

**WEST SOMERSET COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Annual Council held on 20 May 2015 at 2.30 pm**

**in the Council Chamber, Williton**

**Present:**

Councillor G S Dowding ..... Chairman  
Councillor B Heywood ..... Vice-Chairman

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Councillor I Aldridge        | Councillor D Archer            |
| Councillor A Behan           | Councillor M J Chilcott        |
| Councillor R Clifford        | Councillor H J W Davies        |
| Councillor M O A Dewdney     | Councillor S Y Goss            |
| Councillor A P Hadley        | Councillor T Hall              |
| Councillor I Jones           | Councillor R P Lillis          |
| Councillor B Maitland-Walker | Councillor K M Mills           |
| Councillor C Morgan          | Councillor P H Murphy          |
| Councillor J Parbrook        | Councillor S J Pugsley         |
| Councillor R Thomas          | Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew |
| Councillor K H Turner        | Councillor T Venner            |
| Councillor D J Westcott      | Councillor R Woods             |

**Officers in Attendance:**

Chief Executive (P James)  
Assistant Chief Executive (B Lang)  
Assistant Director Energy Infrastructure (A Goodchild)  
Meeting Administrator (K Kowalewska)

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman requested a minute's silence in memory of Simon Stokes, an ex-West Somerset Council Councillor. Councillor M Chilcott provided Members with a brief résumé of his life and condolences were conveyed to his family and all agreed he would be sadly missed.

The meeting was opened with prayers led by the Reverend Vincent Woods.

Councillor G S Dowding welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised Members of the recent engagements he had attended and reminded Members of the Armed Forces Day event being held on Monday 22 June 2015 at West Somerset House, Williton.

**C1 Election of Chairman**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor G S Dowding be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Dowding thanked Councillors for re-electing him as Chairman. He stated that he would do his best to represent the Council at all levels throughout the district and hoped in the ensuing year to be involved in as many ward activities and to visit as many small business as possible.

**C2 Appointment of Vice Chairman**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor B Heywood be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

**C3 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Leaker and N Thwaites.

**C4 Declarations of Interest**

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Member of a County, Parish or Town Council:

| <b>Name</b>              | <b>Minute No.</b> | <b>Member of</b> | <b>Action Taken</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Cllr I Aldridge          | All               | Williton         | Spoke and voted     |
| Cllr D Archer            | All               | Minehead         | Spoke and voted     |
| Cllr H J W Davies        | All               | SCC              | Spoke and voted     |
| Cllr S Goss              | All               | Stogursey        | Spoke and voted     |
| Cllr B Maitland-Walker   | All               | Carhampton       | Spoke and voted     |
| Cllr C Morgan            | All               | Stogursey        | Spoke and voted     |
| Cllr P H Murphy          | All               | Watchet          | Spoke and voted     |
| Cllr J Parbrook          | All               | Minehead         | Spoke and voted     |
| Cllr A H Trollope-Bellew | All               | Crowcombe        | Spoke and voted     |
| Cllr K H Turner          | All               | Brompton Ralph   | Spoke and voted     |
| Cllr T Venner            | All               | Minehead         | Spoke and voted     |
| Cllr D J Westcott        | All               | Watchet          | Spoke and voted     |

**C5 Minutes**

(Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 15 April 2015, circulated with the Agenda.)

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 15 April 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

**C6 Public Participation**

No members of the public spoke at the meeting on any items on the agenda.

**C7 Appointment of Leader**

**RESOLVED** that the appointment of Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew as Leader be confirmed for a four year term.

**C8      Appointment of Deputy Leader**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor M J Chilcott be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

**C9      Cabinet**

The Leader announced the following appointments and portfolios:

| <b>Name</b>                  | <b>Political Group</b> | <b>Lead Member</b>                                  |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Councillor A Trollope-Bellew | Conservative           | <b>Leader</b> and Performance and Corporate Support |
| Councillor M Chilcott        | Conservative           | Resources and Central Support                       |
| Councillor M Dewdney         | Conservative           | Environment   |
| Councillor K M Mills         | Conservative           | Regeneration and Economic Growth                    |
| Councillor C Morgan          | Conservative           | Energy Infrastructure                               |
| Councillor S J Pugsley       | Conservative           | Executive Support and Democracy                     |
| Councillor K H Turner        | Conservative           | Housing, Health and Wellbeing                       |
| Councillor D J Westcott      | Conservative           | Community and Customer                              |

**RESOLVED** that the appointments be noted and that the Corporate Plan, Constitution and any other relevant documents be updated accordingly.

