

Minutes of Full Council held on 14 July 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	R. Cook, J. Cousins, E. King, Lokabandhu, L. MacDougall, P. Manning, I. Mutch, T. Napper, M. Oakden, L. Osborn, S. Roney-Dougal, M. Smyth and M. White.
Apologies	I. Donfrancesco, Z. Price & S. Henderson
Absent	None
In Attendance	Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Somerset Councillor E. Cameron, 2 Macebearers, and 26 members of the public

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

Apologies received from Cllr Donfrancesco, Henderson and Price owing to personal commitments. These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Other than those already declared to the monitoring officer, no other declarations were made.

53. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AS A CORRECT RECORD

The minutes of the 9th June 2026 meeting was discussed and were considered a correct record, and **SIGNED** by the Chair.

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

An update on actions was given from the Town Clerk; The signage in the car park has now been changed, confirming that Blue Badge holders have 3 hours free. Signage for the Tuesday Charter Market, Glastonbury Information Centre and Festival Hall has arrived and will be put up in the coming days. The letter to the Stroke Unit has again been delayed, however the Clerk has arranged to meet with the Deputy Mayor to complete this action.

55. TO NOTE THE LATEST CRIME STATISTICS REPORT AND RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

The report was noted, the police were unable to attend the meeting. Somerset Councillor Cameron gave an update to Councillors from his meeting with the Police.

56. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

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

57. TO NOTE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The budget monitoring report was **NOTED**.

58. TO CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TOWN MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP TO PAY UP TO £500 FOR ADVICE FROM A CONSULTANT WHO HAS WORKED ON A SIMILAR TOWN MANAGEMENT PLAN

A discussion was had regarding this recommendation. The money could be taken from the Place and Identity Enhancement budget line.

Cllr Osbone spoke against the recommendation stating lack of consultation regarding previous projects and the potential for this project.

Cllr Cousins spoke for the recommendation stating the expertise of the consultant will help start the project in the correct way.

It was proposed by Cllr White to accept the recommendation. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** by majority (10:2:1)

59. TO CONSIDER SUGGESTED UPDATES TO TOWN CENTRE POLICIES

The suggested changes to the Booking Policy were shared with Councillors.

It was proposed by Cllr Smyth to accept the recommendation of changes with delegation to the Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to agree the percentage charge levied on bookings as an administration fee that are less than £25 that cancel with over 30 days notice. This was seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

60. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS FOR GLASTONBURY AND MAKE ANY ASSOCIATED DECISIONS

Somerset Councillor Cameron updated councillors regarding the suggested Traffic Regulation Orders submitted to Somerset Council. Somerset Council have agreed to Moorlands Road, Tor View Avenue and Wells Road for progression. Councillors discussed the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders and thanked Councillor Cameron for his work on this.

It was proposed by Cllr Cousins to accept the recommendation and progress the agreed Traffic Regulation Orders. This was seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

61. TO NOTE THE RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES

a. Staffing Committee meeting held on 15th June 2026

- i. It was Proposed by Cllr Cousins to accept the quote from SLR Outdoor Maintenance for the one-off cut to bring the Cemetery back to a maintainable standard. This was Seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

- ii. It was Proposed by Cllr Cousins to delegate the final decision regarding the ongoing grass maintenance quotes for decision on a best value basis to the Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr White and RESOLVED unanimously

A discussion was held by members in respect of the feedback from residents and visitors about the cemetery. The Town Clerk updated members about the delays to works at the cemetery, provided assurance that the situation was in hand, and

- iii. It was Proposed by Cllr Cousins that Glastonbury Town Council pay the recommended rate by HMRC for mileage expenses backdated to 1 April 2026 and that Glastonbury Town Council always follow the HMRC tax-free mileage rate going forward. This was Seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and AGREED unanimously.

b. Resilience Committee meeting held on 15th June 2026

- i. ELECT A CHAIR Cllr M. White was proposed by Cllr Smyth, seconded by Cllr Cousins and RESOLVED unanimously.
- ii. ELECT A DEPUTY CHAIR Cllr. L. Macdougall was proposed by Cllr Smyth, seconded by Cllr Napper and RESOLVED unanimously.
- iii. The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference and Cllr. Cousins proposed that a section for delegated finance decisions be added to the document, and the updated terms of reference will be re-submitted to full council. This was seconded by Cllr. Smyth and RESOLVED unanimously.
- iv. Cllr. M. White proposed that the Resilience Committee withdraw the planning application to fit Solar Panels to the roof of the main hall, and follow the recommendations from Historic England. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Cousins and RESOLVED with one against, and one abstention.
- v. Cllr. MacDougall proposed that the Resilience Committee pay covers £150 of the cost of the Co-Operative Fair Event on 23rd June. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Cousins and RESOLVED with one abstention.
- vi. Cllr. J. Cousins proposed that the Resilience Committee engage the services of Dowlas to submit a quote for stage one of a planning application for energy efficiency and decarbonisation measures. This was seconded by Cllr. L. MacDougall and RESOLVED unanimously.
- vii. Cllr. Smyth proposed that the Resilience Committee cover the costs of Emergency equipment up to the sum of £7,000. This was seconded by Cllr. Cousins and RESOLVED unanimously.

