

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23 February 2011, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor MacKay (Chairman); Councillors Barrott, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Mrs Bromley, Mrs Bunker, Caborn, Coker, Copping, Crowther, Davies, De-Lara-Bond, Ms Dean, Malcolm Doody, Michael Doody, Edwards, Mrs Gallagher, Gifford, Mrs Goode, Mrs Grainger, Guest, Hammon, Hatfield, Heath, Mrs Higgins, Illingworth, Kinson, Kirton, Mobbs, Pittarello, Pratt, Rhead, Mrs Sawdon, Scarrott, Shilton, Mrs Tyrrell, Vincett, Ms Weed and Wilkinson.

82. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dhillon, Mrs Falp, Gill, Harris, Mrs McFarland and Mrs Mellor.

83. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 January 2011, subject to an amendment to minute 80 to clarify the Leaders response, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

84. **SPENCER HARRISON**

At the request of the Chairman, Councillors Coker, Kirton, Crowther and Boad paid tribute to Spencer Harrison who was a former Councillor and Chairman of the Council who had passed away in December 2010.

85. **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- (A) The Chairman passed on the condolences and thoughts of the Council to Councillor Dhillon who's mother had passed away earlier in the week;
- (B) The Chairman thanked all Councillors and officers who had participated in the candidates events arranged by the Council ahead of the election in May; and
- (C) The Chairman announced that the Queen would be visiting the District on Friday 4 March to open the new justice centre in Royal Leamington Spa.

86. **LEADERS AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS STATEMENTS**

- (A) The Portfolio Holder for Housing & Property Services, Councillor Mrs Grainger, provided an update on the Service Improvement Plan introduced following the inspection by the Audit Commission. The Tenants Service Authority were very pleased with the progress of the Council and were hoping to sign the Council off by the end of March. To date only two of the 129 targets were outstanding and this was because of a need to set meetings in place.

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Mrs Grainger provided details of the renewable energy schemes being put in place on HRA properties, both individual dwellings and residential homes. The intention was to reduce the costs for both the Council and the tenants as well as reducing the carbon footprint of the Council.

- (B) The Portfolio Holder for Customer and Information Services, Councillor Caborn, announced that constructive discussions had taken place with CAB and that CAB would be involved in a review of the Council's assets within Leamington.

87. QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

- (A) Councillor Mrs Knight asked the Leader:

"If the Leader could provide the Council with his thoughts on the proposal from Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on the Community Programmes to the last Executive that £100,000 be made available as a reserve for those community organisations who are faced with reductions in their income. The provision of this money could be used to support those most needy because the loss of some of these organisations would place an increased demand on the Services of the Council."

In response, Councillor Michael Doody thanked Mrs Knight for this question because although they had discussed it privately, he felt it was beneficial for all that the public were aware of this matter. He believed that allocating a specific budget of £100,000 would send the wrong message that provisions were being withdrawn. However, there would also be a need for the Council to help well managed organisations because of the tough times being faced by all. Those organisations who asked for assistance would be considered on a case by case basis by the Executive and where necessary, funding would be found from the contingency budget.

- (B) Councillor Boad asked the Leader:

"Can the leader explain why the Older People and Physical Disabilities South Team at the County Council have been told not to put forward any new requests for aids and adaptations to occupational therapist for assessment in Warwick District for the next 9 months?"

Councillor Doody responded that he was not aware of this situation and would report to the next Council meeting, but to him this seemed unacceptable.

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 2011/12 and Council Tax Revenue and Capital" as set out in the report of the Executive meeting held on 9 February 2011, be approved and adopted.

