

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22 February 2012, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Bunker (Chairman); Councillors Barrott, Boad, Mrs Bromley, Brookes, Caborn, Coker, Cross, Dagg, Davies, De-Lara-Bond, Dean, Doody, Edwards, Mrs Gallagher, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Mrs Grainger, Guest, Hammon, Heath, Mrs Higgins, Illingworth, Kinson, Mrs Knight, Mrs Mellor, Mobbs, Pittarello, Pratt, Mrs Sawdon, Shilton, Mrs Syson, Vincett, Weber, Weed, Wilkinson, Williams and Wreford-Bush..

Apologies for absence were received from Copping, Dhillon, Mrs Falp, Kirton, MacKay and Rhead.

82. **MRS A PITT**

The Chairman informed the Council that Mrs A Pitt, a current member of staff, from the Finance team had passed away on 9 February 2012. Mrs Pitt had worked for the Council for Council since May 1990.

The Chairman had written to her family offering the condolences on behalf of the Council and would be attending her funeral on Friday 24 February.

83. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute Number 89 – Housing Rents and Housing Revenue Account Budget 2012/13

Councillor Weed declared a personal interest because she was a Council tenant.

84. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 January 2012 were approved as a correct record.

85. **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements and communications:

- (1) The Chairman informed the Council that it was her intention for prayers to be offered before the start of Council meetings for the rest of her year in office. If they did not want to participate any Councillor or member of the public would be welcome to wait outside the Chamber until the prayers had been offered;
- (2) The Chairman reminded all Councillors about her theatre evening on 27 March 2012 at Priory Theatre Kenilworth; and
- (3) The Chairman informed Councillors that she would be holding a Councillors supper in the evening of 11 May 2012, the ticket price would be announced in due course.

(The Chairman explained that there had been no submissions for consideration under agenda: item 5, Petitions; item 6, Notices of Motion; item 7, Public Submissions; item 8, Questions to Committee Chairmen; and item 9, Questions to Portfolio Holders)

86. LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' STATEMENTS

- (A) Councillor Mrs Gallagher, Portfolio Holder for Cultural Services, informed Council that the boxing club at Warwick Race Course had lost its electricity supply. The Council had arranged for a generator to be installed to ensure that the building could be used in the short term as the Council was aware of commitments of the some of the club members which had to be met. The cost of the generator would be discussed with the relevant parties at a later date.
- (B) Councillor Shilton, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, advised members that they would shortly be receiving a briefing note which set out the timetable for the re-let of the major contracts. In response to a question from Councillor Boad on this matter Councillor Shilton explained that the information would be emailed to Councillors.
- (C) Councillor Shilton, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Service, expressed thanks on behalf of the Council to all the members of staff and contractors who had worked during the adverse weather to ensure that the home refuse and recycling collections operated as normal.
- (D) Councillor Coker, Portfolio Holder for Community Protection & Environment, informed members that a recent survey of the District's food outlets identified that 89% of premises were compliant with all relevant hygiene regulations. He reminded members that this was largely thanks to the regime of inspections carried out by the Council's food safety team.

87. QUESTIONS FOR THE LEADER

- (A) Councillor Edwards asked the Leader of the Council:

"That taken into account the current financial climate in the interest of sound financial planning an absolute maximum figure should be set for this Council's contribution to fighting HS2?"

In response, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Doody explained that he would prefer to spend no money on HS2. However because the Government want to proceed with this scheme which would have a negative effect on the whole of Warwick District there was a need to fight it. The Council would not be able to challenge the proposal on its own which was why it joined 51m and by doing so reduce the cost to the Council of fighting this scheme. To date not all the £100,000 allocated last year has been spent and if it was spent then I would ask the Council for more funds.

- (B) Councillor Boad asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

"Considering the Council's contribution of £100,000 to 51m would it be possible for Councillors to see the minutes of their meetings?"

In response, Councillor Doody explained that the Council needed to be careful to ensure that no information was inadvertently passed to HS2 but saw no

reason why Group Leaders could not be sent copies of these minutes for them to share with their Groups.

(C) Councillor Barrott asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

“Could the Leader provide the Council with an update on the lease of Racing Club Warwick?”

In response, Councillor Doody, explained that until this Council has received evidence that the Racing Club is fit and right by seeing their terms of reference, which despite a request the Council has not seen, then the lease cannot change and as long as they pay their rent, which they are, we will carry on as at present.

With regard to the boxing club, the Leader was informed by Councillor Dhillon that water got into the electrics but only the boxing club were affected.

