Taunton Deane Borough Council

At the Annual Meeting of the Taunton Deane Borough Council, held in the Sergeants Mess, Norton Manor Camp, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton on Wednesday 16 May 2007 at 6.30pm

Present: The Mayor (Mr C Hindley)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Hayward)

Councillors Mrs Allgrove, Beaven, Bishop, Bowrah, Brockwell, Brooks, Cavill, Coles, Mrs Copley, Mrs Court-Stenning, Critchard, Denington, Farbahi, Floyd, Govier, Guerrier, Hall, Henley, Ms Herbert, C Hill, Mrs M Hill, Miss James, R Lees, Mrs Lees, Leighton, McMahon, Meikle, Morrell, Mullins, Murphy, Paul, Prior-Sankey, Slattery, Mrs Smith, P Smith, Mrs Stock-Williams, Stone, Watson, Mrs Waymouth, Ms Webber, D Wedderkopp, A Wedderkopp, Mrs Whitmarsh, Williams, Mrs Wilson, Miss Wood and Woolley.

1. Prayers

The meeting was opened with prayers, offered by the Mayor's Chaplain, The Reverend Bruce Thompson.

2. **Election of Mayor**

On the motion of Councillor Mrs Allgrove, seconded by Councillor Cavill, it was RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor Kenneth Albert William Hayward be elected Mayor of Taunton Deane for the ensuing year. Councillor Hayward made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. **Deputy Mayor**

Moved by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Govier, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Timothy Joseph Slattery be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Slattery made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Mr Chris Hindley

On the motion of Councillor Denington, seconded by Councillor Mrs Allgrove it was RESOLVED that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Mr Chris Hindley for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office of Mayor during his term of office.

Mr Hindley replied.

5. Past Mayors Badge

The Mayor presented Mr Hindley with his Past Mayor Badge.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council, held on 17 April 2007, copies having been circulated to each member were signed by the Mayor.

7. Apologies

Councillors Bone, Edwards, Horsley, House, Mrs Lewin-Harris and Stuart-Thorn.

8. Borough Council Elections 3 May 2007

The Democratic Services Manager, on behalf of the Returning Officer, reported that the following Councillors had been elected at the recent Borough Council Election.

Ward	Persons Elected		
Bishops Hull	Ian Nathan Morrell 8 Daws Mead, Bishops Hull, Taunton, TA1 5HQ		
	Nigel Stuart-Thorn 15 Robin Close, Bishops Hull, Taunton TA1 5EU		
Bishops Lydeard	Tony Beaven 46 Needhams Patch, Cotford St Luke, Taunton, TA4 1JF		
	Joanna Jane Lewin-Harris Conquest Farm, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton, TA2 6PN		
	Edward Peter Watson 2 Five Yards, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton TA4 3NN		
Blackbrook and Holway	Hazel Ruth Prior-Sankey 78 Bacon Drive, Taunton, TA1 2LH		
	Francesca Smith 5 Bourne Grove, Taunton, TA1 2TD		
	Peter Smith 5 Bourne Grove, Taunton, TA1 2TD		
Blackdown	John Bryan Thorne 1 Twyford Place, Wellington, TA21 8BZ		