**C10     Allocation of Seats to Committees**

**RESOLVED** that the nominations for Committee seats made by the political groups be ratified and that the composition of the Committees be as detailed below.

| <b>SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>         |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>9 seats in total</b>           |                          |
| <b>Conservative 7</b>             |                          |
| <b>West Somerset Opposition 2</b> |                          |
| <b>Name</b>                       | <b>Political Group</b>   |
| Councillor D Archer               | Conservative             |
| Councillor R Clifford             | Conservative             |
| Councillor G S Dowding            | Conservative             |
| Councillor R P Lillis             | Conservative             |
| Councillor B Maitland-Walker      | Conservative             |
| Councillor J Parbrook             | Conservative             |
| Councillor R Woods                | Conservative             |
| Councillor A Behan                | West Somerset Opposition |
| Councillor P H Murphy             | West Somerset Opposition |

| <b>LICENSING COMMITTEE</b>        |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>11 seats in total</b>          |                          |
| <b>Conservative 8</b>             |                          |
| <b>West Somerset Opposition 3</b> |                          |
| Name                              | Political Group          |
| Councillor S Y Goss               | Conservative             |
| Councillor B Leaker               | Conservative             |
| Councillor R P Lillis             | Conservative             |
| Councillor J Parbrook             | Conservative             |
| Councillor R Thomas               | Conservative             |
| Councillor N Thwaites             | Conservative             |
| Councillor K H Turner             | Conservative             |
| Councillor D J Westcott           | Conservative             |
| Councillor I Aldridge             | West Somerset Opposition |
| Councillor H J W Davies           | West Somerset Opposition |
| Councillor T Hall                 | West Somerset Opposition |

| <b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>         |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>15 seats in total</b>          |                          |
| <b>Conservative 11</b>            |                          |
| <b>West Somerset Opposition 4</b> |                          |
| Name                              | Political Group          |
| Councillor D Archer               | Conservative             |
| Councillor G S Dowding            | Conservative             |
| Councillor S Y Goss               | Conservative             |
| Councillor A P Hadley             | Conservative             |
| Councillor B Heywood              | Conservative             |
| Councillor B Maitland-Walker      | Conservative             |
| Councillor C Morgan               | Conservative             |
| Councillor J Parbrook             | Conservative             |
| Councillor S J Pugsley            | Conservative             |
| Councillor K H Turner             | Conservative             |
| Councillor R Woods                | Conservative             |
| Councillor I Aldridge             | West Somerset Opposition |
| Councillor T Hall                 | West Somerset Opposition |
| Councillor I Jones                | West Somerset Opposition |
| Councillor P H Murphy             | West Somerset Opposition |

| <b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>            |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>7 seats in total</b>           |                          |
| <b>Conservative 5</b>             |                          |
| <b>West Somerset Opposition 2</b> |                          |
| Name                              | Political Group          |
| Councillor D Archer               | Conservative             |
| Councillor R P Lillis             | Conservative             |
| Councillor R Thomas               | Conservative             |
| Councillor N Thwaites             | Conservative             |
| Councillor R Woods                | Conservative             |
| Councillor H J W Davies           | West Somerset Opposition |
| Councillor T Verner               | West Somerset Opposition |

| <b>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL</b>    |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>8 seats in total</b>           |                          |
| <b>Conservative 6</b>             |                          |
| <b>West Somerset Opposition 2</b> |                          |
| Name                              | Political Group          |
| Councillor D Archer               | Conservative             |
| Councillor S Y Goss               | Conservative             |
| Councillor B Heywood              | Conservative             |
| Councillor B Maitland-Walker      | Conservative             |
| Councillor J Parbrook             | Conservative             |
| Councillor K Turner               | Conservative             |
| Councillor I Aldridge             | West Somerset Opposition |
| Councillor T Venner               | West Somerset Opposition |

| <b>STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>         |
|---|
| <b>9 seats in total</b>                     |
| <b>3 West Somerset District Councillors</b> |
| <b>3 Independent Members</b>                |
| <b>3 Parish/Town Councillors</b>            |
| Councillor P H Murphy                       |
| Councillor N Thwaites                       |
| Councillor D J Westcott                     |

