

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 February 2013, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.05 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Kinson (Chairman); Councillors Barrott, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Brookes, Mrs Bunker, Caborn, Coker, Copping, Cross, Davies, Ms De-Lara-Bond, Dean, Doody, Edwards, Mrs Falp, Mrs Gallagher, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Guest, Hammon, Heath, Mrs Higgins, Illingworth, Kirton, MacKay, Mobbs, Pittarello, Sawdon, Shilton, Mrs Syson, Vincett, Weed, Wilkinson, Williams and Wreford-Bush.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Bromley, Mrs Grainger, Mrs Knight, Mrs Mellor and Weber.

70. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

71. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

At the request of the Chairman Councillor Doody, Leader of the Executive responded to two previous questions which he had been unable to respond to at the time:

- (a) In response to the question regarding the low lighting level in the Chamber, the Leader explained that this had been caused by engineers servicing the lighting and failing to reset the lights to the correct level; and
- (b) In response to the question from Councillor Rhead regarding the sustainability plan and Manager he informed Council he had responded to Councillor Rhead in writing and would circulate the response to all Councillors.

72. **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements and communications:

- (1) The Chairman reminded all Councillors about the roll out from 1 April and encouraged them to attend one of the recycling roadshows; and
- (2) The Chairman informed the Council that the Warwick School Under 18s and Under 15s Rugby teams had both reached the semi final of the national school championships.

(The Chairman explained that there had been no submissions for consideration under agenda: item 5, Public Interest Debate; item 6, Petitions; item 7 Notices of Motion; item 8, Public Submissions; item 9, Questions to Committee Chairmen; and item 10, Questions to Portfolio Holders.)

73. **LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' STATEMENTS**

Councillor Vincett, Portfolio Holder for Housing & Property Services, updated Council on the delivery of the Housing and Property Services strategic objectives as laid out in the Housing Business Plan of delivering more affordable homes and continuing investment in existing housing – both Council owned and private sector.

In 2012 22 new affordable homes had been completed in Leamington, and a further 95 new homes were planned for completion across the District by the end of 2013. In addition to the W2 Joint Venture and working with other registered providers, the Housing & Property Services Department had also embarked on a project with PWC to find out how to accelerate and increase the number of new homes to be delivered by the Business Plan.

As well as new build, Housing & Property Services had a variety of work streams which were increasing the availability of housing in the District. For example, they had released 24 under occupied bedrooms via the Tenants Incentive Grant scheme and brought back 47 private sector empty properties into use.

As well as maintaining the existing Council portfolio to a high standard, they were embarking on ambitious and exciting energy efficiency projects including installing 170 PV Panels and 26 Biomass Boilers which they had won an award for. They were supporting customers and residents to sustain their tenancies and to continue to live in safe and comfortable environment. Customers were at the heart of what they did and having just completed the largest ever customer satisfaction survey, they had achieved an overall satisfaction score from tenants of 87%.

This had all been achieved and more, whilst out performing the Business Plan which was currently forecasting a surplus over 50 years of around £9m.

Councillor Shilton, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, made two announcements:

- (i) He reminded Council that the new major contracts started from 1 April 2013 and that there was a briefing for all Councillors about this on 4 March 2013, before Group meetings; and
- (ii) He informed Council that he had received a letter of thanks from the Chairman of Warwickshire County Council, Councillor Doody, for the work undertaken by Warwick District Council and its contractors to keep the Town Centres clear of snow during the recent adverse weather.

74. **QUESTIONS FOR THE LEADER**

Councillor Boad asked the Leader of the Council:

“If he knew that Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service would be hardwiring fire alarms to Council properties and that it was not acceptable for District Councillors to find out about this via a tweet from Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service”

In response, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Doody, explained that he was not aware of this and agreed with sentiment that District Councillors should not have found out through a tweet by Fire & Rescue Service.

Councillor Barrott asked the Leader of the Council:

“If in relation to recommendation 2.8 of the budget papers regarding the Job Skills and Economic Delivery Plan that there will be consideration to a Local Enterprise Zone in the Sydenham Estate?”

In response, Councillor Doody explained that he had visited this site as part of the Local Plan coach trip for Councillors. It was envisaged that this site was likely to be within the Local Plan, possibly for housing, because it was a brown field site, or as part of an enterprise zone, however, the Council would have to wait to see any proposals in the Local Plan in a couple of months time.