Bradford on Tone Clifford William Bishop

Hilwin, Hillcommon, Taunton, TA4 1DS

Comeytrowe Tony Floyd

6 Outer Gullands, Taunton, TA1 4SH

Alan Paul

6 Fulwood Close, Taunton, TA1 4TH

Alan Wedderkopp

11 Haines Hill, Taunton, TA1 4HN

Eastgate Simon Coles

8 Alfred Street, Taunton, TA1 3HU

Richard Lees

15 South Road, Taunton, TA1 3DT

Fairwater Jefferson Andrew Horsley

5 The Avenue, Taunton, TA1 1EA

Sue Lees

15 South Road, Taunton, TA1 3DT

Danny Wedderkopp

43 Portland Street, Taunton, TA1 1UZ

Halcon Steve Brooks

13 York Road, Taunton, TA1 2BE

Mel Mullins

Littlefields, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton,

Taunton, TA3 5LB

Timothy Joseph Slattery

Laurel Cottage, Curload, Stoke St Gregory,

Taunton, TA3 6JA

Killams and Mountfield Bryan Eric Denington

14 Campion Drive, Taunton, TA1 3XE

Catherine Avril Herbert

49 Shoreditch Road, Taunton, TA1 3DF

Lyngford Terry Murphy

3 Southfield Close, Taunton, TA2 7RE

Julie Wood

34 Lyngford Place, Taunton, TA2 7EP

Andy Woolley

26A Lambrook Road, Taunton, TA1 2AE

Manor and Wilton Jean Margaret Allgrove

24 Avon Close, Taunton, TA1 2SU

Terence John Hall

8 Manor Close, Taunton, TA1 4RS

John Richard Grainger Meikle

4 Queens Drive, Taunton, TA1 4XW

Milverton and North Deane Tony McMahon

Lockyers, Fore Street, Milverton, Taunton,

TA4 1JU

Monument Christopher Leslie William Hill

Tremlett Farm, Greenham, Wellington,

TA21 0JJ

Neroche John Raymond Williams

Woodlands, Yallands Hill,

Monkton Heathfield, Taunton, TA2 8NA

North Curry and David John House

Stoke St Gregory Dykes, Slough Lane, Stoke St Gregory,

Taunton, TA3 6JH

Phil Stone

Howards End, Lillesdon, North Curry,

Taunton, TA3 6BS

Norton Fitzwarren Jean Court-Stenning

Pen Elm House, Pen Elm,

Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton, TA2 6PD

Ken Hayward

1 Chapel Cottages, Norton Fitzwarren,

Taunton, TA2 6RQ

Pyrland and Rowbarton Habib Farbahi

68 Comeytrowe Lane, Taunton, TA1 5QG

Marcia Jane Hill

14 Triscombe Road, Taunton, TA2 7PG

Louise Annette James

154 Allington Close, Taunton, TA1 2NF

Ruishton and Creech Dave Durdan

Fair View, Ham, Creech St Michael,

Taunton, TA3 5PA

Gwyneth Mary Leighton

1 Horsey Cottage, Creech St Michael,

Taunton, TA3 5QQ

Staplegrove Jayne Brockwell

Burlands Cottage, Langford Lane, Taunton

TA2 6SN

Gerry Guerrier

Rowford Barton, Cheddon Fitzpaine,

Taunton, TA2 8JY

Trull Mark Justin Edwards

Thatched Cottage, Trull Green, Taunton

TA3 7JW

Wellington East Peter James Critchard

32 Jurston Lane, Wellington, TA21 8DW

Ross Longhurst Henley

20 Trinity Close, Wellington, TA21 8TZ

Wellington North Gloria June Copley

60 Waterloo Road, Wellington, TA21 8HY

Andrew James Govier

47 Laburnum Road, Wellington, TA21 8EN

Wellington Rockwell Green

and West

Bob Bowrah

30 Holyoake Street, Wellington, TA21 8LD

Vivienne Frances Stock-Williams Lane End House, Northend Lane, Nicholashayne, Wellington, TA21 9QZ

Nicola Jane Wilson

20 Trinity Close, Wellington, TA21 8TZ

West Monkton Norman Philip Cavill

Hill Farm, West Monkton,

Taunton, TA2 8LP

Elaine Mary Waymouth

Fennington Oaks, Kingston St Mary,

Taunton, TA2 8AS

Denise Gillian Webber

South Lodge, Rowford, Cheddon Fitzpaine

Taunton, TA2 8JY

Wiveliscombe and West Deane

John Charles Ramsey Bone

The Linhay, Hurstone Farm, Waterrow,

Taunton, TA4 2AT

Mary Frances Whitmarsh

Elms Green, Chipstable, Taunton, TA4 2PX

9. Election of Leader 2007/2008

RESOLVED that Councillor Henley be elected as Leader of the Executive for the ensuing year.

10. Appointment of Review Board 2007/2008

The appointment of a Review Board for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

11 Members, 5 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent.

(Note: the Review Board will be Chaired by the Leader of the largest opposition political group of the Council).

11. Appointment of Regulatory Committees and Boards

- (a) The appointment of a Planning Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-
 - 18 Members, 8 Conservative, 9 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent.
- (b) The appointment of a Licensing Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-
 - 15 Members, 8 Conservative, 7 Liberal Democrat.
- (c) The appointment of a Corporate Governance Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-
- 11 Members, 4 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent, 1 Labour.
- (d) The appointment of a Staffing Board for the ensuing year was agreed with membership being selected on a proportional basis from a pool of Councillors.

12. Appointment of Review Panels

In accordance with the Terms of the Council's Constitution the Chairs of the Review Panels would be nominated jointly following consultation between the Leaders of the political groups. Such appointments would be made at the first meeting of each of the panels.

- (a) The appointment of the Community Leadership Review Panel was agreed as follows:-
 - 11 Members, 4 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent, 1 Labour.
- (b) The appointment of the Housing Review Panel was agreed as follows:-
 - 11 Members, 5 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent.
- (c) The appointment of the Health and Leisure Review Panel was agreed as follows:-
 - 11 Members, 5 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent.
- (d) The appointment of the Strategic Planning and Transportation and Economic Development Review Panel was agreed as follows:-
 - 11 Members, 5 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent.
- (e) The appointment of the Resources Review Panel was agreed as follows:-
 - 11 Members, 5 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent.

13. Standards Committee 2007/2008

The appointment of a Standards Committee for the ensuing year was agreed, with membership to consist of 7 Independent members of the public (Mr D Baker OBE, Mrs A Elder, Mr R Macey, Mr W L Rogers, Mr M Stanbury, Mr H Inder and Mrs J Hoyle), 3 Councillors (one from each Group) and 2 Parish members from whom Panels would be selected when necessary.

14. Intercessional Prayer

The Meeting was closed at 8.03pm with prayers offered by The Reverend Bruce Thompson.