



## GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Minutes of Glastonbury Town Council held on 14 January 2025 at 7 pm</b>	
Councillors Present	R. Cook, N. Cottle, S. Henderson, Lokabandhu, P. Manning, I. Mutch, L. Osborn S. Roney-Dougal, I. Donfrancesco, L. MacDougall, M. Smyth, J. Cousins, T. Napper and M. White
Apologies	Cllr M. Oakden, and Z. Price
Absent	
In Attendance	Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Two Macebearers, and 17 members of the public
Public Participation	Five members of the public spoke during public participation. The subject raised included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. World Heritage Status/ Working Group</li><li>2. Communication</li><li>3. World Heritage Status Agreement for the Working Group</li><li>4. Community Project</li><li>5. Introducing Ashram Ravi</li></ol>

### **179. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS GIVEN**

Cllr Oakden sent apologies due to illness and Cllr Price sent apologies due to family commitments. These were noted.

### **180. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests in addition to those already disclosed.

### **181. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AS A CORRECT RECORD**

The minutes of the meeting of December were considered a correct record, these were then duly **SIGNED** by the chair.

### **182. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

The Town Clerk gave an update to Cllrs which was **NOTED**.

It was proposed by Cllr Lokabandhu to move agenda item 8 for discussion next. This was seconded by Cllr Cottle and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

### **183. TO CONSIDER THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORLD HERITAGE STATUS WORKING GROUP**

This was discussed by cllrs and the terms of reference discussed. It was detailed how the project would benefit from the working group and how the working group will be set up.

It was proposed by Cllr Cousins to adopt the draft terms of reference. This was seconded by Cllr Henderson. This was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

It was agreed that four members Cllrs Cousins, Donfrancesco, Manning, Henderson, Oakden, and Price (both of whom would confirm after the meeting) will be representing the Town Council in this working group.

#### **184. TO NOTE THE LATEST CRIME STATISTICS**

An update was shared to Cllrs from the Local Sergeant and Beat Manager which was **NOTED**.

#### **185. TO CONSIDER THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

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

#### **186. TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

Members considered and **NOTED** the budget monitoring report.

There was a discussion regarding extending the Tor Bus service; it was noted that the ward councillors are to have a discussion before adding an agenda item in the Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee meeting, with an update to come to a future meeting after consulting with Mendip Community Transport.

#### **187. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS AT ST DUNSTAN'S HOUSE**

The Town Clerk gave an update. The contractors are progressing with the new doorways into the Main Hall, the outside of the building is nearly complete, and works to the Atrium are to start shortly.

The Town Clerk confirmed that additional grant funding has recently been offered totalling £550,000. Additionally, it was confirmed that the Town Council's loan request for the project has been approved.

Councillors thanked the Town Clerk for his work, especially securing grant funding for the project.

#### **188. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ASSET AND SERVICE DEVOLUTION FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL**

The Town Clerk gave an update, work is continuing with the officers from Somerset Council.

#### **189. TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT DEMAND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee had recommended a budget for the 2025-26 Financial Year.

The Town Clerk detailed two small amendments made since then which have not affected the overall Precept demand.

It was proposed by Cllr Henderson that the draft budget with the Town Clerk's adjustments be agreed and that a Precept Demand of £1,056,000 be made to Somerset Council, this represents a Band D Precept of £316.49 – an increase of 39 pence per week. 76% of households in Glastonbury are Bands A to C and will pay a smaller precept and increase. The Town Clerk is delegated the task of preparing, printing, and distributing the Precept information Leaflet to be delivered to households in BA6 8 and BA6 9 postcodes. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously with two abstentions.

#### **190. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CHARTER FOR COMPASSION WORKING GROUP**

The Mayor updated council from the working group meeting. The charter is being adapted for Glastonbury and will be presented to council at the next Full Council meeting.

#### **191. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE AWARDS TO BE MADE AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Cllrs discussed awards and nominations including Citizen of the Year, Young Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer Long Service Awards, and other discretionary awards.

