

MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on Monday 9 May 2016 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Shepton Mallet commencing at 6.30pm.

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT: Bryan Beha, Eve Berry, Peter Bradshaw, John Brunsdon, John Carter, Rachel Carter, John Coles, Shane Collins, Nick Cottle, Simon Davies, Edward Drewe, John Greenhalgh, Des Harris, Bente Height, Steve Henderson, Nigel Hewitt-Cooper, Damon Hooton, Alvin Horsfall, Claire Hudson, Lloyd Hughes, Tom Killen, Roy Mackenzie, Clive Mockford, Terry Napper, Graham Noel, John North, Linda Oliver, John Osman, Mike Pullin, Timothy Rice, Mike Rideout, Harvey Siggs, Dick Skidmore, Helen Sprawson-White, Nigel Taylor, Alan Townsend, Danny Unwin, David Van Dyk, Nigel Woollcombe-Adams and Ros Wyke

CHAIR Jeannette Marsh

OFFICERS

PRESENT:	Stuart Brown	Chief Executive
	Paul Deal	Section 151 Officer
	Lesley Dolan	Business Services Manager
	Caroline M ^c Cafferty	Committee Officer
	Donna Nolan	Corporate Manager Governance, Assets and Public Spaces and Monitoring Officer
	Ben Sugg	Committee Officer

Agenda Item Number	Subject	Actioned by
1 and 2	<p>Evacuation Procedures, Induction Loop and Turning Off Mobile Phones</p> <p>Councillor Coles was invited to offer a prayer. People wishing to leave the meeting during the prayer were given the opportunity to do so.</p> <p>The Chair, Councillor Jeannette Marsh, explained the evacuation procedures and informed everyone on the use of the induction loop and requested that mobile phones be switched off.</p>	
3	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Adam Boyden, Philip Ham, John Parham, Simon Davies, Joanne Beale and Stina Falle.</p>	
4	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Councillors Bente Height and Jeannette Marsh declared personal non prejudicial interests in item 20, Shepton Mallet Town Council – Follow Up Report, as they were both Shepton Mallet Town Councillors.</p>	

<p>5</p>	<p>Election of Chairman of the Council</p> <p>Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper nominated Councillor Jeannette Marsh as Chair.</p> <p>The proposal was seconded by Councillor Bente Height and agreed by Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED Councillor Jeannette Marsh was appointed Chair of the Council.</p> <p>Councillor Marsh thanked Members for her re-election and stated that it was an honour, and that she would continue to serve the interests of the people of Mendip.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Election of the Vice Chairman of The Council</p> <p>Councillor Edward Drewe was nominated to be the Vice Chair of the Council by Councillor Peter Bradshaw; the nomination was seconded by Councillor Mockford and agreed by Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED Councillor Edward Drewe was appointed Vice Chair of the Council.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Recent Chairman’s Engagements , Communications and Announcements</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting. She offered congratulations to Councillor Adam Metin Sen and his wife on the birth of their twins in April. Members joined with these congratulations.</p> <p>She updated Council on the engagements she had attended since the last meeting, which were:</p> <p>Friday 11 March South Somerset District Council Civic Evening</p> <p>Sunday 13 March Legal Service and Presentation of the High Sheriff of Somerset</p> <p>Thursday 17 March Bath Civic Reception</p> <p>Friday 1 April Threads Through Revelation – Wells Cathedral</p> <p>Sunday 10 April Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset, a Service for Somerset Freemason’s Family and Friends</p> <p>Sunday 17 April Mayor of Taunton Deane Civic Service</p> <p>Sunday 17 April Somerset County Scout Council – Awards for Good Services to the Scout Movement</p> <p>Saturday 7 May Civic opening ceremony of the 815th Wells May Charter Fair</p>	