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First Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Barrott and duly seconded that the budget as recommended be approved and adopted subject to:

The Executive being reduced from nine to seven members with a saving of £7,900, the current Travel Token Scheme being stopped from the new financial year to save £43,000 and using these savings along with £20,000 from the contingency budget to fund a new Community Taxi Scheme.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Second amendment

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Knight and duly seconded that the decision on the proposed additional funding of £50,000 for the HS2 campaign be deferred to enable a report to be brought forward so that the proposal could be properly scrutinised.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

The original proposal was then put to and

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in minute 131 headed "Budget 2010/11 and Council Tax Revenue and Capital" as set out in the report of the Executive meeting held on 9 February 2011, 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 the following, as set out in the budget reports (Executive recommendations 9th February 2011) as amended and Estimates Book (as circulated at this meeting, or forwarded electronically dependent upon individual member preference), be approved:-

- (a) the revenue estimates for 2011/12
- (b) the capital programme for 2011/12;

(2) **Warwick District Tax Base**

The Council notes the following amounts for the year 2011/12 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

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(a) 53,260.72 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	86.44
Baginton	335.80
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	834.48
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	327.58
Bishops Tachbrook	1,016.46
Bubbenhall	325.09
Budbrooke	784.42
Bushwood	11.64
Cubbington	1,560.64
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	328.00
Hatton	958.73
Kenilworth	9,964.81
Lapworth	951.08
Leamington	16,944.90
Leek Wootton	532.59
Norton Lindsey	219.74
Old Milverton & Blackdown	236.56
Radford Semele	821.40
Rowington	542.15
Shrewley	432.69
Stoneleigh & Ashow	954.55
Warwick	11,794.01
Weston-under-Wetherley	196.46
Whitnash	3,100.50

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 2011/12 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-

(a) £98,014,935.00

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*

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Expenditure including parish/town council precepts).

(b) £81,047,085.00

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) £16,967,850.00

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 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year (*Net Expenditure including parish/town council precepts*);

(d) £8,029,438.00

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 adjusted by the amount which the Council estimates (£ zero for 2011/12) 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) £167.82

being the amount at 2.3(c) above less the amount at 2.3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2.2(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 council precepts*);

(f) £ 1,116,543.00

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

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(g) £146.86

being the amount at 2.3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.3(f) 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*);

(h) Part of the Council's Area

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	Band D £
Baddesley Clinton	179.25
Baginton	169.97
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	182.93
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	159.33
Bishops Tachbrook	176.14
Bubbenhall	177.62
Budbrooke	177.29
Bushwood	146.86
Cubbington	172.49
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	186.68
Hatton	157.92
Kenilworth	161.36
Lapworth	164.42
Leamington Spa	164.19
Leek Wootton	160.50
Norton Lindsey	169.61
Old Milverton & Blackdown	164.61
Radford Semele	170.63
Rowington	183.21
Shrewley	161.62
Stoneleigh & Ashow	173.52
Warwick	172.46
Weston-under-Wetherley	192.01
Whitnash	176.34

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.3(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 2.2(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 2.3(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 2011/12 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	116.0642
B	898.5245	135.4083
C	1,026.8852	154.7523
D	1,155.2458	174.0964
E	1,411.9671	212.7844
F	1,668.6884	251.4725
G	1,925.4096	290.1606
H	2,310.4915	348.1927

(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(i) 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 2011/12 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

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

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Grainger, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Executive of 9 February 2011 as set out in minute 132 be approved and adopted.

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

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Grainger, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Executive of 9 February 2011 as set out in minute 133 be approved and adopted.

91. EXECUTIVE

(A) It was moved by Councillor Michael Doody, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Executive, 6 January 2011 excluding minutes 101, 102, 103, 104, 105 and 106 which had previously been considered by Council in January, be approved and adopted.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive of 26 January 2011 be approved and adopted.

(C) It was moved by Councillor Michael Doody, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that minutes 130 and 134 of the Executive of 9 February 2011 be approved and adopted.

92. SECTION 92, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In addition to Members who had disclosed their interest in the minutes of the Executive and Committees, the following declared their interest in respect of the item as shown. Where the interest is shown with an *, the Member involved left the meeting during the discussion and voting on the item.