It was proposed by Cllr Cousins that the Town Clerk move ahead with asking for nominations from the community for the above awards. This was seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and was **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

#### **192. TO NOTE THE RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES**

##### **a. Arts, Culture and Events Advisory Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Cllr. Price proposed the Arts, Culture and Events Committee Members establish a working group in 2025 for the annual Glastonbury Remembrance Day Parade and Service. The group will work cohesively with all organisations involved and provide relevant information to the public. This was seconded by Cllr. Oakden and **RESOLVED** with no abstentions

##### **b. Property & Assets Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Cllr Price proposed that the Town Clerk be delegated the task of securing the building for the Town Council up to the budgetary provision shown in the draft budget. Once the Town Council has had an offer accepted on the building, the boundary is to be made more secure. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

##### **c. Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

- i. It was proposed by Cllr Roney-Dougall and seconded by Lokabandhu that Councillor Price be added to the committee. This was **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- ii. It was proposed by Cllr Smyth and seconded by Cllr Price that Cllr Donfrancesco be added to the committee. This was **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- iii. Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that a grant of £997 be awarded to the Citizen's Advice Support. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

- iv. Cllr Lokabandhu proposed that the Town Clerk be delegated to award a grant of up to £250 to Create and Thrive CIC be made subject to the Town Clerk reviewing a suitable set of financial documents. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougall and RESOLVED unanimously.
- v. Cllr Manning proposed a grant of £200 be made to Ethical Tickets. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and RESOLVED unanimously.
- vi. Cllr Lokabandhu proposed that that grant of £250 be made to Grove Wellbeing CIC. This was seconded by Cllr Price and RESOLVED unanimously.
- vii. Cllr Smyth proposed that no grant be made to Lift Up! because the applicant did not meet the criteria. This was seconded by Cllr Manning and RESOLVED unanimously with one abstention.
- viii. Cllr Price proposed that that grant of £2,500 be made to Sweet Track Counselling. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and RESOLVED unanimously.
- ix. Cllr Smyth proposed that that grant of £150 be made to The Mural Trail. This was seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and RESOLVED unanimously.
- x. Cllr Donfrancesco proposed that the Town Council purchase up to £150 of printing materials, net of VAT, rather than provide a grant to ToTheTrees. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and RESOLVED unanimously.
- xi. Cllr Smyth proposed that that grant of £1000 be made to United Reformed Church. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougall and RESOLVED unanimously.
- xii. Cllr Smyth proposed that no grant be made to Wild Moon Morris because the application did not meet the criteria. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and RESOLVED unanimously with two abstentions.
- xiii. Following some amendments Cllr Smyth proposed that the draft budget be recommended to Full Council with a Precept figure of £1,056,000 which represents a Band D Precept of £316.49; an increase of 39 pence per week. 76% of households in Glastonbury are Bands A to C and will pay a smaller increase. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and was RESOLVED unanimously.

**d. Frost Fayre Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Cllr Lokabandhu proposed that a new PA system be investigated and purchased. Second by Cllr Z Price. It was RESOLVED unanimously.

