

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Annual Meeting of the Taunton Deane Borough Council held in the Principal Committee Room, The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton on Wednesday 14 May 2003 at 6.30 pm

Present: The Mayor (A J Prior-Sankey)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Govier)
Councillors Mrs Allgrove, Beaven, Mrs Biscoe, Bishop, Bone, Bowrah, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Bryant, N P Cavill, Miss Cavill, C A Cluff, Mrs Cluff, Croad, Davies, Denington, Durdan, Floyd, Garner, Gill, Guerrier, Hall, Hayward, Henley, Mrs Hill, Hindley, House, Mrs Jones, Lees, Mrs Lewin-Harris, Lisgo, Meikle, Morrell, Mullins, Murphy, Mrs Nixon, Paul, Miss Peppard, Phillips, Prior-Sankey, Mrs Priscott, Slattery, Mrs Smith, Stuart-Thorn, Trollope, Vail, Watson, Wedderkopp, Weston, Mrs Whitmarsh, Williams and Mrs Wilson.

1. Prayers

The meeting was opened with prayers offered by the Mayor's Chaplain, The Reverend Dr Lance Birks.

2. Election of Mayor

On the motion of Councillor Floyd, seconded by Councillor Lisgo it was RESOLVED unanimously:-

That Councillor Andrew James Govier be elected Mayor of Taunton Deane Borough for the ensuing year. Councillor Govier made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Deputy Mayor

Moved by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Meikle, it was RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Jean Margaret Allgrove be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs Allgrove made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Mr Adrian John Prior-Sankey

On the motion of Councillor Meikle, seconded by Councillor Floyd it was RESOLVED:-

“That the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Mr Adrian John Prior-Sankey for the manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of Mayor of the Borough during his term of office.”

Mr Prior-Sankey replied.

5. Past Mayor Badge

The Mayor presented Mr Priory-Sankey with his past Mayor badge.

6. Mayor's Chaplain

The Mayor reported that he had appointed Mr Chris Staley as his Chaplain during his year of office.

7. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 April 2003, a copy having been circulated to each Member, were signed as amended by the Mayor.

8. Apologies

Councillors Edwards and Stone.

9. Borough Council Elections, 1 May 2003

The Director of Corporate Resources as Returning Officer reported Councillors elected at the recent Borough Council election:-

Ward

Persons Elected

Bishops Hull

Ian Nathan Morrell,
8 Daws Mead, Bishops Hull, Taunton

Nigel Stuart-Thorn
15 Robin Close, Bishops Hull, Taunton

Bishops Lydeard

Joanna Jane Lewin-Harris
Conquest Farm, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton

Anthony John Beaven
46 Needhams Patch, Cotford St Luke, Taunton

Blackbrook and Holway

Hazel Ruth Prior-Sankey
"Poppies", 78 Bacon Drive, Taunton

Denise Jones
63 Upper Holway Road, Taunton

Francesca Teresa Christine Smith
5 Bourne Grove, Taunton

Blackdown

Anne Priscott
The Old Bakehouse, Corfe, Taunton

Bradford on Tone	Clifford William Bishop Hilwin, Hillcommon, Taunton
Comeytrowe	Anthony Russell Floyd The Heritage, 6 Outer Gullands, Taunton
	Alan Frederick Wedderkopp Flat 1, 11 Haines Hill, Taunton
	Alan Paul 6 Fulwood Close, Comeytrowe, Taunton
Eastgate	Richard Lees, 15 South Road, Taunton
	Paul Martin Trollope Flat 1, 10 Upper High Street, Taunton
Fairwater	Marie Kathleen Peppard, 39 Cyril Street, Taunton
	Christopher Paul Guy Phillips Winchmore House, 10 St Andrew's Road, Taunton
	Gregory Frederick Garner Sunningdale, College Road, Taunton
Halcon	Melvyn Andrew Mullins Littlefields, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton, Taunton
	Terrence Albert Murphy 3 Southfield Close, Taunton
	Timothy Joseph Slattery Laurel Cottage, Curload, Stoke St Gregory, Taunton
Killams and Mountfield	Bryan Eric Denington 14 Champion Drive, Taunton
	Judith Valerie Cluff 9 Manor Road, Taunton
Lyngford	Colin Croad, Orchard House, Curland, Taunton

