



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Glastonbury in Bloom Committee held Monday 20 th July 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	CLlr M Oakden (Chair), M White (Deputy Chair), Gez Smith (Volunteer)
Apologies	
Absent	CLlr J Cousins, CLlr I Mutch, Ark Redwood (Volunteer)
In Attendance	S Marks (Committee Clerk)
Public Participation	

30. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

No apologies were received.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

32. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29th JUNE 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th June 2026 were **SIGNED** by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

The Committee Clerk confirmed that both the Town Clerk and she would be attending the funeral of Terry Porter to represent Glastonbury in Bloom.

The Committee Clerk further confirmed that all "Thank You" Certificates had been presented to the participating schools and that copies of the winning posters had been provided for display around each school.

33. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT AND MAKE ANY ASSOCIATED DECISIONS REGARDING ANY EXPENDITURE NOT OTHERWISE LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The Committee Clerk presented the finance report and confirmed that all invoices had been processed and were up to date. The only outstanding expenditure to be recorded was the invoice for the Chilkwell Street barrels replacement stickers and the purchase of mulch from Bradfords Building Supplies.

34. TO RECEIVE AN REPORT ON SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM JUDGING DAY AND "MOP UP" DAYS

The Committee Clerk reported that the South West in Bloom judging day had gone well. Although the judging route had taken slightly longer than planned, all the scheduled sites were visited, and the judge had enjoyed the day. She commented that the High Street had looked particularly impressive and

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thanked St John's School for coming into town to litter pick during the judge's arrival, which had made a significant difference, and he enjoyed seeing all the community coming together and taking part.

The Committee Clerk further reported that the first of two "mop-up" judging days had now been completed, with only five entries remaining to be visited. She was in contact with South West in Bloom to arrange the final day of judging.

G Smith advised that he had spoken to the South West in Bloom judge, who had commented on the presence of weeds and that we could name them. The Committee Clerk recalled that a previous judge had suggested that, where appropriate, weeds could be incorporated into decorative displays by drawing around them to make them part of the artwork. The Committee agreed to implement this idea for the Britain in Bloom judging day.

The Committee Clerk reported that there was some uncertainty regarding the categorisation of Herbie's Field within the In Your Neighbourhood category for South West in Bloom, and that it might instead need to be entered as a business category.

She also advised that, during a recent personal visit to Middlewick, she had spoken to the owner and invited them to take part in the 2027 competition. The owner had confirmed that they would be pleased to participate.

Finally, the Committee Clerk reported that three of the Glastonbury school posters had been entered into the main South West in Bloom Poster Competition, noting that this was the first time Glastonbury had submitted entries to the regional competition.

35. TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRITAIN IN BLOOM JUDGING DAY

The Committee Clerk reviewed the arrangements for the forthcoming Britain in Bloom judging day with the Committee.

It was agreed that the same quantity of refreshments would be provided as for the South West in Bloom judging, as there had been very little waste. The Committee Clerk confirmed that the Assistant Town Clerk would collect the judges and bring them to the Town Hall for 8.30 am, ahead of the presentation at 9.00 am.

All participants had been notified of their allocated judging times. Due to the tight schedule, they had also been advised that visits would need to keep to the allocated time and could be brought to a close if they overran. The judges would be collected for their train journey at approximately 2.00 pm.

The Committee Clerk confirmed that invitations for the meet and greet with the judges were ready to be issued. The portfolio had already been sent to the judges, and the participating schools had been reminded to submit their videos, as the schools would not be open during the judges' visit.

Cllr M White suggested that the presentation be shortened and contain less text. The Committee Clerk agreed to amend the presentation accordingly.

The Committee Clerk also agreed to ensure that the Mayor and the Town Crier were aware of the timetable for the judging day on Monday.

The Committee Clerk reported that, on the Sunday prior to judging, the judges would travel by taxi to the Town Hall, where tea and cake would be provided in the Festival Hall. Cllr M Oakden and the Committee Clerk would make the necessary arrangements. The Committee Clerk would then take them to their hotel.

The Committee also agreed that the Glastonbury in Bloom litter pick should be moved to the morning, as fewer volunteers usually attended in the afternoon. This would also ensure the town was presented at its best ahead of the judging on Monday.

36. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP SIGNAGE

The Committee Clerk confirmed that all signage had be placed around the high street and signs at Chilkwell Street had been done.

37. TO DISCUSS FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR “HISTORY IN GLASTONBURY”

G Smith provided the committee with an update on the arrangements made since the previous meeting. The committee discussed potential venues for the event and the suitability of various rooms. G Smith confirmed that further information was still waited for but work on the project was continuing. It was hoped that the event would take place in September or October 2026.

38. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE GLASTONBURY IN BLOOM POSTER COMPETITION

The Committee Clerk confirmed that all prize-giving assemblies for the schools had now taken place.

All “Thank You” certificates had been presented to the schools, and posters featuring the winners had been distributed to local businesses to display in their windows.

39. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The date of next meeting will be held Wednesday 26th August 2026.

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