



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of WHS Working Group held on Monday 19th January 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllrs S. Roney-Dougal, J. Cousins & L. Osborn
Apologies	A Kirk, M Webb, K Unwin, W. Bloom.
Absent	Cllr S. Henderson
In Attendance	A Gay, Dr T Hopkinson-Ball, A. Murray, S Petterson, T Rowntree, J. Dyer &.

93. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The chair welcomed WG members to the meeting and updated everyone on visits and research since the last meeting. The Chair reminded WG members that, with only 4 weeks to the final WG meeting on 16 February, the focus of the WG must now be on collating our work and agreeing our final report. One of the WG members requested an opportunity to discuss further material. The Chair agreed to endeavour to fit this in as far as possible at the end of the meeting when all other items were complete.

94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Osborn, A Kirk, M Webb and K Unwin.

95. APPROVAL OF 8 DECEMBER MINUTES

The minutes from 8th December meeting were considered a true record of the meeting and approved.

96. FEEDBACK FROM BATH VISIT ON 5TH JANUARY 2026

This had been a very useful visit, which had enabled WG members to ask questions and learn first-hand from those already managing a significant World Heritage site. A WG member asked about a possible WHS boundary for Glastonbury, and after some discussion it was agreed that this is adequately covered at Para 7 of the draft Final Report.

97. AGREEMENT OF VISION DOCUMENT

The document was discussed, and a number of final changes were agreed.

98. CONSIDERATION/COMMENTS ON EMAIL/LETTER FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

The correspondence was discussed, and it was agreed that there were no points that should be included in the Final Report. One member of the working group had replied thanking the writer.

99. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF FINAL REPORT

The report was shared prior to the meeting and members were content that, overall, it captured the work of the WG and our emerging conclusions. A number of changes were discussed and agreed and the Chair agreed to make these and issue a final version for the 16 February final meeting. The final changes are summarised as follows:

Summary: Voting Options re-worded.

Key Findings (Para 4): Title changed to “Community Experience”, point added on improved protection, and sentence added to record vociferous opposition from some individuals.

Costs: Para 12 and Annex I: Reference to £100k removed, and further work recommended.

Other Options: Para 14 recommendation moved to main recommendations section at Para 21.

Management Plan: Para 15 re-worded as requested by WG members, putting the “whether WHS is pursued or not” at the start of the paragraph.

Conclusions: Re-worded in line with WG discussion.

Recommendations: Impact assessment added to para 21a. Para 22 amended to read that a management plan should be ‘considered’ rather than ‘produced’.

Annex C: Vision: Amended as discussed and agreed.

Annex I Costs: Mention of £100k removed.

100. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The final meeting will focus on formal closure of the WG’s final report and, time permitting, some more relaxed reflections on our time together and how the Glastonbury Town Council may make best use of our work.

101. REVIEW OF ACTIONS

All actions completed, apart from formal closure of final report.

102. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Further material that had been provided by one of the WG members was discussed.

103. DATE OF FINAL MEETING

Monday 16th February 2025.

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