

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 21 February 2008, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Caborn (Chairman); Councillors Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Britland, Mrs Bunker, Coker, Copping, Crowther, De-Lara-Bond, Ms Dean, Dhillon, Malcolm Doody, Michael Doody, Edwards, Mrs Falp, Mrs Gallagher, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Mrs Grainger, Guest, Hammon, Harris, Hatfield, Heath, Mrs Higgins, Illingworth, Kinson, MacKay, Mrs McFarland, Mrs Mellor, Mobbs, Pittarello, Pratt, Mrs Sawdon, Mrs Scarrott, Shilton, Mrs Tyrrell, Vincett, Weed and White.

777. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davies, Kirton and Mrs Knight.

778. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 January 2008, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

779. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (A) The Chairman announced that Councillor Kirton was recovering from surgery and that he had sent him, on behalf of the Council, best wishes for a rapid recovery.
- (B) The Chairman thanked all those who had supported the art exhibition last weekend from which over £1000 had been raised for his charities.
- (C) The Chairman encouraged as many as possible to attend the Civic Barn Dance which was being held on 4 April 2008 in aid of his charities.
- (D) The Chairman referred to recent purchase of the ancient woodland at Oakley Woods by the Council which would now be secured for the benefit of future generations.

780. SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX 2008/09

It was moved by Councillor Coker and duly seconded that the recommendations contained in the minute of the report of the Executive held on 11 February 2008 regarding the Budget 2008/2009 and Council Tax – Revenue and Capital, together with the recommendations set out in the report of the Strategic Director (Community Resources) and Chief Financial Officer, under item 4 of the Agenda, be approved and adopted, subject to recommendation (13) contained in the minute headed “Budget 2008/2009 and Council Tax - Revenue and Capital” being amended to read:

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“(13) a group or groups of Councillors be formed to advise and monitor priorities for reducing the Council’s budget;”

First amendment: It was moved by Councillor Crowther and duly seconded that the following additional recommendation be approved:

“An additional £30,000 is raised through Council Tax for the next financial year and sustained into future years, to establish an engaging young people fund.”

(A paper explaining the budgetary affects of this proposal was circulated.)

On a vote being taken, the amendment was declared lost.

Second amendment: It was moved by Councillor Boad and duly seconded that the following amendments be made to the recommendations of the Executive:

“Appendix 8 Part 2 (page 61) (*of the report to the Executive*)

Delete ‘Sub’ and ‘.’ from ‘Sub Total Capital Receipts:’ and add ‘Available:’ at end

Delete line ‘Less – to Other Projects – Rural Initiatives etc.’

Delete line ‘Total Capital Receipts Available:’

Paragraph 12.4 (*of the report to the Executive*)

Add new para

12.4.05 £320,000 for the purchase of Oakley Wood be funded from the Capital Investment Reserve, and £100,000 Rural Initiatives Scheme be funded from the Capital Investment Reserve, and that future commitments to this Scheme should be funded from the general fund.

Delete recommendation 5 and replace with

(5) the General Fund Capital Programme and the Housing Investment Programme as set out in Appendix 8 to the report, and Paragraph 12 of the report be approved, together with their financing as shown in paragraphs 12.4 and 12.5 of the report, for 2008/2009.”

On a vote being taken the second amendment was declared lost.

(A) Adoption of Motion

The original motion was then put to the meeting as the substantive motion and declared carried.

