



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Glastonbury in Bloom Committee held Monday 10 th June 2024 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllr M Oakden (Chair), Lokabandhu and M White (Deputy), I Mutch, M Smyth, Ark Redwood (Volunteer), Dave Balian (Volunteer)
Apologies	Cllr J Cousins
Absent	
In Attendance	S Marks (Committee Clerk), C Ogilvie – Davidson (Town Clerk), K Armstrong (Assistant Town Clerk)
Public Participation	Volunteer Network

1. TO ELECT A CHAIRPERSON

Cllr M Oakden was proposed by Cllr Lokabandhu and seconded by Cllr I Mutch and **RESOLVED** by unanimously.

2. TO ELECT A DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Cllr M White was proposed by Cllr M Oakden and seconded by Cllr I Mutch and **RESOLVED** by unanimously.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr J Cousins.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M White in on the Town Deal Board, Cllr M Oakden is Chair of the Glaston Centre.

5. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th MAY 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May 2024 was **SIGNED** by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

6. TO DISCUSS THE FINANCE REPORT AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

The committee went through the finance report and discussed the future expenditure for the rest of the financial year. The Committee Clerk reported extra sponsorship had been received since the last meeting. A Redwood noted that chicken pellets had been purchased and asked if Comfrey pellets could be considered for next year.

ACTION – Committee Clerk to investigate Comfrey pellets for 2025.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE OF BRITAIN IN BLOOM

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The Committee Clerk went through the judging route that had been decided for the day. The committee agreed the route. The Chair and Committee Clerk to go through but with a marking sheet. D Balian asked why the Chalice Well had not been entered this year, Committee Clerk replied that contact had been made but had no response. The Committee Clerk reported that Mendip Times will be there for the press release/photos.

ACTION: The Committee Clerk to speak to D Balian for Chalice Well entry 2025.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON SOUTH – WEST IN BLOOM

The Committee Clerk went through the Judging route for the “Mop up Day” on Wednesday 3rd July and the main judging day on the Wednesday 17th July, she reported that this year has been quite difficult to arrange as the judge had specified only 3 In Your Neighbourhood were allowed during the judging route and with 14 IYN’s entered this had been difficult. It was agreed that the committee would do a feedback letter to South West in Bloom after the event. The Committee Clerk and the Chair will do the agreed route again but with a marking sheet. She also reported that she was trying to get in touch with Glastonbury Nub news to attend the press release/photos as Mendip News was unable to attend.

9. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PLANTING ON THE B&Q GLASTONBURY ROUNDABOUT

The Committee Clerk updated the committee that the roundabout bedding areas have now been planted. The Glastonbury in Bloom boards were still to be made and placed on the roundabout. It was commented that the grass was quite tall and if a possibility that the areas in front of the areas could be cut back before judging.

10. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PLANTERS AT ST JOHNS SQUARE

The plants for the planters had been purchased and the Committee Clerk a suitable day with the Headmistress so that the planters could be planted. The barrels from outside the Glastonbury Information Centre and the 2- tier planters for the school will be placed at St John’s Square this week. The Town Clerk explained the plants selected were annual and permanent planting.

11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ST DUNSTAN’S COTTAGE FRONT FLOWER BED

The front garden still needs to be prepared for the planters from Sweet Acre.

12. TO DISCUSS VOLUNTEER NETWORK AND POSSIBLE NEW SITES

Representatives of the Volunteer Network joined & updated the committee, they have been told to vacate the area at the Glastonbury Abbey by 30th September 2024. Areas within Glastonbury were considered and discussed but locations have been too far as they would like to remain, if possible, within a 5-minute radius from the High Street. The Volunteer Network asked if the Town Council would communicate with the Glastonbury Abbey.

Cllr M Smyth proposed that it is recommended to Full Council that a letter be written to the Glastonbury Abbey Trustees to reconsider the removal of the Volunteer Network from their grounds. Seconded by Cllr I Mutch. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

13. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE HANGING BASKETS FOR 2024

The Committee Clerk reported that they had sold 104 hanging baskets. This was the best number sold so far therefore there were no spares available, and not been able to fulfil high street businesses orders. The committee was asked to consider purchasing 20 – 30 Cup ‘n’ Saucer style hanging baskets to cover future orders and spares for baskets that will need replacing in due course.

Cllr M White proposed that 25 Cup ‘n’ Saucer Hanging Baskets are purchased for spares and replacements. Seconded by Cllr I Mutch. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

14. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SCHOOL COMPETITION POSTERS

The Committee Clerk showed the committee the winners that had been chosen. Due to the number of entries from St Dunstan’s, St Benedict’s and St Johns’s School and to make it more fair there would be a First, Second and Third for each school with the Town Clerk Choice chosen from all the entries. The presentation days which will be attended by the Mayor of Glastonbury and the Committee Clerk had been arranged. The prizes have been kindly donated by Dicketts the Stationers.

15. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PLANTERS AT HANOVER SQUARE

The Committee Clerk updated the committee that the bedding plants had been purchased and the planters would be going to Hanover Square this week. Cllr Lokabandhu had contacted Somerset Council about a possible bin store of the area and told this was not possible. Chilkwell Street was brought up and again about the concerns of the upkeep of the planters, D Balian said he would also check on the planter’s water and feed when necessary.

16. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR FREEMAN ALAN GLOAK MBE AND TO DISCUSS AN UNVEILING CEREMONY

The Chair showed the committee the plaque. It was agreed that the unveiling of the plaque would take place on Britain in Bloom judging day Monday 5th August 2024. Alan Gloak family and friends will be invited to attend.

17. TO DISCUSS AND SELECT DATES FOR BEFOREHAND JUDGING LITTER PICKS

The Committee discuss dates for litter picks to co-inside with the judging dates. It was agreed for them to be held on:-

Sunday 14th July 2024 4pm

Sunday 4th August 2024 4pm

It was decided to choose the time of 4pm.

18. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING – 8th July 2024

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