



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Glastonbury Town Council held on 13 January 2026 at 7 pm	
Councillors Present	Cllrs M. White, Z. Price, I. Donfrancesco, I. Mutch, S. Roney-Dougal, R. Cook, J. Cousins, L. Osborn, Lokabandhu, L. MacDougall, M. Smyth, T. Napper, P. Manning, S. Henderson, E. King and M. Oakden.
Apologies	Somerset Councillor Hart
Absent	
In Attendance	Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Responsible Finance Officer, Two Macebearers, Ewan Cameron-Somerset Councillor and 26 members of the public.
Public Participation	6 members of the public spoke during public participation. The subjects raised included: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. World Heritage2. Communication3. Conservation4. Red Brick Building5. Pilgrim Reception Centre6. SALC – Step, Ride and Thrive

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

Somerset Councillor Hart offered apologies due to illness.

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

206. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests in addition to those already disclosed via councillor's register of interests to the Monitoring Officer.

207. 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.

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

The Town Clerk updated councillors on the completed actions from last month's meeting, the Community Awards nomination form has been circulated, a Markets working group has been created with a date set for an initial meeting and a nomination given for the Red Brick Building and Bridies Farm as an Asset of Community Value.

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209. TO NOTE THE LATEST CRIME STATISTICS REPORT

The latest crime report was shared with councillors prior to the meeting, this was discussed and questions raised. Glastonbury Town Council have shared the recent CCTV service report with councillors, if councillors have any questions please give to the Town Clerk. The police could not attend the meeting.

210. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Councillors received the document in advance of the meeting, various questions were raised and answered by the Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

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

211. TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The budget monitoring report was **NOTED**.

212. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ASSET AND SERVICE DEVOLUTION FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL

The Town Clerk reported that no further update has been given by Somerset Council and are still waiting for an update from their legal team. It was requested for the Town Council to request a tree survey from Somerset Council prior to devolution.

213. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ST DUNSTAN'S HOUSE HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENTRE

The Town Clerk updated that the Audio Digital equipment has been delivered. Bookings are increasing and snagging list is being worked on.

214. 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 2026-27 Financial Year.

Comments and questions raised included the amount Glastonbury Town Council is investing in youth and income from the car park.

It was proposed by Cllr Smyth to support the Step, Ride and Thrive project up to the value of £3500. This was seconded by Cllr Cook and **AGREED** unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr Smyth that the draft budget with the Town Clerk's adjustments be agreed and that a Precept Demand of £1,135,600 be made to Somerset Council, this represents a Band D Precept of £332.31 – an increase of £6.35 per week. 76% of households in Glastonbury are Bands A to C and will pay a smaller precept and increase. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously with two abstentions.

215. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE CHANGES TO THE VENUE BOOKING POLICY

The Town Clerk spoke about the Main Hall and the Festival Hall, as the rooms adjoin to enable and encourage joint bookings it was discussed an amendment to the venue booking policy.

It was proposed by Cllr Roney-Dougal to ratify the 1.3x booking change. This was Seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

216. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE UPDATED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TO SOMERSET COUNCIL FOR SCREENING

This agenda item was referred to the next Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting.

217. TO NOTE THE RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES

a. Arts, Culture & Events Committee meeting held on 10th December 2025

- i). Cllr. Z. Price requested the Committee Clerk approach the Town clerk who is currently considering signage for the new building, to look at having a noticeboard fitted outside of the Information Centre to promote events in the town for both local and non-local visitors.
- ii). M. Claridge proposed the Arts, Culture and Events Committee underwrite funds for the charity film screening event to be held at Glastonbury Town Hall on Jan 31st 2026. This was seconded by K. Shaw and **RESOLVED** with one abstention.
- iii). Cllr. Oakden proposed a recommendation to Finance and General Purposes Committee to consider allocating £10,000 to the Arts, Culture and Events Committee for their annual events budget to include traffic management, road closure and marshalling provision fees. This was seconded by M. Claridge and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

b. Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11th December 2025

a. Citizen's Advice

Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that a grant of £1077 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

b. David Taylor

Cllr proposed that no grant be made because the applicant did not meet the criteria. This was seconded by Cllr and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

c. Glastonbury Pride

Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that a grant of up to £800 be awarded, this is £300 for stewarding, and a room hire in St Dunstan's. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

d. Glastonbury FM

Cllr Smyth proposed that a grant of £1000 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

e. Glastonbury Carnival Committee

Cllr Smyth proposed that no grant be awarded but a budget line created so that Glastonbury Town Council can support this event on a yearly basis. This was seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

f. United Reform Church

Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that a grant of £500 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr MacDougall and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

g. Lift Up!