8	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>There was no public participation.</p>	
9	<p>Previous Minutes of the Council</p> <p>The minutes of 25 February 2016 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings subject to the correction of a spelling error on Page 9, item 13, Cheif to be replaced by Chief.</p>	<p>Caroline M^cCafferty</p>
10	<p>Update by the Leader of the Council</p> <p>The Leader of the Council, Councillor Harvey Siggs explained that due to the Strong Leader Model, the Leader is only elected once.</p> <p>He stated that the PCC Elections and Glastonbury Town Elections had been carried out in an exemplary fashion. Bill Night was elected to the Glastonbury Town Council and the proceedings were concluded before 1am.</p> <p>The 5 Councils contract had been signed and the Leader requested thanks be recorded to the Officer Team, particularly Chris Atkinson, Haylee Wilkins, Adam Savery and Carol Marchant for their hard work.</p> <p>The Council restructure had come before Full Council for endorsement, and comment in the past and this had been taken on board. Staff had been involved with six briefings, outside of Union discussions, and feedback and concerns had been welcomed.</p> <p>The Devolution bid for Heart of the South West was with Central Government and there would be further Officer consultation before it could go back to the political process. The bid did not commit the Council to a Mayor.</p> <p>He added congratulations to Built Environment Customer Services for the Excellence Inspection in which they had achieved full compliance with no areas for improvement found. He wished for thanks to be recorded to Tracy Aarons and the team for their work behind the scenes.</p> <p>The Leisure Contract was bedding in well and the results of the hard work could be seen.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council concluded that Glastonbury Festival was approaching and the work, headed by the Corporate Manager for Regulatory Services, with respect to co-operation and co-ordination would ensure success.</p>	
11	<p>A Council Structure for the Future</p> <p>The Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council presented a verbal</p>	

report which recognised that there had been, and would continue to be, a number of 'drivers' that necessitated a change to the way that the Council operated and therefore, by implication, the Council's management structure. These ranged from the Government's housing and economic growth agenda, to the more local impact of recent Council decisions made in respect of the shared procurement of services, and evolving shared services arrangements in a number of areas. It was equally recognised that these 'drivers' must also be balanced with the need for the Council to continually drive performance and maintain services that achieved high levels of customer satisfaction.

The Report recommended a new management structure for the Council that would enable the Council to best address the above 'drivers', whilst at the same time achieve financial savings. This would enable the Council to be both fit for the future and be supported by a financially sustainable management structure.

In the discussion that followed, the Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Helen Sprawson-White stated that a lot of work had been done in a very challenging year due to large budget cuts, and though the timing of the restructure was unfortunate due to the necessity for Union involvement, the process was proceeding in a reasonable fashion.

Councillor Claire Hudson asked if the structure had been shared confidentially with Members.

The Leader replied that there had been no confidential briefings, but the process had been sensitive towards potential job losses. He apologised for the lack of sharing but stated that there were two weeks for discussion before the next meeting of Cabinet, and that it would also be considered by Scrutiny Board on the 16 May 2016.

Councillor Dick Skidmore congratulated the team on the restructure and asked if the two Deputy Chief Executives would be recruited from within the Council.

The Leader replied that the first round of interviews were ring fenced to those Officers identified as being potentially 'at risk'.

Councillor Steve Henderson asked if the Council would have any input into the South West Devolution process.

The Leader explained that a prospectus had been put forward to Central Government for them to agree conditions and figures. The 17 Authorities would then meet to feedback the decision to their sovereign Councils.

Councillor Claire Hudson asked if the proposed repatriation of Business Rates would affect Mendip District Council in the future.