	Elizabeth Susan Lisgo 11 Hatchers Court, Kingston Road, Taunton
	Brenda Dawn Weston, 1 Plais Street, Taunton
Manor and Wilton	Jean Margaret Allgrove 24 Avon Close, Taunton
	Terrence John Hall 8 Manor Close, Taunton
	John Richard Grainger Meikle 4 Queens Drive, Taunton
Milverton and North Deane	Anthony John Vail Ashleigh, Milverton, Taunton
	Murray Michael Thomas Lloyd Watson Trebbles Holford Farm, Seven Ash, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton
Monument	Debbie Louise Nixon 7 The Old Maltings, Ham, Wellington
Neroche	John Raymond Williams 172 Greenway Road, Taunton
North Curry	Philip Roland Stone Howards End, Lillesdon, North Curry, Taunton
Norton Fitzwarren	Kenneth Albert William Hayward 1 Chapel Cottages, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton
Pyrland and Rowbarton	Marcia Jane Hill 14 Triscombe Road, Wellsprings, Taunton
	Thomas Davies 2 Lewis Road, Taunton
	Christopher Anthony Cluff 9 Manor Road, Taunton
Ruishton and Creech	Gwyneth Mary Bryant 1 Horsey Cottage, St Michael Road, Creech St Michael, Taunton
	David William Durdan Fair View, Ham, Creech St Michael, Taunton

Staplegrove	Dorothea Susan Bradley Little Yarford Farmhouse, Kingston St Mary, Taunton
	Conrad James William Guerrier Rowford Barton, Cheddon Fitzpaine, Taunton
Stoke St Gregory	David John House Dykes, Slough Lane, Stoke St Gregory, Taunton
Trull	Mark Justin Edwards The Thatched Cottage, Trull Green, Taunton
Wellington East	Ross Longhurst Henley 20 Trinity Close, Wellington
	Kenneth Christopher Hindley 35 Holyoake Street, Wellington
Wellington North	Catherine Grace Biscoe 10 Station Road, Wellington
	Andrew James Govier 47 Laburnum Road, Wellington
Wellington Rockwell Green and West	David John Gill Raj Bran, 12 Monument Close, Wellington
	Nicola Jane Wilson 20 Trinity Close, Wellington
	Robert Bowrah 30 Holyoake Street, Wellington
West Monkton	Norman Philip Cavill Hill Farm, West Monkton, Taunton
	Stephanie Elaine Lily Cavill Hill Farm, West Monkton, Taunton
Wiveliscombe and West Deane	John Charles Ramay Bone 2 The Linhay, Hurstone Farm, Waterrow, Taunton
	Mary Frances Whitmarsh Orchard Cottage, Croford, Wiveliscombe,

10. Election of Leader 2003/2004

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

11. Appointment of Executive 2003/04

The membership of the Executive for the ensuing year was appointed as follows:-

Councillor Williams (Leader)
Councillor Mrs Lewin-Harris (Deputy Leader) (Community Leadership)
Councillor Bishop (Planning Policy and Transportation)
Councillor Mrs Bradley (Leisure, Arts and Culture)
Councillor Mrs Bryant (Communications)
Councillor N Cavill (Economic Development, Property and Tourism)
Councillor Edwards (Environmental Services)
Councillor Garner (Housing)
Councillor Hall (Resources)

12. Appointment of Review Board 2003/2004

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

11 Members.
6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent.
(Note: The Review Board will be chaired by the leader of the largest opposition political group on the Council (Councillor Henley).)

13. Appointment of Regulatory Committees and Boards

(a) The appointment of a Planning Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

18 Members.
10 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent, 2 Labour.

(b) The appointment of a Licensing Board for the ensuing year was agreed with membership being selected from a pool of Councillors.

(c) 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.

14. Appointment of Review Panels

In accordance with the terms of the Council's Constitution the Chairs of the Review Panels will be nominated jointly following consultation between the leaders of the political groups. Details will be provided at the meeting.

- (a) The appointment of the Community Leadership Review Panel was agreed as follows:

11 Members.

6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent.
(Chair: Councillor Denington.)

- (b) The appointment of the Housing Review Panel was agreed as follows:

11 Members.

6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent.
(Chair: Councillor Mrs Nixon.)

- (c) The appointment of the Leisure and Health Review Panel was agreed as follows:

11 Members.

6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent.
(Chair: Councillor Paul.)

- (d) The appointment of the Strategic, Planning and Transportation and Economic Development Review Panel was agreed as follows:

11 Members.

6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent.
(Chair: Councillor Hayward.)

- (e) The appointment of the Resources Review Panel was agreed as follows:

11 Members.

6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent.
(Chair: Councillor Mrs Whitmarsh.)

15. Standards Committee 2003/04

The appointment of a Standards Committee for the ensuing year was agreed with membership to consist of 7 independent members of the public (already appointed) and 4 Councillors (1 from each Group) and a Parish member from whom Panels would be selected when necessary.

16. South West Regional Assembly

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Lewin-Harris be appointed as the Council's representative on the South West Regional Assembly.

17. South West Local Government Association

RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs. Allgrove, Henley and Lisgo be appointed as the Council's representatives on the South West Local Government Association

18. The Chief Executive reported the appointment of Councillor Mrs Whitmarsh as Civic Marshall.

19. Intercessional Prayer

The meeting was closed at 8.15 pm with prayers offered by the Mayor's Chaplain, Chris Staley.