



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Glastonbury in Bloom Committee held Monday 7th July 2025 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllr M Oakden (Chair), M White (Deputy and Mayor of Glastonbury), Lokabandhu, I Mutch, A Redwood (Volunteer), C Barnard (Volunteer)
Apologies	Cllr J Cousins
Absent	
In Attendance	S Marks (Committee Clerk)
Public Participation	

17. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr J Cousins; he was unable to attend due to a meeting.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M White in on the Town Deal Board.
Cllr Lokabandhu is a trustee for St Edmunds Hall.

19. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9TH JUNE 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th June 2025 were **SIGNED** by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

20. TO DISCUSS THE FINANCE REPORT

The committee went through the finance report and discussed the recent expenditure in the last month and future expenses that are still to come out of the budget.

21. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON SPONSORSHIP 2025

The Committee Clerk went through the supporters for Glastonbury in Bloom 2025, she confirmed that the 3 banners to display our supporters have been ordered and due for collection during the week. These will be placed outside St John's Church, Glastonbury Information Centre and Bove Town. Supporter's signs for Chilkwell Street have been ordered, and this will be a metal sign which the front can be changed with a printed sticker for 2026 if required.

22. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON CREATING DOG WASTE SIGNS FOR CHILKWELL STREET

The Committee Clerk updated the committee that the signs had been ordered and will be ready in the next 7 days.

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23. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON SUMMER BEDDING

The summer bedding has been completed, and the St Dunstan’s flower bed is looking very good and survived the Glastonbury Festival period. The Committee Clerk mentioned that she had been in contact with the Deputy Mayor Cllr Z Price on ideas for 2026, she had suggested “Kindness and Community” represented by rainbow colours. This was agreed by the committee for the 2026 theme.

24. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON GLASTONBURY IN BLOOM POSTER COMPETITION

The Committee Clerk reported all the presentation assemblies were now completed. Copies of the winners’ posters will be given to local businesses in the High Street to display.

25. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE “KEEP GLASTONBURY TIDY” COMPETITION

The Committee Clerk report that the stickers for the bins had been order and 2 copies of the 3 designs had been ordered and will be placed on the bins within the South West in Bloom Judging route in due course.

26. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE GLASTONBURY IN BLOOM RESIDENTIAL COMPETITION

The Committee Clerk informed the committee that 31 people had entered this year the most ever unfortunately 2 had dropped out. She confirmed that all entries had received their judging dates and times, and judging would take place between 15th July and 18th July 2025. A Redwood and C Barnard will be judging this year.

27. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON GLASTONBURY IN BLOOM LITTER PICKS

The Committee Clerk reminded the committee that the litter pick in preparation for the South West in Bloom judging was Wednesday 16th July 5.00 - 6.30pm meeting outside the Town Hall.

The Committee Clerk reported that despite numerous emails she had not heard from the Community Pay Back Scheme. She had contacted Somerset Council, and they will be supplying a road sweeper for the day.

28. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM MOP UP DAY (3RD JULY 2025)

The Committee Clerk reported that the day with T Porter went very well, it was a long day starting at 9.30am and finishing about 3.30pm. Refreshments were provided around the judging day by the businesses and IYN’s involved. This had been very much greatly received! T Porter was impressed to see that we had a senior school (St Dunstan’s School) in our judging route this year.

29. TO DISCUSS THE SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM JUDGING DAY (17TH JULY 2025)

The committee discussed the day and went through what was still outstanding to organise. The Committee Clerk had arranged a buffet lunch (vegan and vegetarian had been included) from Burns the Bread and drinks (non alcoholic) could be brought nearer the day. discussed. A list of “of to do” was created, and the Committee Clerk will arrange to have ready for the day.

30. TO CONSIDER "OPEN GARDEN DAYS" FOR 2026

Cllr Lokabandhu approached the committee with a suggestion that in 2026 we consider arranging Open Days with the members of public opening their gardens to raise money for the Mayors Charity. The committee discussed various ideas, and it was agreed to have this subject as an agenda item in the January Glastonbury in Bloom meeting.

The Committee Clerk showed the committee the Glastonbury in Bloom 2025 portfolio which has been sent to the South West in Bloom Judge.

C Barnard ask if Paddington Farm could be considered for South West in Bloom 2026 competition, the Committee Clerk will add this to the list for January.

31. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING – 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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