Subject	Person Declaring Interest
Minute number 88(A) Setting of the Council Tax	*Councillor Heath declared a personal and prejudicial interest on the first amendment because as Taxi/Private Hire Driver he would be affected by this decision

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Minute Number 89 – Setting of Housing Rents and Revenue Account Budget 2011/12

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

93. **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 7.45pm)

CHAIRMAN
9 March 2011

Budget and Council Tax 2011/12
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	119.50	139.41	159.33	179.25	219.09	258.92	298.75	358.50
Baginton	113.32	132.19	151.08	169.97	207.75	245.51	283.29	339.94
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	121.96	142.27	162.60	182.93	223.59	264.23	304.89	365.86
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	106.22	123.92	141.62	159.33	194.74	230.14	265.55	318.66
Bishops Tachbrook	117.43	136.99	156.57	176.14	215.29	254.42	293.57	352.28
Bubbenhall	118.42	138.14	157.88	177.62	217.10	256.56	296.04	355.24
Budbrooke	118.20	137.89	157.59	177.29	216.69	256.08	295.49	354.58
Bushwood	97.91	114.22	130.54	146.86	179.50	212.13	244.77	293.72
Cubbington	115.00	134.15	153.32	172.49	210.83	249.15	287.49	344.98
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	124.46	145.19	165.94	186.68	228.17	269.65	311.14	373.36
Hatton	105.28	122.82	140.37	157.92	193.02	228.11	263.20	315.84
Kenilworth	107.58	125.50	143.43	161.36	197.22	233.07	268.94	322.72
Lapworth	109.62	127.88	146.15	164.42	200.96	237.49	274.04	328.84
Leamington Spa	109.46	127.70	145.94	164.19	200.68	237.16	273.65	328.38
Leek Wootton	107.00	124.83	142.66	160.50	196.17	231.83	267.50	321.00
Norton Lindsey	113.08	131.91	150.76	169.61	207.31	244.99	282.69	339.22
Old Milverton & Blackdown	109.74	128.03	146.32	164.61	201.19	237.77	274.35	329.22
Radford Semele	113.76	132.71	151.67	170.63	208.55	246.46	284.39	341.26
Rowington	122.14	142.49	162.85	183.21	223.93	264.64	305.35	366.42
Shrewley	107.75	125.70	143.66	161.62	197.54	233.45	269.37	323.24
Stoneleigh & Ashow	115.68	134.96	154.24	173.52	212.08	250.64	289.20	347.04
Warwick	114.98	134.13	153.30	172.46	210.79	249.11	287.44	344.92
Weston-under-Wetherley	128.01	149.34	170.67	192.01	234.68	277.35	320.02	384.02
Whitnash	117.56	137.15	156.74	176.34	215.53	254.71	293.90	352.68
Proportion of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)**Budget and Council Tax 2011/12
District and Parish/Town Council by Band****Appendix 1a**

