

# WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 22 February 2007, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Evans (Chair); Councillors Ashford, Mrs Begg, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Mrs Bunker, Caborn, Chander, Cockburn, Coker, Mrs Compton, Copping, Crowther, Davies, Davis, Ms De-Lara-Bond, Doody, Mrs Falp, Ms Flanagan, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Guest, Hammon, Harris, Hatfield, Holland, Kinson, Kirton, Mrs Knight, MacKay, Mrs McFarland, Mrs Mellor, Pratt, Sandhar, Shilton, Smith, Tamlin and Vincett.

## 739. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Edwards, Ms Hirsch, Mrs Hodgetts and Mrs Sawdon.

## 740. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 January 2007, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair.

## 741. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A) The Chairman announced that the Council had been successful in being awarded the Primary level of the West Midlands Local Government Association's Members Development Charter as a result of the assessment carried out earlier that day. He thanked the many Councillors who had participated in the assessment for their involvement.

(B) The Chairman referred to the recent deaths of former Councillors John Higgins and William Boxley, who had been long serving members of the Council and past Chairmen.

On behalf of their group, Councillor Kirton, Crowther, Boad and Coker paid tribute to them for their long and distinguished services to the Council and district.

(C) The Chair referred to the antiques roadshow event being held on Friday, 9 March 2007 in the Town Hall and the theatre night on Thursday, 29 March 2007 at the Loft Theatre, Leamington Spa. Both were being held in aid of his charities, and the Chair encouraged as many Councillors as possible to attend.

(D) The Chair also referred to an event being held on Thursday, 5 April 2007 entitled 'Climate Change - Our Challenge'. This would be an important district-wide event and would be held in the Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa.

## **COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)**

### **742. SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX 2007/08**

It was moved by Councillor Crowther, duly seconded and

#### **RESOLVED** that

- (1) the recommendations contained in the Minute headed "Budget 2007/2008 and Council Tax – Revenue and Capital", as set out in the report of the Executive held on 12 February 2007, be adopted; and
  - (2) the following recommendations set out in the report of the Responsible Financial Officer, be adopted:
1. ***Warwick District Council Budget***  
That the following, as set out in the budget reports (Executive recommendations 12 February 2007) and Estimates Book (circulated to members separately), be approved:-
  - (a) the revenue estimates for 2007/08
  - (b) the capital programme for 2007/08
2. ***Warwick District Tax Base***  
The Council notes the following amounts for the year 2007/08 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
  - (a) 51,581.83 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

<b>Parish of</b>	<b>Band 'D' Equivalents</b>
Baddesley Clinton	84.87
Baginton	335.22
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	761.10
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	306.12
Bishops Tachbrook	998.26
Bubbenhall	324.37
Budbrooke	908.03
Bushwood	12.34
Cubbington	1,551.43
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury and Weston-under-Wetherley	506.89
Hatton	816.59
Kenilworth	9,910.42
Lapworth	935.37
Leamington	16,290.85

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Leek Wootton	519.83
Norton Lindsey	174.52
Old Milverton & Blackdown	229.53
Radford Semele	804.76
Rowington	510.85
Shrewley	415.59
Stoneleigh & Ashow	792.39
Warwick	11,163.06
Whitnash	3,229.44

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 2007/08 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) £80,177,130.60 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) £62,253,409.00 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) £17,923,721.60 being the amount by which the aggregate at 1.3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 1.3(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) £10,131,647.00 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) £151.06 being the amount at 1.3(c) above less the amount at 1.3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 1.2(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) £978,630.60 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (*Total parish/town council precepts*)
- (g) £132.09 being the amount at 1.3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 1.3(f) above by the amount at 1.2(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**

<b>PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL</b>	<b>BAND D £</b>
Baddesley Clinton	161.55
Baginton	154.46
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	166.11
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	144.67
Bishops Tachbrook	158.96
Bubbenhall	152.73
Budbrooke	155.99
Bushwood	132.09
Cubbington	166.25
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury and Weston-under-Wetherley	160.67
Hatton	145.44
Kenilworth	143.86
Lapworth	149.20
Leamington Spa	148.40
Leek Wootton	145.02
Norton Lindsey	157.88
Old Milverton & Blackdown	150.39
Radford Semele	155.61
Rowington	155.59
Shrewley	140.13
Stoneleigh & Ashow	146.84
Warwick	156.23
Whitnash	155.65

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 1.3(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 1.2(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 1.3(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 2007/08 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	696.8087	97.2654
B	812.9435	113.4762
C	929.0783	129.6871
D	1,045.2131	145.8980
E	1,277.4827	178.3198
F	1,509.7523	210.7416
G	1,742.0219	243.1634
H	2,090.4262	291.7961

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 2007/08 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

## 743. **HOUSING RENTS AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2007/08**

It was moved by Councillor Boad, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations set out in the minutes of the Executive held on 12 February 2007, regarding Housing Rents and Housing Revenue Account 2007/2008, be approved and adopted.

**COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)**

**744. 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 7.45 pm)

CHAIR