76. **SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX 2013/14**

- (A) It was moved by Councillor Mobbs and duly seconded that the recommendations contained in the minute headed “Budget 2013/14 and Council Tax Revenue and Capital” as set out in the report of the Executive meeting held on 13 February 2013, be approved and adopted.

The original proposal was then put and

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in minute 145 headed “Budget 2013/14 and Council Tax Revenue and Capital” as set out in the report of the Executive meeting held on 13 February 2013, 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:

(i) **Warwick District Council Budget**

That the following, as set out in the budget reports and Estimates Book ((a) the revenue estimates for 2013/14 and (b) the capital programme for 2013/14), be approved:-

(ii) **Warwick District Tax Base**

The Council notes the following amounts for the year 2013/14 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) £48,530.30 being the amount calculated, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 as amended, as its council tax base for the year;

(b) Part of the Council's Area

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	Band D Equivalents
Baddesley Clinton	£76.27
Baginton	£294.70
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	£767.65
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	£320.44
Bishops Tachbrook	£951.16
Bubbenhall	£312.26
Budbrooke	£741.51
Burton Green	£429.51
Bushwood	£10.73
Cubbington	£1,440.17
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	£287.62
Hatton	£929.99
Kenilworth	£9,372.31
Lapworth	£940.86
Leamington Spa	£14,856.25
Leek Wootton	£525.68
Norton Lindsey	£214.50
Old Milverton & Blackdown	£189.94
Radford Semele	£784.56
Rowington	£528.07
Shrewley	£414.52
Stoneleigh & Ashow	£512.16
Warwick	£10,665.45
Weston-under-Wetherley	£191.07

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

(iii) **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 2013/14 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended:-

- (a) £91,497,695 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) £83,248,240 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) £8,249,455, being the amount by which the aggregate at (iii) (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (iii) (b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax Requirement for the year;
- (d) £169.99, being the amount at (iii) (c) above divided by the amount at (ii) (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) £1,122,295, 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 (iii) (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (iii) (e) above by the amount at (ii) (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	£183.57
Baginton	£172.64
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	£184.73
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	£173.3
Bishops Tachbrook	£175.93
Bubbenhall	£180.42
Budbrooke	£177.97
Burton Green	£169.79
Bushwood	£146.86
Cubbington	£174.63
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	£171.89
Hatton	£157.84
Kenilworth	£165.36
Lapworth	£164.46
Leamington Spa	£165.26
Leek Wootton	£160.67
Norton Lindsey	£170.17
Old Milverton & Blackdown	£252.16
Radford Semele	£170.69
Rowington	£185.55

Shrewley	£162.56
Stoneleigh & Ashow	£177.62
Warwick	£174.12
Weston-under-Wetherley	£183.42
Whitnash	£179.74

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (iii)(f) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above (3.e) divided in each case by the amount at (ii)(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 in Appendices 1 and 1a of the minutes being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (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*).

(iv) **Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Precepts**

That it be noted that for the year 2013/14 Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner 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 and Crime Commissioner
A	£770.1638	£120.6397
B	£898.5245	£140.7463
C	£1,026.8851	£160.8529
D	£1,155.2458	£180.9595
E	£1,411.9671	£221.1728
F	£1,668.6883	£261.3860
G	£1,925.4096	£301.5992
H	£2,310.4915	£361.9191

(v) **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 (iii)(g) and (iv) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown in Appendix 2 to the minutes as the amounts of council tax for the year 2013/14 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

77. **HOUSING RENTS AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2012/13**

It was moved by Councillor Vincett, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Executive of 13 February 2013 as set out in minute 146 be approved and adopted.

78. **HEATING, LIGHTING AND WATER CHARGES 2012/13 – COUNCIL TENANTS**

It was moved by Councillor Vincett, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Executive of 13 February 2013 as set out in minute 147 be approved and adopted.

79. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PLAN 2013/14**

It was moved by Councillor Mobbs, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Executive of 13 February 2013 as set out in minute 148 be approved and adopted.

80. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE**

The report of the Executive meeting of 9 January, (excluding minutes 123 and 125 that were considered by Council on 23 January 2013), were proposed by Councillor Doody duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report be approved.