The Leader of the Council replied that the method of repatriation was

	<p>not currently known, but that Mendip District Council, being in a growth area, should benefit from the process. There were several planning applications pending, including one in Wells which would create 250 jobs and Business Rates.</p>	
12	<p>Somerset Building Control Partnership – Changes to the Council's Constitution</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing introduced a report which stated that on 1 April 2016 the Somerset Building Control Partnership – consisting of Mendip District Council, together with West Somerset Council, Taunton Deane Borough Council and Sedgemoor District Council – assumed responsibility of the provision of building control services in the areas of the four Councils. Under the partnership agreement, all four Councils agreed to delegate their building control powers to the Joint Committee which is to be responsible for the Partnership.</p> <p>At the same time, it was agreed that all legal issues arising from discharge of the Partnership's functions would be dealt with by the shared legal service which was currently provided by SHAPE Partnership Services.</p> <p>As a result, certain provisions within the Council's own Constitution needed to be updated to reflect the new arrangements which have been introduced.</p> <p>In the discussion that followed, Councillor Roy Mackenzie welcomed these changes, as flexibility and cover were essential without the need for in depth local knowledge.</p> <p>Councillor Nigel Woollcombe-Adams added that this would function in the same way as the Waste Partnership.</p> <p>Councillor Damon Hooton proposed that the changes be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Nigel Taylor.</p> <p>RESOLVED That the changes to the Council's Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 to this Report be approved.</p>	
13	<p>The Council's Constitution</p> <p>Updates to the Constitution in response to the Bribery and Corruption Alert</p> <p>The Corporate Manager for Governance, Assets and Public Spaces introduced a report which stated that in September 2015 the UK's National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) jointly issued an Amber Alert concerning Local Authorities and the UK Bribery Act (2010). The Alert was based on assessed intelligence and warns of the dangers and</p>	

	<p>threats from serious organised criminality. The purpose of the alert was to stimulate preventative or remedial action and a proposed action plan was endorsed by Full Council in February 2016. This paper presented the associated policy and constitutional amendments for approval by Council.</p> <p>Councillor Damon Hooton proposed that Full Council approve the amendments. This was seconded by Councillor Peter Bradshaw.</p> <p>RESOLVED Full Council approved the amendments to Appendices A, B, Q and R of the Constitution, as presented in the schedule to the report.</p>				
<p>14</p>	<p>To Approve the Calendar of Meetings for the coming year</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Services and Corporate Finance presented the draft calendar of public meetings for 2016/17.</p> <p>Councillor Helen Sprawson-White proposed that Council approve the Calendar. Councillor Nigel Woollcombe-Adams seconded this.</p> <p>RESOLVED Full Council approved the dates of public meetings for May 2016 through to May 2017.</p>				
<p>15</p>	<p>Scrutiny Board Annual Report 2015-2016</p> <p>The Chair of the Scrutiny Board, Councillor Damon Hooton presented The Annual Report of the Scrutiny function at the Council; this report provided an outline of the work undertaken by Scrutiny Board Members over the course of the 2015-16 municipal year.</p> <p>Councillor Hooton thanked the Committee Members for their input.</p> <p>Members noted that there was no timeline for the broadband rollout in rural areas.</p> <p>Councillor Dick Skidmore proposed that Full Council note the report, which was seconded by Councillor Nigel Woolcombe-Adams.</p> <p>Councillor Ros Wyke voted against the proposal.</p> <p>RESOLVED Full Council noted the annual report.</p>				
<p>16</p>	<p>To Consider Membership of boards, Committees and Panels</p> <p>Cabinet</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 1899 732 2009"> <tr> <td>Conservative Members (6)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Philip Ham</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tom Killen</td> </tr> </table>	Conservative Members (6)	Philip Ham	Tom Killen	
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Scrutiny Board

It was proposed that Councillor Damon Hooton be elected as Chair of the Scrutiny Board. This was duly seconded.

Councillor Dick Skidmore proposed that Councillor Steve Henderson be elected as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Councillor Graham Noel.

Conservative Members (6)	Liberal Democrat Members (2)	Green Party Members (1)
Eve Berry	Damon Hooton (Chair)	Shane Collins
Steve Henderson (Vice Chair)	Roy Mackenzie	
Terry Napper		
John North		
Graham Noel		
Dick Skidmore		
Substitutes		
Edward Drewe	Adam Boyden	Des Harris
John Coles		
Joanna Beale		

Planning Board

Councillor Dick Skidmore proposed that Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper be elected as Chair of the Planning Board. This was seconded by Councillor Mike Pullin.

Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper proposed that Councillor Nigel Woollcombe-Adams be elected as Vice Chair of the Planning Board. This was seconded by Councillor Edward Drewe.

Conservative Members (11)	Liberal Democrat Members (3)	Green Party Members (1)
John Brunsdon	Bryan Beha	Des Harris
Edward Drewe	Damon Hooton	
Steve Henderson	Ros Wyke	
Nigel Hewitt-Cooper (Chair)		
Clive Mockford		
Terry Napper		

Mike Pullin		
Mike Rideout		
Dick Skidmore		
Danny Unwin		
Nigel Woollcombe-Adams (Vice-Chair)		
Substitutes		
Joanna Beale	Nick Cottle	Stina Falle
John Coles		
Tom Killen		
Nigel Taylor		

Councillor Edward Drewe proposed that Councillor Peter Bradshaw be elected as Chair of the Licensing Board. This was seconded by Councillor David van Dyk.

Councillor Danny Unwin proposed that Councillor David van Dyk be elected as Vice Chair of the Licensing Board. This was seconded by Councillor Peter Bradshaw.

Licensing Board

Conservative Members (10)	Liberal Democrat Members (3)	Independent Members (1)	Green Party Members (1)
Peter Bradshaw (Chair)	Nick Cottle	Lloyd Hughes	Stina Falle
John Coles	Roy Mackenzie		
Simon Davies	Helen Sprawson-White		
Edward Drewe			
John Greenhalgh			
Linda Oliver			
Timothy Rice			
Alan Townsend			
Danny Unwin			
David van Dyk (Vice Chair)			
Substitutes			
John Brunsdon			
Jeannette Marsh			
Clive Mockford			
Dick Skidmore			

Councillor Tom Killen proposed that Councillor Peter Bradshaw be elected as Chair of the Standards Committee. This was seconded by Councillor John Greenhalgh.

Councillor Peter Bradshaw proposed that Councillor Tom Killen be elected as Vice Chair of the Standards Committee. This was seconded by Councillor John Greenhalgh.

Standards Committee

Conservative Members (3)	Liberal Democrat Members (1)
Peter Bradshaw (Chair)	Nick Cottle
John Greenhalgh	
Tom Killen (Vice Chair)	

Councillor Clive Mockford proposed that Councillor John North be elected as Chair of the Audit Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Peter Bradshaw.

Councillor John North proposed that Councillor Peter Bradshaw be elected as Vice Chair of the Audit Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Clive Mockford.

Audit Committee

Conservative Members (4)	Liberal Democrat Members (1)	Green Party Members (1)
Peter Bradshaw (Vice Chair)	Claire Hudson	Des Harris
John Greenhalgh	Bryan Beha	
Clive Mockford		
John North (Chair)		
Substitutes		
David van Dyk	Alvin Horsfall Adam Sen	Shane Collins

Council Tax Setting Committee

John Parham
Harvey Siggs
Helen Sprawson-White

Wells Recreation Ground Trust

Roy Mackenzie
John North (Chair)
John Osman
John Parham
Nigel Taylor (Vice Chair)
Harvey Siggs
Danny Unwin

Corporate Asset Management Group (CAMG)