	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND 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	21.59	25.19	28.79	32.39	39.59	46.79	53.98	64.78
Baginton	15.41	17.97	20.54	23.11	28.25	33.38	38.52	46.22
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	24.05	28.05	32.06	36.07	44.09	52.10	60.12	72.14
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	8.31	9.70	11.08	12.47	15.24	18.01	20.78	24.94
Bishops Tachbrook	19.52	22.77	26.03	29.28	35.79	42.29	48.80	58.56
Bubbenhall	20.51	23.92	27.34	30.76	37.60	44.43	51.27	61.52
Budbrooke	20.29	23.67	27.05	30.43	37.19	43.95	50.72	60.86
Bushwood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cubbington	17.09	19.93	22.78	25.63	31.33	37.02	42.72	51.26
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	26.55	30.97	35.40	39.82	48.67	57.52	66.37	79.64
Hatton	7.37	8.60	9.83	11.06	13.52	15.98	18.43	22.12
Kenilworth	9.67	11.28	12.89	14.50	17.72	20.94	24.17	29.00
Lapworth	11.71	13.66	15.61	17.56	21.46	25.36	29.27	35.12
Leamington Spa	11.55	13.48	15.40	17.33	21.18	25.03	28.88	34.66
Leek Wootton	9.09	10.61	12.12	13.64	16.67	19.70	22.73	27.28
Norton Lindsey	15.17	17.69	20.22	22.75	27.81	32.86	37.92	45.50
Old Milverton & Blackdown	11.83	13.81	15.78	17.75	21.69	25.64	29.58	35.50
Radford Semele	15.85	18.49	21.13	23.77	29.05	34.33	39.62	47.54
Rowington	24.23	28.27	32.31	36.35	44.43	52.51	60.58	72.70
Shrewley	9.84	11.48	13.12	14.76	18.04	21.32	24.60	29.52
Stoneleigh & Ashow	17.77	20.74	23.70	26.66	32.58	38.51	44.43	53.32
Warwick	17.07	19.91	22.76	25.60	31.29	36.98	42.67	51.20
Weston-under-Wetherley	30.10	35.12	40.13	45.15	55.18	65.22	75.25	90.30
Whitnash	19.65	22.93	26.20	29.48	36.03	42.58	49.13	58.96
Proportion of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)**Council Tax Calculations 2011/12 - 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	1,005.72	1,173.34	1,340.97	1,508.60	1,843.84	2,179.08	2,514.32	3,017.18
Baginton	999.54	1,166.12	1,332.72	1,499.32	1,832.50	2,165.67	2,498.86	2,998.62
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	1,008.18	1,176.20	1,344.24	1,512.28	1,848.34	2,184.39	2,520.46	3,024.54
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	992.44	1,157.85	1,323.26	1,488.68	1,819.49	2,150.30	2,481.12	2,977.34
Bishops Tachbrook	1,003.65	1,170.92	1,338.21	1,505.49	1,840.04	2,174.58	2,509.14	3,010.96
Bubbenhall	1,004.64	1,172.07	1,339.52	1,506.97	1,841.85	2,176.72	2,511.61	3,013.92
Budbrooke	1,004.42	1,171.82	1,339.23	1,506.64	1,841.44	2,176.24	2,511.06	3,013.26
Bushwood	984.13	1,148.15	1,312.18	1,476.21	1,804.25	2,132.29	2,460.34	2,952.40
Cubbington	1,001.22	1,168.08	1,334.96	1,501.84	1,835.58	2,169.31	2,503.06	3,003.66
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	1,010.68	1,179.12	1,347.58	1,516.03	1,852.92	2,189.81	2,526.71	3,032.04
Hatton	991.50	1,156.75	1,322.01	1,487.27	1,817.77	2,148.27	2,478.77	2,974.52
Kenilworth	993.80	1,159.43	1,325.07	1,490.71	1,821.97	2,153.23	2,484.51	2,981.40
Lapworth	995.84	1,161.81	1,327.79	1,493.77	1,825.71	2,157.65	2,489.61	2,987.52
Leamington Spa	995.68	1,161.63	1,327.58	1,493.54	1,825.43	2,157.32	2,489.22	2,987.06
Leek Wootton	993.22	1,158.76	1,324.30	1,489.85	1,820.92	2,151.99	2,483.07	2,979.68
Norton Lindsey	999.30	1,165.84	1,332.40	1,498.96	1,832.06	2,165.15	2,498.26	2,997.90
Old Milverton & Blackdown	995.96	1,161.96	1,327.96	1,493.96	1,825.94	2,157.93	2,489.92	2,987.90
Radford Semele	999.98	1,166.64	1,333.31	1,499.98	1,833.30	2,166.62	2,499.96	2,999.94
Rowington	1,008.36	1,176.42	1,344.49	1,512.56	1,848.68	2,184.80	2,520.92	3,025.10
Shrewley	993.97	1,159.63	1,325.30	1,490.97	1,822.29	2,153.61	2,484.94	2,981.92
Stoneleigh & Ashow	1,001.90	1,168.89	1,335.88	1,502.87	1,836.83	2,170.80	2,504.77	3,005.72
Warwick	1,001.20	1,168.06	1,334.94	1,501.81	1,835.54	2,169.27	2,503.01	3,003.60
Weston-under-Wetherley	1,014.23	1,183.27	1,352.31	1,521.36	1,859.43	2,197.51	2,535.59	3,042.70
Whitnash	1,003.78	1,171.08	1,338.38	1,505.69	1,840.28	2,174.87	2,509.47	3,011.36
Proportion of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9