

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WELLS CITY COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING HELD ON SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026 AT 4.30PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllrs: L Agabani, J Browne, T Butt Philip, S Cursley, D Denis, K Kinshaw, T Kolizeras, S Powell, H Siggs, P Welch

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: H Wilkins
Outgoing Town Crier: Len Sweales
Incoming Town Crier: Phil Dickson
Mayor's Sergeant at Mace: Colin Price
Council's Sergeant at Mace: Graham Woodland
Mayor's Chaplain: Rev. Alistair Glanville
Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Robert Drewett
High Sheriff, Peter Dixon
Phil Kitcher, Church Warden at St Cuthbert's Church
John North, Chair of Twinning
Rev Canon Tim Stevens, Canon Precentor
Tessa Munt, MP for Wells and Mendip Hills and SC Cllr
Cllr Jacqui Zorab, Chair of St Cuthbert Out
Alistair Mc Bride, Chair of RBL (Freedom of the City)
Mayor of Axbridge Cllr Richard Willis
Chair of Street Parish Council, B Knickerbocker
Mayor of Glastonbury Zoe Price
Mayor of Taunton Bev Fernandes
Chair of Cheddar Parish Council, Derek Bradley-Balmer
Member of the Press, Dean Mortlock, Wells Voice

26/107/C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: S Eden, J Edmonds, G Folkard, D Orrett, G Robbins, I Von Mensenkampf

26/108/C THE OUTGOING MAYOR

Cllr L Agabani gave a vote of thanks and his outgoing speech, thanking his Mayoress Mary-Ellen Nowell.

26/108/C ELECTION OF MAYOR

Cllr P Welch nominated Cllr D Denis for Mayor of Wells City Council

Seconded by Cllr J Browne

No other nominations were made

Votes were unanimous and therefore Cllr D Denis was elected as 652nd Mayor of Wells.

Cllr L Agabani presented Cllr D Denis (Mayor) with the Chain of Office.

Following a ten-minute adjournment, the new Mayor was announced by the incoming Town Crier and maced into the chamber.

26/109/C ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

Cllr Denis swore the Oath of Allegiance and her signature was witnessed by Cllr H Siggs and the Town Clerk on the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Roll of Mayors.

Outgoing Mayor Cllr L Agabani was presented with the City Badge

The Mayor Cllr D Denis gave her speech of acceptance and appointed her Mayoress, Olivia Denis

26/110/C ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Cursley nominated Cllr S Powell for Deputy Mayor of Wells City Council

Seconded by Cllr T Butt Philip

Votes were unanimous and therefore Cllr Powell was elected as Deputy Mayor of Wells City Council and took her place beside the Mayor.
Deputy Mayor Cllr S Powell was presented with their Badge of Office, and presented the gift of a trout to the Mayor.

- 26/111/C TRANSFER OF CUSTODY OF THE TWIN TOWN KEYS**
Mr John North, Chair of the Twinning Association presented the Mayor with the Keys of Paray-le-Monial, Bad Durkheim and Fontanellato for safe keeping.
- 26/112/C APPOINTMENT OF HONOURARY OFFICERS**
The Mayor confirmed the following appointments:
The Mayor's Chaplain – Rev Alistair Glanville
The Churchwarden at St Cuthbert's Church – Phil Kitcher
The High Constables – Cllrs K Kinshaw and T Kolizeras
The Mayor's Sergeant at Mace – Colin Price
The Council's Sergeant at Mace – Graham Woodland
The Town Crier – Phil Dickson
- 26/113/C A MOMENT OF REFLECTION BY THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**
Conducted by Rev Alistair Glanville
- 26/114/C THE PROCLAMATION**
From the Town Hall balcony, the Town Crier proclaimed to the people of Wells the election of the 652nd Mayor of Wells
- 22/75/C ALL FURTHER BUSINESS**
The Council adjourned and all further business was deferred until the Council reconvenes at 7pm on Thursday 21st May 2026

EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Note: If it is necessary for matters to be considered in confidence, it will be proposed by the Mayor that a resolution be passed under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended.

Minutes signed by The Mayor: **Date:**