Bryan Beha (Vice Chair)
Philip Ham
Tom Killen
John North

	<p>John Parham (Chair) Ros Wyke</p> <p>Councillor Claire Hudson expressed her disappointment that despite the availability of a number of very capable women on the Council, that the Cabinet was all male.</p>	
<p>17</p>	<p>Member Development activity during 2015-16 and Member Development for 2016-17</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Services and Finance introduced a report which provided an update on Member development activity during 2015-16 and Member development for 2016-17 to assist in delivery of the Council's priorities set out in the Corporate Plan.</p> <p>The report recommended that Members suggest any additional areas for inclusion in the programme.</p> <p>The Cabinet considered a report on the topic of Member Development on 11 April 2016. Suggestions included that the Council investigate increased use of distance learning opportunities, more training for Parish Councillors on the topic of planning and a desire to aim for the Council to be re-accredited for the Member Development Charter in 2017.</p> <p>Councillor Helen Sprawson-White proposed that Full Council note outcomes, suggest topics, and accept the suggestions made by Cabinet. This was seconded by Councillor Nigel Woolcombe-Adams.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Full Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the outcomes following Member development activity during 2015-16. b) Suggest topics for inclusion in the Member Development Programme for 2016-17. c) Accept the suggestions made by Cabinet. 	
<p>18</p>	<p>Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)</p> <p>The Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Services introduced a report which stated that the Office of the Surveillance Commissioner (OSC) was responsible for RIPA compliance and the Commissioner reported annually to Parliament on the use of the powers by the police, security services and authorised public bodies, including local government.</p> <p>The Council was subject to audit inspections, every three years by an Assistant Surveillance Commissioner. The last audit inspection took place on 5 November 2015 and the Inspector's report containing recommendations has been subsequently received.</p>	

	<p>An Action Plan to address four of the five recommendations in the Inspector’s report had been considered by Scrutiny Board on the 22 February and Cabinet on the 7 March and amendments to the “<i>Corporate Policies and Procedures on RIPA</i>” to address the fifth recommendation had been considered by Cabinet on the 11 April 2016.</p> <p>This matter had been considered and approved by both Scrutiny and Cabinet. The matter was presented to Council with a recommendation from both Committees.</p> <p>Councillor Helen Sprawson-White suggested that a workshop could be held for newer members who may not be aware of RIPA.</p> <p>Councillor Helen Sprawson-White proposed that Full Council accept all recommendations. This was seconded by Councillor Damon Hooton.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note this report; 2. Adopt the ‘Action Plan’ as set out as Appendix 2 to this report with immediate effect; 3. Adopt the amended “<i>Corporate Policies and Procedures on RIPA</i>” as set out at Appendix 3 to this report with immediate effect; 4. Delegate authority to the Portfolio Holder and Corporate Manager for Governance, Assets and Public Spaces and Monitoring Officer to make minor amendments; and 5. Delegate authority to Cabinet to keep the Policy updated as appropriate. 	
<p>19</p>	<p>Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014</p> <p>The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Services introduced a report which sought approval to implement the use of the new tools and powers as provided by the Ant-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“the Act”) and sought delegated authority under the Council’s Scheme of Delegation of Functions Officers for the Corporate Manager, Regulatory Services to be able to issue Community Protection Notices/Order (CPNs) in appropriate circumstances.</p> <p>This matter had been considered and approved by Cabinet which recommended to Full Council.</p> <p>In the discussion that followed, Councillor Helen Sprawson-White commended the report and stated that the Frome extension of dog control was welcomed.</p>	

	<p>Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper proposed that Full Council accept the recommendations. This was seconded by Councillor Helen Sprawson-White.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the new tools and powers granted by the Act. 2. Approve the use of the new tools and powers (with the exception of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which has already been considered by Cabinet and will be the subject of further consultation) within the Council's area. 3. Delegate authority to the Corporate Manager, Regulatory Services to issue Community Protection Notices. 4. Delegate author to the Corporate Manager, Governance Assets and Public Spaces and Monitoring Officer to update the Constitution, and in particular the Scheme of Delegation of Functions to Officers to give effect to the issue of Community Protection Notices. 	
<p>20</p>	<p>Shepton Mallet Town Council – Follow Up Report</p> <p>The Leader of the Council introduced a report which provided an update on the Council's resolution made at the meeting on 25th February 2016, to grant Shepton Mallet Town Council an advance on their precept of £40k to assist with the payment of a Court Judgement.</p> <p>The Report sought confirmation by full Council in terms of the recovery of costs incurred by Mendip District Council.</p> <p>In the discussion that followed, various options were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing off the costs • Accepting small instalments over time • Waiting until the Town Council were in a better financial position • Deduct the costs from the second half of the precept • Requesting immediate payment <p>Members felt that Mendip District Council should not underwrite the legal costs and that recovery of these costs was in the recommendations of the original vote.</p> <p>Members again expressed disappointment at the absence of Shepton</p>	