81. **MEMBERSHIP OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that Councillor Williams be appointed to the Planning Committee in place of Councillor Cross and Councillor Cross be appointed as a substitute to the Planning Committee in place of Councillor Williams.

82. **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
6 March 2013

Budget and Council Tax 2013/14

Calculation of Warwick District Council Element including Special Expenses

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Baddesley Clinton	122.38	142.77	163.17	183.57	224.37	265.16	305.95	367.14
Baginton	115.10	134.27	153.46	172.64	211.01	249.37	287.74	345.28
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	123.16	143.67	164.20	184.73	225.79	266.83	307.89	369.46
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	115.54	134.78	154.04	173.30	211.82	250.32	288.84	346.60
Bishops Tachbrook	117.29	136.83	156.38	175.93	215.03	254.12	293.22	351.86
Bubbenhall	120.28	140.32	160.37	180.42	220.52	260.61	300.70	360.84
Budbrooke	118.65	138.42	158.19	177.97	217.52	257.07	296.62	355.94
Burton Green	113.20	132.05	150.92	169.79	207.53	245.25	282.99	339.58
Bushwood	97.91	114.22	130.54	146.86	179.50	212.13	244.77	293.72
Cubbington	116.42	135.82	155.22	174.63	213.44	252.24	291.05	349.26
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	114.60	133.69	152.79	171.89	210.09	248.28	286.49	343.78
Hatton	105.23	122.76	140.30	157.84	192.92	227.99	263.07	315.68
Kenilworth	110.24	128.61	146.98	165.36	202.11	238.85	275.60	330.72
Lapworth	109.64	127.91	146.18	164.46	201.01	237.55	274.10	328.92
Leamington Spa	110.18	128.53	146.90	165.26	201.99	238.71	275.44	330.52
Leek Wootton	107.12	124.96	142.82	160.67	196.38	232.08	267.79	321.34
Norton Lindsey	113.45	132.35	151.26	170.17	207.99	245.80	283.62	340.34
Old Milverton & Blackdown	168.11	196.12	224.14	252.16	308.20	364.23	420.27	504.32
Radford Semele	113.80	132.75	151.72	170.69	208.63	246.55	284.49	341.38
Rowington	123.70	144.31	164.93	185.55	226.79	268.02	309.25	371.10
Shrewley	108.38	126.43	144.50	162.56	198.69	234.81	270.94	325.12
Stoneleigh & Ashow	118.42	138.14	157.88	177.62	217.10	256.56	296.04	355.24
Warwick	116.08	135.42	154.77	174.12	212.82	251.51	290.20	348.24
Weston-under-Wetherley	122.28	142.66	163.04	183.42	224.18	264.94	305.70	366.84
Whitnash	119.83	139.79	159.77	179.74	219.69	259.62	299.57	359.48
Proportion of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9

Budget and Council Tax 20131/4 District and Parish/Town Council by Band

	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	24.47	28.55	32.63	36.71	44.87	53.03	61.18	73.42
Baginton	17.19	20.05	22.92	25.78	31.51	37.24	42.97	51.56
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	25.25	29.45	33.66	37.87	46.29	54.70	63.12	75.74
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	17.63	20.56	23.50	26.44	32.32	38.19	44.07	52.88
Bishops Tachbrook	19.38	22.61	25.84	29.07	35.53	41.99	48.45	58.14
Bubbenhall	22.37	26.10	29.83	33.56	41.02	48.48	55.93	67.12
Budbrooke	20.74	24.20	27.65	31.11	38.02	44.94	51.85	62.22
Burton Green	15.29	17.83	20.38	22.93	28.03	33.12	38.22	45.86
Bushwood								
Cubbington	18.51	21.60	24.68	27.77	33.94	40.11	46.28	55.54
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	16.69	19.47	22.25	25.03	30.59	36.15	41.72	50.06
Hatton	7.32	8.54	9.76	10.98	13.42	15.86	18.30	21.96
Kenilworth	12.33	14.39	16.44	18.50	22.61	26.72	30.83	37.00
Lapworth	11.73	13.69	15.64	17.60	21.51	25.42	29.33	35.20
Leamington Spa	12.27	14.31	16.36	18.40	22.49	26.58	30.67	36.80
Leek Wootton	9.21	10.74	12.28	13.81	16.88	19.95	23.02	27.62
Norton Lindsey	15.54	18.13	20.72	23.31	28.49	33.67	38.85	46.62
Old Milverton & Blackdown	70.20	81.90	93.60	105.30	128.70	152.10	175.50	210.60
Radford Semele	15.89	18.53	21.18	23.83	29.13	34.42	39.72	47.66
Rowington	25.79	30.09	34.39	38.69	47.29	55.89	64.48	77.38
Shrewley	10.47	12.21	13.96	15.70	19.19	22.68	26.17	31.40
Stoneleigh & Ashow	20.51	23.92	27.34	30.76	37.60	44.43	51.27	61.52
Warwick	18.17	21.20	24.23	27.26	33.32	39.38	45.43	54.52
Weston-under-Wetherley	24.37	28.44	32.50	36.56	44.68	52.81	60.93	73.12
Whitnash	21.92	25.57	29.23	32.88	40.19	47.49	54.80	65.76
Proportion of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9

