

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **South Somerset District Council** held on **Thursday 15 March 2018** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil.

(7.30 pm - 7.48 pm)

Present:

Members: Councillor Mike Best (Chairman)
Councillor Tony Capozzoli (Vice-Chairman)

Clare Aparicio Paul	Kaysar Hussain	David Recardo
Jason Baker	Val Keitch	Jo Roundell Greene
Cathy Bakewell	Andy Kendall	Sylvia Seal
Neil Bloomfield	Mike Lewis	Gina Seaton
Hayward Burt	Sarah Lindsay	Peter Seib
John Clark	Tony Lock	Alan Smith
Adam Dance	Paul Maxwell	Rob Stickland
Gye Dibben	Graham Middleton	Linda Vijeh
Sarah Dyke	David Norris	Martin Wale
John Field	Graham Oakes	William Wallace
Carol Goodall	Sue Osborne	Nick Weeks
Anna Groskop	Ric Pallister	Colin Winder
Peter Gubbins	Crispin Raikes	Derek Yeomans
Henry Hobhouse	Wes Read	

Officers:

Alex Parmley	Chief Executive
Netta Meadows	Director (Strategy & Commissioning)
Angela Watson	Monitoring Officer
Paul Fitzgerald	Section 151 Officer
Angela Cox	Democratic Services Specialist

124. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marcus Barrett, Mike Beech, Amanda Broom, Dave Bulmer, Nick Colbert, Nigel Gage, Jenny Kenton, Mike Lock, Sam McAllister, Tiffany Osborne, Stephen Page, Dean Ruddle, Garry Shortland, Angie Singleton, Sue Steele, Gerard Tucker and Andrew Turpin.

125. Minutes (Agenda Item 2)

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

126. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

127. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 4)

There were no members of the public present.

128. Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 5)

Councillor David Recardo advised that he had attended the South West in Bloom Spring Seminar in Torquay that day where he had been presented with a gold star award for the Yeovil Country Park.

The Chairman congratulated all the staff and volunteers who looked after the park on achieving the award.

Councillor Tony Capozzoli advised that a commemorative plaque from Yeovil Rural District Council had been found in storage at RNAS Yeovilton and returned to him. He asked that it be displayed in remembrance of the previous Council.

129. Chairman's Engagements (Agenda Item 6)

The list of Chairman's engagements were noted.

130. Reports from Members appointed to Outside Organisations (Agenda Item 7)

The Portfolio Holder for Democratic Services introduced the reports of members appointed to outside organisations and invited questions on them.

The Leader of Council, Councillor Ric Pallister, advised that David Warburton MP had introduced a Rivers Authorities and Land Drainage Private Members Bill to establish the Somerset Rivers Authority as a statutory precepting body. He said the Bill had Government support and he would report its progress through Parliament to Council.

Councillor Martin Wale advised that he had attended a Police and Crime Commissioners Panel meeting that day where they had spoken about police stop and search powers and the future of police buildings in Yeovil and Chard.

At the conclusion of the debate, Members were content to note the reports from Members on the outside organisations to which they are appointed each year.

RESOLVED: That Council noted the noted the reports from Members on the outside organisations to which they are appointed each year.

Reason: To note the reports of Members appointed to various outside bodies by Full Council

131. Statutory Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers 2018 - 19 (Agenda Item 8)

The Leader of the Council presented the report and stated that all Councils were obliged to publicise their chief officer's salaries and any other benefits received each year. He noted that the statement also confirmed that SSDC did not employ any staff on the minimum wage.

There was no debate and Members unanimously confirmed the Statutory Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers 2018 – 19 for publication.

RESOLVED: That Council approved the proposed Statutory Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers 2018 – 19 for publication.

Reason: To confirm the proposed Statutory Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers 2018 – 19 for publication as required by Section 38(1) of the Localism Act 2011.

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

132. Request to change the name of Barwick Parish Council (Agenda Item 9)

The Portfolio Holder for Democratic Services advised that, following the request from Barwick Parish Council for a Community Governance Review to increase the number of Parish Councillors and amend the Parish Council name, they had reviewed their request and now only wished to change the parish council name to Barwick and Stoford Parish Council to better reflect the community they represented.

There was no debate and Members unanimously confirmed the making and publication of an order under Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 to change the name of Barwick Parish Council to Barwick and Stoford Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That Full Council:-

- a. noted the receipt of the request from Barwick Parish Council to change their name;
- b. agreed to the making and publication of an order under Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 to change the name of Barwick Parish Council to Barwick and Stoford Parish Council.

Reason: To confirm the request from Barwick Parish Council to change the name of the Parish Council to Barwick and Stoford Parish Council (under the provisions of Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972).

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

133. Draft Meetings Calendar for 2018/19 (Agenda Item 10)

The Portfolio Holder for Democratic Services advised that in order to avoid conflict with Taunton Deane BC for the S151 Officer, and, to allow sufficient time for annual council

tax billing, it was proposed to bring forward the Budget-Setting Full Council meeting to Tuesday 26th February 2019 (at 7.30pm).

The Chairman of the Audit Committee advised that it had been proposed to move their meetings to bi-monthly from May 2018, which he assured would be sufficiently frequent to cover the necessary business of the Committee.

It was further clarified that although Area East and West Committees were both scheduled to be held on 12th December, one meeting would start at 9.00am and the other at 5.30pm.

Members were content to note the meetings timetable for 2018/19 subject to the above and any further amendments to be made at the Annual Council meeting in May 2018.

RESOLVED: That Council approved the meetings timetable for 2018/19 (as amended) subject to any further amendments made at the Annual Council meeting in May 2018.

Reason: To review and confirm the meetings timetable for 2018/19.

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

134. Report of Executive Decisions (Agenda Item 11)

The report of Executive Decisions was noted.

135. Audit Committee (Agenda Item 12)

Councillor Derek Yeomans, Chairman of the Audit Committee, presented the report of the Committee. He advised that the new designated SWAP Auditor would be Alastair Woodland from April 2018.

The report of the Audit Committee was noted.

136. Scrutiny Committee (Agenda Item 13)

Councillor John Clark, Vice Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee, presented the report of the Committee.

The report of the Scrutiny Committee was noted.

137. Motions (Agenda Item 14)

There were no Motions submitted by Members.

138. Questions Under Procedure Rule 10 (Agenda Item 15)

There were no questions submitted by Members under Procedure Rule 10.

139. Date of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 16)

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Full Council would take place on **Thursday, 17th May 2018** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil **commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

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Chairman

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Date