88. **SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX**

(A) It was moved by Councillor Mobbs and duly seconded that the recommendations contained in the minute headed “Budget 2012/13 and Council Tax Revenue and Capital” as set out in the report of the Executive meeting held on 15 February 2012, be approved and adopted.

The original proposal was then put to and

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in minute 123 headed “Budget 2012/13 and Council Tax Revenue and Capital” as set out in the report of the Executive meeting held on 15 February 2012, be approved and adopted.

(B) It was moved by Councillor Mobbs, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the following recommendations set out in the report of the responsible financial officer be approved and adopted:

(1) ***Warwick District Council Budget***

That, (a) the revenue estimates for 2012/13 and (b) the capital programme for 2012/13, as set out in the budget reports (Executive recommendations 15th February 2012) and Estimates Book, be approved:-

(2) ***Warwick District Tax Base***

The Council notes the following amounts for the year 2012/13 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

(a) 53,460.83 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

Parish of-	Band 'D' Equivalents
Baddesley Clinton	90.38
Baginton	335.71
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	831.01
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	330.09
Bishops Tachbrook	1,024.31
Bubbenhall	325.65
Budbrooke	782.20
Burton Green	447.73
Bushwood	11.64
Cubbington	1,563.67
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	329.49
Hatton	965.22
Kenilworth	9,960.93
Lapworth	947.71
Leamington	17,101.43
Leek Wootton	530.61
Norton Lindsey	221.80
Old Milverton & Blackdown	237.47
Radford Semele	822.50
Rowington	543.40
Shrewley	432.30
Stoneleigh & Ashow	507.87
Warwick	11,826.02
Weston-under-Wetherley	194.62
Whitnash	3,097.07

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 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended:-

(a) £97,484,986

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2)(a) to (f) of the Act (*Gross Expenditure including parish/town council precepts*).

(b) £88,463,210

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) of the Act (*Gross Income*)

(c) £9,021,776

being the amount by which the aggregate at 2.3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2.3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax Requirement for the year.

(d) £168.75

being the amount at 2.3(c) above divided by the amount at 2.2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (*Average Warwick District Council Tax, including parish/town precepts*).

(e) £1,170,519

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

(f) £146.86

being the amount at 2.3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.3(e) above by the amount at 2.2(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*)

(g) Part of the Council's Area

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	Band D £
Baddesley Clinton	177.84
Baginton	169.98
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	182.93
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	175.57
Bishops Tachbrook	175.91
Bubbenhall	177.57
Budbrooke	177.38
Burton Green	169.94
Bushwood	146.86
Cubbington	172.44
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	161.73
Hatton	157.84
Kenilworth	165.01
Lapworth	164.48
Leamington Spa	164.64
Leek Wootton	160.55
Norton Lindsey	169.40
Old Milverton & Blackdown	164.55
Radford Semele	170.60
Rowington	184.46
Shrewley	162.51
Stoneleigh & Ashow	161.45
Warwick	173.06
Weston-under-Wetherley	200.81
Whitnash	178.65

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.3(f) 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 2.2(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*).

- (h) The amounts shown in Appendices 1 and 1a, attached, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.3(g) 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 2012/13 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	770.1639	120.6397
B	898.5245	140.7463
C	1,026.8852	160.8529
D	1,155.2458	180.9595
E	1,411.9671	221.1728
F	1,668.6884	261.3860
G	1,925.4096	301.5992
H	2,310.4915	361.9191

(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 2.3(g) and 2.4 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 2012/13 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

89. **HOUSING RENTS AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2011/12**

It was moved by Councillor Vincett, duly seconded that the recommendations contained in the Executive minute of 15 February 2012, be approved and adopted.

First Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Boad and duly seconded Recommendation 1, delete 8.39% and add 6.39% and the addition of a new recommendation 1a, The shortfall of circa £434,000 (2%), the product of the proposed original rent increase, is recovered by the proposed rent convergence date of 2016

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

The original proposal was then put to the vote and

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Executive of 15 February 2012 as set out in minute 125 be approved and adopted.

90. **HEATING, LIGHTING AND WATER CHARGES 2011/12 – COUNCIL TENANTS**

It was moved by Councillor Vincett, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Executive of 15 February 2012 as set out in minute 126 be approved and adopted.

91. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE**

The report of the Executive meeting of 11 January 2012, excluding minutes 110, 111 and 112 which had been considered at Council in January, was proposed by Councillor Doody, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report be approved.

That minute 124 of the Executive meeting of 15 February 2012 was proposed by Councillor Doody, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report be approved.

