

**Minutes of a meeting of the extraordinary Town Council held on 8th
January 2026 in the Council Chamber, The Old Courthouse,
Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea at 6 pm**

Present: Councillors Facey (Chair), P. Clayton, J. Flurry, G. Gudka, A. Hendry, A. Matthews, L. Millard, P. Mills, M. Murphy, K. Pearce, S. Perry, C. Searing, N. Tolley

In attendance: E. Dutton (Deputy Town Clerk), two members of the public.

Public Participation: A councillor from Burnham Without Parish Council spoke regarding the proposed new division boundaries for Somerset Council they expressed concerns on possible precept increases and financial implications due to boundary changes.

604.0.T25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the Town Clerk and Councillors Vickers and Metcalfe.

605.0.T25 To receive any declarations of interest on items included on this agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

606.0.T25 To receive and approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15th December 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Town Council, held on 15th December 2025, were presented by the Mayor.

Resolved that the minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

607.0.T25 To agree a response to the Local Government Boundary Commission consultation on proposed new division boundaries for Somerset Council

Councillor Gudka provided an overview of a draft response prepared for consideration.

A detailed and lengthy discussion took place.

Resolved to submit the response, incorporating the agreed additional paragraph below, to the Local Government Boundary Commission

While boundaries remain broadly unchanged, the proposed Highbridge North has been reduced by two councillors. This adjustment creates



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an imbalance when compared with neighbouring areas. The level of representation should be even across all divisions.