

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL  
HELD AT FOLLATON HOUSE, TOTNES ON THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2008**

**MEMBERS**

\* Cllr R J Carter – Chairman

\* Cllr B F Cane – Vice-Chairman

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| * Cllr K J Baldry     | ∅ Cllr M J Howarth     |
| * Cllr N A Barnes     | * Cllr C W Jones       |
| * Cllr H D Bastone    | ∅ Cllr L P Jones       |
| * Cllr J H Baverstock | * Cllr R M Lawrence    |
| * Cllr J I G Blackler | ∅ Cllr I Longrigg      |
| * Cllr J Brazil       | * Cllr D W May         |
| * Cllr B E Carson     | * Cllr D M O'Callaghan |
| * Cllr P H Cook       | * Cllr C M Pannell     |
| * Cllr S E Cooper     | * Cllr J T Pennington  |
| ∅ Cllr P Coulson      | ∅ Cllr S L Rankin      |
| * Cllr R F Croad      | * Cllr R Rowe          |
| ∅ Cllr G Date         | * Cllr M F Saltern     |
| ∅ Cllr G J Fielden    | * Cllr J W Squire      |
| * Cllr R D Gilbert    | ∅ Cllr R C Steer       |
| ∅ Cllr F J Hawke      | * Cllr M Stone         |
| ∅ Cllr J D Hawkins    | * Cllr R J Tucker      |
| ∅ Cllr T J Hewitt     | ∅ Cllr R J Vint        |
| * Cllr M J Hicks      | * Cllr A Ward          |
| * Cllr P W Hitchins   | * Cllr J A Westacott   |

\* Denotes attendance

∅ Denotes apology for absence

Officers in attendance:

For all items: Chief Executive and Member Support Services Manager.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting. These were recorded as follows:

Cllrs Brazil, Pannell and Ward declared a personal interest in Item 2(a) (Minute 76/07(a) below refers) by virtue of David Thorning previously having served as a fellow Liberal Democrat Group Member of the Council and remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion and vote thereon.

Cllrs Barnes, Bastone, Cane, Carson, Carter, Cook, Croad, Hitchins, May, Pennington, Rowe, Saltern, Squire, Stone and Tucker declared a personal interest in Item 2(b) (Minute 76/07(b) below refers) by virtue of Richard Yonge previously having served as a fellow Conservative Group Member of the Council and remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion and vote thereon.

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**HONORARY ALDERMAN - NOMINATIONS**

A report was considered which sought approval, in accordance with Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, to the nominations of David Thorning and Richard Yonge to each receive the title of Honorary Alderman of the Council, in recognition of their service and dedication to the local community.

It was noted that nominees required the support of not less than two-thirds of the Members voting thereon at the meeting.

**(a) David Thorning**

In addition to David's roles when serving as a Council Member (as outlined in the presented report), reference was also made to his extensive work and involvement in establishing the Age Concern building in Kingsbridge. At present, it was believed that David was still heavily involved and responsible for managing this facility.

**(b) Richard Yonge**

In addition to Richard's roles when serving as a Council Member (as outlined in the presented report), reference was also made to:-

- (i) the level of work and commitment that Richard demonstrated during his period as Leader of the Council;
- (ii) his dedication and involvement in the successful Tor Homes project; and
- (iii) the level of support and assistance which he had given to the current local Ward Member for Yealmpton.

It was then:

**RESOLVED**

That, in accordance with Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the title of Honorary Alderman of the Council be conferred upon:-

- (a) David Thorning, in recognition of his 12 years service as a Ward Member for Kingsbridge East; and
- (b) Richard Yonge, in recognition of his 33 years service as a Ward Member for Yealmpton.

(Meeting commenced at 12.30 pm and concluded at 12.45 pm).

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Chairman