92. **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 7.50 pm)

CHAIRMAN
7 March 2012

Budget and Council Tax 2012/13
Calculation of Warwick District Council Element including Special Expenses

Appendix 1

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	BAND A £	BAND B £	BAND C £	BAND D £	BAND E £	BAND F £	BAND G £	BAND H £
Baddesley Clinton	118.56	138.32	158.08	177.84	217.36	256.88	296.40	355.68
Baginton	113.32	132.20	151.09	169.98	207.76	245.53	283.30	339.96
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	121.96	142.27	162.60	182.93	223.59	264.23	304.89	365.86
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	117.05	136.55	156.06	175.57	214.59	253.60	292.62	351.14
Bishops Tachbrook	117.28	136.81	156.36	175.91	215.01	254.09	293.19	351.82
Bubbenhall	118.38	138.11	157.84	177.57	217.03	256.49	295.95	355.14
Budbrooke	118.26	137.96	157.67	177.38	216.80	256.21	295.64	354.76
Burton Green	113.30	132.17	151.06	169.94	207.71	245.47	283.24	339.88
Bushwood	97.91	114.22	130.54	146.86	179.50	212.13	244.77	293.72
Cubbington	114.96	134.12	153.28	172.44	210.76	249.08	287.40	344.88
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	107.82	125.79	143.76	161.73	197.67	233.61	269.55	323.46
Hatton	105.23	122.76	140.30	157.84	192.92	227.99	263.07	315.68
Kenilworth	110.01	128.34	146.67	165.01	201.68	238.35	275.02	330.02
Lapworth	109.66	127.92	146.20	164.48	201.04	237.58	274.14	328.96
Leamington Spa	109.76	128.05	146.34	164.64	201.23	237.81	274.40	329.28
Leek Wootton	107.04	124.87	142.71	160.55	196.23	231.90	267.59	321.10
Norton Lindsey	112.94	131.75	150.58	169.40	207.05	244.69	282.34	338.80
Old Milverton & Blackdown	109.70	127.98	146.26	164.55	201.12	237.68	274.25	329.10
Radford Semele	113.74	132.68	151.64	170.60	208.52	246.42	284.34	341.20
Rowington	122.98	143.46	163.96	184.46	225.46	266.44	307.44	368.92
Shrewley	108.34	126.39	144.45	162.51	198.63	234.74	270.85	325.02
Stoneleigh & Ashow	107.64	125.57	143.51	161.45	197.33	233.20	269.09	322.90
Warwick	115.38	134.60	153.83	173.06	211.52	249.97	288.44	346.12
Weston-under-Wetherley	133.88	156.18	178.50	200.81	245.44	290.06	334.69	401.62
Whitnash	119.10	138.95	158.80	178.65	218.35	258.05	297.75	357.30
Proportion of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9

Budget and Council Tax 2012/13 District and Parish/Town Council Appendix 1a by Band

	BAND							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Warwick District Council	97.91	114.22	130.54	146.86	179.50	212.13	244.77	293.72
PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL								
Baddesley Clinton	20.65	24.10	27.54	30.98	37.86	44.75	51.63	61.96
Baginton	15.41	17.98	20.55	23.12	28.26	33.40	38.53	46.24
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	24.05	28.05	32.06	36.07	44.09	52.10	60.12	72.14
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	19.14	22.33	25.52	28.71	35.09	41.47	47.85	57.42
Bishops Tachbrook	19.37	22.59	25.82	29.05	35.51	41.96	48.42	58.10
Bubbenhall	20.47	23.89	27.30	30.71	37.53	44.36	51.18	61.42
Budbrooke	20.35	23.74	27.13	30.52	37.30	44.08	50.87	61.04
Burton Green	15.39	17.95	20.52	23.08	28.21	33.34	38.47	46.16
Bushwood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cubbington	17.05	19.90	22.74	25.58	31.26	36.95	42.63	51.16
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	9.91	11.57	13.22	14.87	18.17	21.48	24.78	29.74
Hatton	7.32	8.54	9.76	10.98	13.42	15.86	18.30	21.96
Kenilworth	12.10	14.12	16.13	18.15	22.18	26.22	30.25	36.30
Lapworth	11.75	13.70	15.66	17.62	21.54	25.45	29.37	35.24
Leamington Spa	11.85	13.83	15.80	17.78	21.73	25.68	29.63	35.56
Leek Wootton	9.13	10.65	12.17	13.69	16.73	19.77	22.82	27.38
Norton Lindsey	15.03	17.53	20.04	22.54	27.55	32.56	37.57	45.08
Old Milverton & Blackdown	11.79	13.76	15.72	17.69	21.62	25.55	29.48	35.38
Radford Semele	15.83	18.46	21.10	23.74	29.02	34.29	39.57	47.48
Rowington	25.07	29.24	33.42	37.60	45.96	54.31	62.67	75.20
Shrewley	10.43	12.17	13.91	15.65	19.13	22.61	26.08	31.30
Stoneleigh & Ashow	9.73	11.35	12.97	14.59	17.83	21.07	24.32	29.18
Warwick	17.47	20.38	23.29	26.20	32.02	37.84	43.67	52.40
Weston-under-Wetherley	35.97	41.96	47.96	53.95	65.94	77.93	89.92	107.90
Whitnash	21.19	24.73	28.26	31.79	38.85	45.92	52.98	63.58
Proportion of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9

