

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 |
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| 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 |

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| 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 Champion 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 |

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| | 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 Stoke St Gregory | David John House 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 |

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| Ruishton and Creech | <p>Dave Durdan Fair View, Ham, Creech St Michael, Taunton, TA3 5PA</p> <p>Gwyneth Mary Leighton 1 Horsey Cottage, Creech St Michael, Taunton, TA3 5QQ</p> |
| Staplegrove | <p>Jayne Brockwell Burlands Cottage, Langford Lane, Taunton TA2 6SN</p> <p>Gerry Guerrier Rowford Barton, Cheddon Fitzpaine, Taunton, TA2 8JY</p> |
| Trull | <p>Mark Justin Edwards Thatched Cottage, Trull Green, Taunton TA3 7JW</p> |
| Wellington East | <p>Peter James Critchard 32 Jurston Lane, Wellington, TA21 8DW</p> <p>Ross Longhurst Henley 20 Trinity Close, Wellington, TA21 8TZ</p> |
| Wellington North | <p>Gloria June Copley 60 Waterloo Road, Wellington, TA21 8HY</p> <p>Andrew James Govier 47 Laburnum Road, Wellington, TA21 8EN</p> |
| Wellington Rockwell Green and West | <p>Bob Bowrah 30 Holyoake Street, Wellington, TA21 8LD</p> <p>Vivienne Frances Stock-Williams Lane End House, Northend Lane, Nicholashayne, Wellington, TA21 9QZ</p> <p>Nicola Jane Wilson 20 Trinity Close, Wellington, TA21 8TZ</p> |
| West Monkton | <p>Norman Philip Cavill Hill Farm, West Monkton, Taunton, TA2 8LP</p> <p>Elaine Mary Waymouth Fennington Oaks, Kingston St Mary, Taunton, TA2 8AS</p> |

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.