Appendix 2

**Council Tax Calculations 2013/14 Warwick District Council
Including Warwickshire County Council And Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner**

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Baddesley Clinton	1,013.18	1,182.04	1,350.91	1,519.78	1,857.51	2,195.24	2,532.96	3,039.55
Baginton	1,005.90	1,173.54	1,341.20	1,508.85	1,844.15	2,179.45	2,514.75	3,017.69
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	1,013.96	1,182.94	1,351.94	1,520.94	1,858.93	2,196.91	2,534.90	3,041.87
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	1,006.34	1,174.05	1,341.78	1,509.51	1,844.96	2,180.40	2,515.85	3,019.01
Bishops Tachbrook	1,008.09	1,176.10	1,344.12	1,512.14	1,848.17	2,184.20	2,520.23	3,024.27
Bubbenhall	1,011.08	1,179.59	1,348.11	1,516.63	1,853.66	2,190.69	2,527.71	3,033.25
Budbrooke	1,009.45	1,177.69	1,345.93	1,514.18	1,850.66	2,187.15	2,523.63	3,028.35
Burton Green	1,004.00	1,171.32	1,338.66	1,506.00	1,840.67	2,175.33	2,510.00	3,011.99
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	1,007.22	1,175.09	1,342.96	1,510.84	1,846.58	2,182.32	2,518.06	3,021.67
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	1,005.40	1,172.96	1,340.53	1,508.10	1,843.23	2,178.36	2,513.50	3,016.19
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	1,001.04	1,167.88	1,334.72	1,501.57	1,835.25	2,168.93	2,502.61	3,003.13
Lapworth	1,000.44	1,167.18	1,333.92	1,500.67	1,834.15	2,167.63	2,501.11	3,001.33
Leamington Spa	1,000.98	1,167.80	1,334.64	1,501.47	1,835.13	2,168.79	2,502.45	3,002.93
Leek Wootton	997.92	1,164.23	1,330.56	1,496.88	1,829.52	2,162.16	2,494.80	2,993.75
Norton Lindsey	1,004.25	1,171.62	1,339.00	1,506.38	1,841.13	2,175.88	2,510.63	3,012.75
Old Milverton & Blackdown	1,058.91	1,235.39	1,411.88	1,588.37	1,941.34	2,294.31	2,647.28	3,176.73
Radford Semele	1,004.60	1,172.02	1,339.46	1,506.90	1,841.77	2,176.63	2,511.50	3,013.79
Rowington	1,014.50	1,183.58	1,352.67	1,521.76	1,859.93	2,198.10	2,536.26	3,043.51
Shrewley	999.18	1,165.70	1,332.24	1,498.77	1,831.83	2,164.89	2,497.95	2,997.53
Stoneleigh & Ashow	1,009.22	1,177.41	1,345.62	1,513.83	1,850.24	2,186.64	2,523.05	3,027.65
Warwick	1,006.88	1,174.69	1,342.51	1,510.33	1,845.96	2,181.59	2,517.21	3,020.65
Weston-under-Wetherley	1,013.08	1,181.93	1,350.78	1,519.63	1,857.32	2,195.02	2,532.71	3,039.25
Whitnash	1,010.63	1,179.06	1,347.51	1,515.95	1,852.83	2,189.70	2,526.58	3,031.89
Proportion of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9