	<p>Mallet Town Councillors. It was hoped that the Town Council would publish the SWAP report and not keep information from the residents of Shepton Mallet.</p> <p>Councillor Bente Height thanked the Chief Executive for forwarding the report to all Town Councillors.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council stated that it should be clearly communicated that financial training for Parish and Town Councils was available through SALC.</p> <p>He suggested that although Shepton Mallet Town Council had not met to discuss repayment of costs, Mendip District Council should recover the costs from the second half of the precept which would give the Town Council 6 months notice.</p> <p>Councillor Damon Hooton proposed that Mendip District Council recover the costs from the second half of the precept to Shepton Mallet Town Council. Councillor Peter Bradshaw seconded this.</p> <p>Full Council Voted with 34 in favour and the resolution was carried.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council thanked Full Council for this resolution as it had been a very difficult issue for all.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Council recover the costs incurred by Mendip District Council in association with the advance payment to Shepton Mallet Town Council from the second half of the precept.</p>	
<p>21</p>	<p>Somerset Rivers Authority – Memorandum of Understanding</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Councillor Tom Killen introduced a Memorandum of Understanding for the Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) comprising; Somerset County Council, the Axe / Brue and the Parrett Internal Drainage Boards, Mendip, Sedgemoor, South Somerset and West Somerset District Councils, Taunton Deane Borough Council, the Environment Agency, Natural England, and the Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, which took a coordinated approach to flooding. Legislation was awaited to establish the Somerset Rivers Authority as precepting body and in the interim, this Memorandum set out obligations, scope and governance for the SRA to March 2017.</p> <p>In the discussion that followed Councillor Ros Wyke stated that in the absence of Central Government funding, this was a sensible secondary approach.</p> <p>Councillor John Osman replied that £40m had been received from Central Government but that there would be no ongoing revenue. He added that other areas in the country had looked at the SRA as a beacon.</p>	

	<p>Councillor Nigel Hewitt-Cooper proposed that the recommendations be accepted which was seconded by Councillor John North.</p> <p>Councillor Bente Height voted against the recommendations.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That delegated authority is granted to the Leader and Deputy Leader, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding and Constitution in respect of the Somerset Rivers Authority.</p> <p>That delegated authority is granted to the Leader and Deputy Leader, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to agree any minor amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding and Constitution in respect of the Somerset Rivers Authority, reporting such amendments back to the next meeting of Full Council for information.</p>	
<p>22</p>	<p>Motions to Council</p> <p>Councillor Roy Mackenzie presented a motion to Full Council which proposed:</p> <p>That this Council agree with the statement put out by the leaders of the Conservative, Labour, Independent and Liberal Democrat groups of the Local Government Association that, "Councils should decide how many starter homes, alongside affordable rented homes, are on each development to ensure they meet the needs identified by councils within their communities."</p> <p>Members felt that this was an important issue but felt it inappropriate to have further discussion without the advice of the internal Member / Officer group.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council proposed that Councillor Mackenzie take the motion to the Member Advisory Group so that an informed response could be offered. This was seconded by Councillor Dick Skidmore.</p> <p>Councillor Nick Cottle abstained.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Councillor Roy Mackenzie take his proposal to MAG for discussion.</p>	
<p>23</p>	<p>Questions from the Public</p> <p>None</p>	

24	Questions from Members Councillor Nigel Taylor thanked Officers involved with arranging the picture of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II which was hanging in the Council Chamber.	
25	Urgent Business Councillor John Coles gave good news of an 18 year old boy from Glastonbury who had been chosen to go to the Olympics on the swimming team. All added their congratulations.	

The meeting closed at approximately 8.40 pm.