c. Planning Committee meeting held on 16th June 2026

- i. 2026/0919/HSE and 2026/0920/LBC – Reconstruction of boundary wall to listed property following collapse – The Old Vicarage, 17 Lambrook Street, Glastonbury, BA6 8BY – C Allen – Householder Application and Listed Building Consent. (Cllr Lokabandhu proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and agreed (with 1 abstention) to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).
- ii. 2026/0941/HSE – Replacement single storey rear extension of similar footprint – 2 Norbins Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9JE – Mr S Cox - Householder Application.(Cllr Cousins proposed, seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and unanimously agreed to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).
- iii. 2026/0807/FUL – Erection of two portal frame storage and display buildings – Glastonbury Reclamation Ltd, Northload Bridge, Glastonbury, BA6 9LE – Mr Michael Dash – Full Application. (Cllr Cousins proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously agreed to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application with the caveat that the treeline along the footpath and the trees around the perimeter are retained).
- iv. 2026/1003/HSE – Single-storey rear extension for store and WC with mono-pitch roof, plus parapet to existing extension and partial courtyard enclosure – 64 Northload Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9JR – Mrs Karen Brain – Householder Application. (Cllr MacDougall proposed, seconded by Cllr Cousins and agreed (with 2 abstentions) to recommend **REFUSAL** of this application as the plans are very unclear).
- v. Requested by Cllrs Manning, Smyth, MacDougall, and Henderson, pursuant to Standing Order 7a, to consider reversing the previous motion to recommend approval of 2026/0831/FUL – Erection of 2 x dwellings & conversion of part of existing building to 1 x dwelling – Land North of 21 Silver Street, Glastonbury – Mr S Parsons – Full Application. This is in light of additional information provided by members of the public and potential material considerations not previously taken into account.
- vi. (Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smyth that the Committee reverse its original resolution and recommend **REFUSAL** based on the following material planning considerations. The motion was carried by a majority vote, with four members voting in favour, one against and one abstention.
 1. Overdevelopment,
 2. The proposed development will have a negative impact on the amenity of another property through overlooking, overshadowing and loss of privacy,
 3. The proposed development is out of character of the neighbourhood,
 4. The proposed development will impact on listed buildings or a conservation area
 5. The proposed development will have an effect of living conditions of the neighbouring properties,
 6. We would ask Somerset Council to consider the “housing needs assessment” of Glastonbury,
 7. Look at the evidence of bats/swifts/swallows etc in the development area.

d. Arts, Cultural & Events Committee meeting held on 7th July 2026

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- i. Cllr. Lokabandhu proposed that the Arts, Culture and Events Committee purchase signage for the St Dunstan's House Peace Garden to include information on the garden and the Maypole. This was seconded by M. Oakden and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- ii. Z. Hanley proposed that the Arts, Culture and Events Committee grant Glastonbury Dragons up to £500 to cover the costs of marshalling for their October 2026 event. This was seconded by J. Cousins and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

K. Shaw proposed that the Arts, Culture and Events Committee purchase leaflets to promote the Glastonbury Samhain week 2026. This was seconded by M. Oakden and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

The resolutions were **NOTED**.

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

i. Town Centre Crime Reduction Advisory Committee meeting held on 24th June 2026

There were no recommendations from this meeting.

ii. Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee meeting held on 25th June 2026

Recommendation:

Proposed by Cllr Roney-Dougal, seconded by Cllr Smyth, That Glastonbury Town Council supports that bulk purchase of SID by providing a further £1,000 to add to the £1,000 already agreed.

It was proposed by Cllr Cousins to accept the recommendation from Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee with delegation to the Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to decide the appropriate budget line. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously with two abstentions.

63. TO RECEIVE UNITARY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Cameron's report was shared to Councillors ahead of the meeting and a discussion was held. It was noted that no report had been received from Somerset Councillor Hart.

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

Cllr White gave an update regarding the Town Deal Board with the open day on Saturday for the Baily's Building. Friday 31st July is the next Town Deal meeting, Cllr Osborn asked for an update regarding workers pay from the Red Brick Town Deal but Cllr White did not have an update as it is a matter for Somerset Council officers.

Cllr Roney-Dougal gave an update regarding Brides Mound and completion date should be soon.

Cllr Cousins reported that the Somerset Rivers Authority have prioritised maintenance to the River Brue. Ian Studley, CEO of the Axe and Brue was thanked for the tremendous work that he has done on behalf of Glastonbury.

The River Brue working group held a successful walk along the river.

65. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations were given to the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk on completing their Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).

66. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman and Former Councillor John Coles' funeral is to be held on 31st July at 10.30am.

Former Deputy Mayor Alyson Black's celebration of life will be held on the 25th July 2pm at St Mary's Church House Hall, Bridport.

Beckery Island Regeneration Trust is having an open day on the 18th July starting at 2pm for the opening of the Baily's building and all are encouraged to attend.

67. TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS FOR NEWS RELEASES AND/OR THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

It was noted that the Communications Officer was attending the meeting and had made noted of the proceedings. The deadline of the 21st July 2026 for the newsletter submissions was noted.

68. TO REVIEW ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

The Town Clerk updated that an agenda item for the Services committee to discuss St Dunstan's House, the fee for the advisor has been agreed and will be actioned, to work with the RFO regarding the speed indicator device and the changes in the booking policy.

69. TO PASS A MOTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 AMENDED BY THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014, THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WILL BE EXCLUDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED.

It was proposed by Cllr White to accept the motion. This was seconded by Cllr Manning and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

70. TO CONSIDER THE TOWN COUNCILS RESPONSE TO B149 NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A PERSON IN ADVERSE POSSESSION FROM HM LAND REGISTRY

The Town Clerk updated Councillors regarding the application made to the Land Registry and why Glastonbury Town Council was notified.

It was proposed by Cllr Cook to not object to the application. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

71. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 AMENDED BY THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014, THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED BACK FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING.

It was proposed by Cllr White to accept the motion. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

72. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th August 2026

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