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It was therefore

RESOLVED that

- (1) the recommendations contained in the Minute headed Budget 2008/2009 and Council Tax – Revenue and Capital, as set out in the report of the Executive held on 11 February 2008, be approved and adopted; and
 - (2) the following recommendations set out in the report of the Strategic Director (Community Resources) and Chief Financial Officer, be approved and adopted:
1. **Warwick District Council Budget**
That the following, as set out in the budget reports (Executive recommendations 11 February 2008) and Estimates Book (to be circulated to members separately), be approved:-
 - (a) the revenue estimates for 2008/09
 - (b) the capital programme for 2008/09
 2. **Warwick District Tax Base**
The Council notes the following amounts for the year 2008/09 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
 - (a) 52,025.50 being the amount calculated, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its council tax base for the year.
 - (b) Part of the Council's Area

	Band 'D' Equivalent
Parish of-	£
Baddesley Clinton	85.07
Baginton	331.23
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	775.49
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	311.47
Bishops Tachbrook	991.36
Bubbenhall	325.96
Budbrooke	803.50
Bushwood	10.65
Cubbington	1,543.36
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	315.33
Hatton	927.29
Kenilworth	9,829.31
Lapworth	921.19
Leamington	16,687.51
Leek Wootton	526.55

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Norton Lindsey	213.40
Old Milverton & Blackdown	227.33
Radford Semele	808.34
Rowington	531.90
Shrewley	419.81
Stoneleigh & Ashow	893.44
Warwick	11,289.46
Weston-under-Wetherley	194.02
Whitnash	3,062.53

being the amounts calculated, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area.

3. **Calculation of Warwick District Council Council Tax, including parish/town council precepts**

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2008/09 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) £88,664,916.65 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2)(a) to (e) of the Act (*Gross Expenditure including parish/town council precepts*).
- (b) £70,124,600.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act (*Gross Income*).
- (c) £18,540,316.65 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year (*Net Expenditure including parish/town council precepts*).
- (d) £10,342,565.00 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant reduced by the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its general fund to its collection fund in accordance with Section 97(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax deficit) (*Revenue Support Grant, Redistributed Non Domestic Rates and Collection Fund Balance*).
- (e) £157.57 being the amount at 3(c) above less the amount at 3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (*Average Warwick District Council Tax, including parish/town precepts*).

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(f) £1,016,616.65 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (*Total parish/town council precepts*)

(g) £138.03 being the amount at 3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(f) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates (*Warwick District Council Tax excluding parish/town council precepts*)

(h) Part of the Council's Area

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	BAND D £
Baddesley Clinton	168.59
Baginton	160.97
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	174.10
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	150.41
Bishops Tachbrook	165.08
Bubbenhall	162.57
Budbrooke	165.04
Bushwood	138.03
Cubbington	172.37
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	159.06
Hatton	149.25
Kenilworth	150.27
Lapworth	155.94
Leamington Spa	155.08
Leek Wootton	151.42
Norton Lindsey	159.12
Old Milverton & Blackdown	156.51
Radford Semele	161.94
Rowington	164.06
Shrewley	147.05
Stoneleigh & Ashow	151.47
Warwick	162.59
Weston-under-Wetherley	166.53
Whitnash	163.90

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate (*Warwick District Council plus parish/town council Council Tax for each parish/town council at Band D*).

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- (i) The amounts shown in Appendices 1 and 1a, attached, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands (*Warwick District Council plus parish/town council Council Tax for each parish/town council for each Band*).

4. *Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police Authority Precepts*

That it be noted that for the year 2008/09 Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Band	Warwickshire County Council £	Warwickshire Police Authority £
A	723.9848	109.7877
B	844.6489	128.0857
C	965.3130	146.3836
D	1,085.9772	164.6816
E	1,327.3054	201.2775
F	1,568.6337	237.8734
G	1,809.9619	274.4693
H	2,171.9543	329.3632

5. *Total Council Tax for the District for each Band in each Parish/Town Council*

That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 1.3(i) and 1.4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown in Appendix 2 as the amounts of council tax for the year 2008/09 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

781. HOUSING RENTS AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2008/09

It was moved and duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the recommendations set out in the minutes of the Executive held on 11 February 2008, regarding Housing Rents and Housing Revenue Account 2008/2009, be approved and adopted.

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782. COMMON SEAL

It was

RESOLVED that the Common Seal of Warwick District Council be affixed to such deeds and documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

(The meeting ended at 7.30 pm)

CHAIRMAN