**C11      Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees**

The following appointments were made:

**Scrutiny Committee**

|               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Chairman      | Councillor P H Murphy |
| Vice Chairman | Councillor R P Lillis |

**Planning Committee**

|               |                              |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| Chairman      | Councillor S J Pugsley       |
| Vice Chairman | Councillor B Maitland-Walker |

**Licensing Committee**

|               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Chairman      | Councillor R P Lillis   |
| Vice Chairman | Councillor H J W Davies |

**Audit Committee**

|               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Chairman      | Councillor R P Lillis |
| Vice Chairman | Councillor T Venner   |

**Local Development Panel**

|               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Chairman      | Councillor K H Turner |
| Vice Chairman | Councillor S Y Goss   |

**C12**

**Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**RESOLVED** that the Members appointed to serve on Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2015-2016 be as follows:

| <b>ORGANISATION</b>  | <b>REPS 2014/2015</b>  |
|--|--|
| Management Committee of Broadlands                                   | Councillor J Parbrook  |
| MATA Regal Theatre Co Ltd  | Councillor B Leaker  |
| Somerset Rural Youth Project   | Councillor A P Hadley  |
| Early Childhood & Child Care Network Meetings                        | Councillor T Venner  |
| Strategic Partnership Group<br>West Somerset Sports & Leisure Centre | Councillor T Hall  |
| Somerset County Playing Fields Association                           | Councillor H J W Davies  |
| Somerset Play Forum  | Councillor I Aldridge  |
| Somerset Passenger Transport Forum                                   | Councillor M O A Dewdney   |
| Exmoor National Park<br>(politically balanced)                       | Councillor S J Pugsley<br>Councillor B Heywood<br>Councillor M O A Dewdney<br>Councillor I Jones |
| Somerset Building Preservation Trust                                 | Councillor H J W Davies<br>Deputy: Councillor G Dowding  |
| The Parrett Drainage Board   | Councillor B Maitland-Walker<br>(Dunster Area)<br>Councillor C Morgan<br>(Stockland Area)        |
| Wessex Water Customer Liaison Panels                                 | Councillor M O A Dewdney   |
| Countywide Shared Services Task and Finish Group                     | Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew<br>(Group Leader)<br>Councillor P H Murphy (Group Leader)         |
| West Somerset Railway Partnership Development Group                  | Councillor K M Mills<br>Deputy: Councillor B Leaker  |
| WSC Member Champion  | Councillor P H Murphy  |
| South West Audit Partnership (SWAP) Members Meeting                  | Chair of Audit Committee –<br>Councillor R P Lillis  |
| Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee                              | Councillor A Trollope-Bellew<br>Councillor S Dowding   |
| West Somerset Advice Bureau  | Councillor J Parbrook  |
| ENGAGE - West Somerset Voluntary Sector Development agency           | Councillor R Lillis<br>Deputy: Councillor N Thwaites   |

**WEST SOMERSET COUNCIL**  
**Council Meeting 20.05.2015**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group                                    | Councillor M O A Dewdney<br>Councillor C Morgan<br>Councillor S Goss   |
| Taunton & Somerset NHS Trust –<br>Foundation Trust Council of Governors | Councillor M J Chilcott  |
| Minehead EYE Management<br>Committee                                    | Councillor D J Westcott  |
| Somerset Armed Forces Community<br>Covenant Partnership                 | Councillor S Dowding   |
| Somerset Local Access Forum   | Councillor M O A Dewdney   |
| Minehead Visioning Group  | Councillor R Thomas<br>Councillor D Archer<br>Councillor K Mills (PH)  |
| Police and Crime Panel  | Councillor G Dowding<br>Deputy: Councillor B Leaker  |
| Health and Wellbeing Board  | Councillor K Turner  |
| Joint Partnership Advisory Group  | Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew<br>Councillor M J Chilcott<br>Councillor A P Hadley<br>Councillor R P Lillis<br>Councillor P H Murphy |
| Asset Project Group   | Councillor K Turner<br>Councillor A P Hadley<br>Councillor G S Dowding<br>Councillor P Murphy  |

**C13**      **Appointment of Representatives on the Planning Obligations Board for Hinkley Point**

**RESOLVED** that Councillors M J Chilcott and C Morgan (as reserve) be appointed to serve on the Planning Obligations Board for Hinkley Point for the municipal year 2015-2016.

The meeting closed at 3.06 pm.