**Council Tax Calculations 2012/13- Warwick District Council
Including Warwickshire County Council And Warwickshire Police Authority**

Appendix 2

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Baddesley Clinton	1,009.36	1,177.59	1,345.82	1,514.05	1,850.50	2,186.96	2,523.41	3,028.09
Baginton	1,004.12	1,171.47	1,338.83	1,506.19	1,840.90	2,175.61	2,510.31	3,012.37
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	1,012.76	1,181.54	1,350.34	1,519.14	1,856.73	2,194.31	2,531.90	3,038.27
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	1,007.85	1,175.82	1,343.80	1,511.78	1,847.73	2,183.68	2,519.63	3,023.55
Bishops Tachbrook	1,008.08	1,176.08	1,344.10	1,512.12	1,848.15	2,184.17	2,520.20	3,024.23
Bubbenhall	1,009.18	1,177.38	1,345.58	1,513.78	1,850.17	2,186.57	2,522.96	3,027.55
Budbrooke	1,009.06	1,177.23	1,345.41	1,513.59	1,849.94	2,186.29	2,522.65	3,027.17
Burton Green	1,004.10	1,171.44	1,338.80	1,506.15	1,840.85	2,175.55	2,510.25	3,012.29
Bushwood	988.71	1,153.49	1,318.28	1,483.07	1,812.64	2,142.21	2,471.78	2,966.13
Cubbington	1,005.76	1,173.39	1,341.02	1,508.65	1,843.90	2,179.16	2,514.41	3,017.29
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	998.62	1,165.06	1,331.50	1,497.94	1,830.81	2,163.69	2,496.56	2,995.87
Hatton	996.03	1,162.03	1,328.04	1,494.05	1,826.06	2,158.07	2,490.08	2,988.09
Kenilworth	1,000.81	1,167.61	1,334.41	1,501.22	1,834.82	2,168.43	2,502.03	3,002.43
Lapworth	1,000.46	1,167.19	1,333.94	1,500.69	1,834.18	2,167.66	2,501.15	3,001.37
Leamington Spa	1,000.56	1,167.32	1,334.08	1,500.85	1,834.37	2,167.89	2,501.41	3,001.69
Leek Wootton	997.84	1,164.14	1,330.45	1,496.76	1,829.37	2,161.98	2,494.60	2,993.51
Norton Lindsey	1,003.74	1,171.02	1,338.32	1,505.61	1,840.19	2,174.77	2,509.35	3,011.21
Old Milverton & Blackdown	1,000.50	1,167.25	1,334.00	1,500.76	1,834.26	2,167.76	2,501.26	3,001.51
Radford Semele	1,004.54	1,171.95	1,339.38	1,506.81	1,841.66	2,176.50	2,511.35	3,013.61
Rowington	1,013.78	1,182.73	1,351.70	1,520.67	1,858.60	2,196.52	2,534.45	3,041.33
Shrewley	999.14	1,165.66	1,332.19	1,498.72	1,831.77	2,164.82	2,497.86	2,997.43
Stoneleigh & Ashow	998.44	1,164.84	1,331.25	1,497.66	1,830.47	2,163.28	2,496.10	2,995.31
Warwick	1,006.18	1,173.87	1,341.57	1,509.27	1,844.66	2,180.05	2,515.45	3,018.53
Weston-under-Wetherley	1,024.68	1,195.45	1,366.24	1,537.02	1,878.58	2,220.14	2,561.70	3,074.03
Whitnash	1,009.90	1,178.22	1,346.54	1,514.86	1,851.49	2,188.13	2,524.76	3,029.71
Proportion of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9