**e. Planning Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

- i. 2024/2046/VRC –Approval of details reserved by condition 2 (Plans List) and condition 17 (Vehicular Access) on consent 2021/2466/OTS (Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the erection of up to 90 dwellings along with associated open space and infrastructure with details of access) - Land At 349724 139873, Common Moor Drove, Glastonbury – Variation or Removal of Conditions.  
(The Planning Committee did not discuss this application in view of the Town Council owning neighbouring land on 3 sides of the application site. Councillors were informed that they can submit their own individual comments as Glastonbury residents directly to the planning authority if they so wish).
- ii. 2024/2099/FUL – Change of use of agricultural land to residential area to extend the garden and create a parking area – Land East of Dolebury House, Brindham Lane, Wick, Glastonbury – Mr Hayden Wilcox – Full Application.  
(Cllr Manning proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously agreed to recommend REFUSAL of this application for the following reasons:-  
this piece of land is part of public open space in the Section 106 Agreement 2013/0903 which should remain a public open space;-  
approval would create a precedent meaning that it would be difficult to object to similar proposals; The cumulative impact of the development when considered alongside other development will have an adverse impact on the area.
- iii. 2024/2117/LBC – Proposed removal and replacement of main entrance front door with like for like. No change of colour, size or material – Northload Hall, 56 Northload Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9QE – Miss Amelia Adams – Listed Building Consent.  
(Cllr Cousins proposed, seconded by Cllr MacDougall and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).
- iv. 2024/2018/HSE – Erection of retaining wall of gabion baskets filled with stones – 30 Hexton Road, Glastonbury, BA6 8HL – Mr Richard Baxter – Householder Application.  
(Cllr Cousins proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).
- v. 2024/2101/FUL – Creation of 3 no. vehicular accesses with erection of 2.4m/3m palisade fencing and associated gates – Glastonbury Skip Hire Ltd, Beckery Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9NX – Glastonbury Skip Hire Ltd – Full Application.  
(Cllr Cousins proposed, seconded by Cllr MacDougall and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).
- vi. 2024/2203/HSE – Replacement front door & panels to the side and top of the door – 87A Benedict Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9NG – K Redden – Householder Application.  
(Cllr MacDougall proposed, seconded by Cllr Cousins and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).

- vii. 2024/2198/VRC - Variation of condition 11 (Balcony) and condition 19 (Ducts, Pipes and Rainwater Goods) on consent 2022/2266/LBC (Erection of link building/atrium to Glastonbury Town Hall, a rear extension & internal refurbishment works & external works including replacement of first-floor balcony, a new accessible lift & landscaping works) – St Dunstons House, 1 Magdalene Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9EL – Mr C Ogilvie-Davidson – Variation or Removal of Conditions.  
(This application was not debated due to the Applicant being Glastonbury Town Council and is also part of the Town Deal Fund).
- viii. 2024/2207/LBC - Replace one roof purlin on roof, installation of Solar panel, Replace one front bedroom window, Replace one rear bedroom window, Create a shelter in the back garden, rebuild steps to back door – 80 Bove Town, Glastonbury, BA6 8JG – Ms Rebecca Gooch – Listed Building Consent.  
(Cllr Cousins proposed, seconded by Cllr MacDougall and unanimously agreed to recommend APPROVAL of this application).

**f. Glastonbury In Bloom Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

- i. Cllr M Oakden proposed and seconded by Cllr M White and RESOLVED unanimously to reduce barrels to new business sponsors to £50.
- ii. Cllr M Oakden proposed and seconded by David Balam and RESOLVED unanimously that hanging Basket rates to remain as 2024 - £30 for basket and any extra baskets £10.

These were **NOTED**.

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

No Advisory Committee meetings have been held since the last meeting.

Cllr Roney-Dougal gave an update on the Climate Emergency working group, regarding some actions from a meeting.

**194. TO RECEIVE UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Cllr Cottle gave a verbal update to Cllrs and a written update from Cllr Hart was circulated.

**195. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM LEAD COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr White updated Cllrs on the Town Deal projects, St Dunstan's, the Abbey, Tor Leisure, and Red Brick Building C.

Cllr Roney-Dougal gave an update on progress at Brides Mound.

Cllr Manning gave an update regarding the Baily's Building.

**196. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that he has attended lots of events. The Holly Thorn cutting and numerous Christmas events including the Christmas Lunch. A concert is being organised for the Mayors Charity Glastonbury Mental Health Charity.

**197. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

David Greenway has resigned as the Town Crier; this role will be considered at the next meeting. The Town Council wish to thank David for his many years’ service to Glastonbury.

**198. TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS FOR NEWS RELEASE**

- World Heritage Status Working Group
- 2025-26 Budget Precept Information
- The Mayors Fundraising Concert

**199. TO REVIEW ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

- World Heritage Working group
- Submit the precept demand to Somerset Council and work on the precept leaflet.
- Details for the Annual Town Meeting and distribute.

**200. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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