Cllr Lokabandhu proposed that a grant of £500 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

h. Wick Carnival Club

Cllr White proposed that a grant of £2500 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Price and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

i. Pegasus Collective at Methodist Church

Cllr Price proposed that a grant of £500 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

j. Sweet Track

Cllr Smyth proposed that a grant of £3000 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr Manning that the chair of the meeting will review and sign the bank reconciliations at the end of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr Roney-Dougall to delegate to the Town Clerk the purchase two bus shelters on Wells Road of up to £13,000, this will be taken out the Town Improvement fund in the Ear-Marked funds. This was seconded by Cllr King and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

Cllr Lokabandhu proposed that the draft budget be recommended to Full Council with a Precept figure of £1,135,600 which represents a Band D Precept of £332.31; an increase of £3.90 a year. 76% of households in Glastonbury are Bands A to C and will pay a smaller increase. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

c. Planning Committee meeting held on 16th December 2025

- (a) 2025/2000/LBC – Recovering the twin gabled roof of the original structure, replacing lead gutter and abutment linings, maintaining the hipped roof over the Georgian wing and repairing and recovering sections of the lower roofs to the north – The George & Pilgrims Hotel, 1 High Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9DP – Mr David Phillips – Listed Building Consent.
(Cllr Manning proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook and unanimously agreed to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).
- (b) 2025/2028/HSE – Rear & side extensions, raising of roof line with 3 no. dormers. Erection of detached Garage / Studio – 13 Ashwell Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 8BG – Marianna Haines – Householder Application.
(This planning application has now been withdrawn).
- (c) 2025/2146/FUL - Change of use of existing hard surfaced yard to caravan storage - The Old Oaks Touring Park, Wick Farm, Wick Lane, Wick – Mr & Mrs White – Full Application.
(Cllr Smyth proposed, seconded by Cllr MacDougall and agreed (with 1 abstention) to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).
- (d) 2025/2171/FUL – Change of use of annexe to provide 1no bedroom dwellinghouse – 3A Bere Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 8BD – Mr Yitzchak Brenig – Full Application.
(Cllr Smyth proposed, seconded by Cllr MacDougall and unanimously agreed to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application on the condition that adequate parking is provided for both no. 3 and 3a Bere Lane).

d. Frost Fayre Committee meeting held on 7th January 2026

- i. Cllr Michael White proposed, seconded by Cllr Margaret Oakden that £5,000.00 of the Frost Fayre Committee budget could be used to purchase stone and hire diggers for repair work at Herbies Field and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

e. Glastonbury In Bloom Committee meeting held on 12th January 2026

- i. Cllr Lokabandu proposed the Glastonbury in Bloom Chilkwell Street Barrels support will be £50.00 for 2026. Seconded by Cllr M Oakden and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- ii. Cllr M Oakden proposed funding of £100.00 towards bedding plants for the St Edmunds Hall planters. Seconded by Cllr M White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- iii. Cllr Michael White Proposed Glastonbury in Bloom hanging baskets charges for 2026 will be £30.00 per an hanging basket inc VAT addition hanging baskets will be £15.00 inc VAT. Seconded by Cllr Margaret Oakden and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

- iv. To bring to Full Council the possibility of having Glastonbury Town Council Christmas Cards that would be designed by a pupil from one of our local schools.*

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

There were no recommendations from any advisory committees.

219. TO RECEIVE UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The report was shared to all councillors from Cllr Cameron.

Cllr Cameron updated councillors regarding several points from his report, including the caravan count, crime and car parking.

220. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM LEAD COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Lokabandhu spoke regarding the proposal from the Pilgrim Reception Centre that will be discussed at the next staffing committee meeting.

221. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor updated that he will be attending the Holocaust Event on the 22nd January.

222. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To draft and send a leaflet to all residents regarding the precept.

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

Advertise the Step, Ride and Thrive project.

224. TO REVIEW ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Feedback on CCTV to Somerset Council, Budget and precept agreed so leaflet will be delivered and to inform staff of the booking policy changes.

225. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th February 2026

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