open day in the Autumn.
- The applications for Frost Fayre stalls had recently opened, and over 200 applications had already been received.
- The Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemoration event and a small ceremony was held by the Mayor.
- The Town Council hosted a flood resilience workshop that had been attended by various agencies.
- Pride in Glastonbury had been held at the end of July and the Mayor was honoured to open the event.
- Britain in Bloom judges had visited Glastonbury just yesterday and met with many of the local volunteers, councillors, and staff who make Glastonbury in Bloom happen.
- The Castle Cary rail link bus (route 567) was now live and the timetables are available online for people to use.
- The Mayor had an online meeting with the Mayor of Lalibela, and the Mayor is working with Lalibela about reinvigorating our twinning links.

87. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that no correspondence has been received.

There is a SW Co-operative Day is being held in Taunton on the 25 August.

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

Cllr Donfrancesco suggested that the Council promote the planned consultation being headed by Councillors. Cllr Lokabandhu stated that he would lead on this.

89. TO REVIEW ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

The Assistant Town Clerk updated that the directory will be added to the website, to inform the Town Management Working Group of the recommendation agreement, and to add the Two Traffic Regulation Order requests to September Full Council agenda.

90. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th September 2026.

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