

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 23 February 2006, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

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

767. PRAYER

A prayer was offered by the Chairman's Chaplain.

768. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Edwards.

769. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 January 2006, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman subject, in minute 762 (Standards Committee) to the addition of the decision to write to the Standards Board for England expressing the Council's serious concerns over the information the Board had provided to the press regarding the complaints made against the conduct of two District Councillors who, following investigation, had been found not to have breached the Code of Conduct.

770. SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX 2006/07

It was moved by Councillor Crowther, and duly seconded that the recommendations set out in the minutes of the report of the Executive, held on 13 February 2006 regarding the budget 2006/07 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 3(B) of the agenda, be approved and adopted.

(A) First Amendment It was moved by Councillor Coker and duly seconded that the following be approved to replace the recommendations of the Executive:-

“In the light of the pressure placed upon families and in particular those with fixed incomes through out the District by increases in Council Tax and having regard to the views of our Council Tax Payers as expressed at the Council Tax Consultation that this Council should aim to contain its expenditure in the first instance to the rate of inflation and in the future reduce it and that as a result it

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should make the following changes to the budget recommended by the Executive:-

Make ongoing savings through not allowing for the following growth:-

- Communications - £15,000
- Equalities and Freedom of Info, additional settlement money - £10,000 in total (£5,000 each) on grounds already give a lot of funding to equalities and no immediate need for freedom of information money
- Civil contingencies, the additional money after allowing for town centre contribution - £6,000 (on grounds of efficiency)
- Personnel contingency (for adverts, vacancies etc.) - a further £6,000 (on grounds of efficiency)

Make one-off savings as follows:-

- Reduce the contingency by £10,000
- Do not allocate the one-off funds to the pigeoncote (£10,000)
- Rent deposit scheme (£30,000)

Overall Effect

These changes will reduce the District Council's Council Tax requirement to £6,369,000, which give a Council Tax of £124.17. This would be an increase of 3.53% on 2005/06.

These figures are reflected in the attached Appendix A (*and the revised report, comprising an updated General Fund Summary and Council Tax Setting Resolution*).

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

(B) Adoption of Motion

The original Motion was then put to the meeting and declared carried.

It was, therefore,

RESOLVED that

- (1) the recommendations contained in the Minute headed "Budget 2006/2007 and Council Tax – Revenue and Capital", as set out in the report of the Executive held on 13 February 2006, be adopted; and
- (2) the following recommendations set out in the report of the Strategic Director (Community Resources) and Chief Financial Officer, be adopted:
 1. **Warwick District Council Budget**
That the following, as set out in the budget reports (Executive recommendations 13 February 2006) and Estimates Book (circulated to members separately), be approved:-
 - (a) the revenue estimates for 2006/07
 - (b) the capital programme for 2006/07
 2. **Warwick District Tax Base**
The Council notes the following amounts for the year 2006/07 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
 - (a) 51,291.54 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	88.61
Baginton	337.30
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	774.93
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	308.17
Bishops Tachbrook	1,001.03
Bubbenhall	328.10
Budbrooke	909.61
Bushwood	12.14
Cubbington	1,553.61
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury and Weston-under-Wetherley	501.46

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Hatton	802.05
Kenilworth	9,895.90
Lapworth	930.54
Leamington	16,142.66
Leek Wootton	529.76
Norton Lindsey	174.71
Old Milverton & Blackdown	234.16
Radford Semele	809.74
Rowington	509.44
Shrewley	410.49
Stoneleigh & Ashow	784.45
Warwick	11,053.45
Whitnash	3,199.23

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 2006/07 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) £79,616,016.71 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) £62,781,700.00 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) £16,834,316.71 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) £9,452,958.00 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*).

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- (e) £143.91 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*).
- (f) £925,316.71 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (*Total parish/town council precepts*)
- (g) £125.87 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

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	BAND D £
Baddesley Clinton	151.26
Baginton	147.63
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	159.26
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	136.45
Bishops Tachbrook	151.87
Bubbenhall	146.28
Budbrooke	149.29
Bushwood	125.87
Cubbington	158.68
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury and Weston-under-Wetherley	140.43
Hatton	134.83
Kenilworth	137.05
Lapworth	141.45
Leamington Spa	141.54
Leek Wootton	137.95
Norton Lindsey	148.77
Old Milverton & Blackdown	142.95
Radford Semele	148.59
Rowington	147.33
Shrewley	133.51
Stoneleigh & Ashow	139.99
Warwick	149.32
Whitnash	148.32

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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*).

- (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 2006/07 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	664.1853	92.6365
B	774.8829	108.0759
C	885.5804	123.5153
D	996.2780	138.9547
E	1,217.6731	169.8335
F	1,439.0682	200.7124
G	1,660.4633	231.5912
H	1,992.5559	277.9094

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 2006/07 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

771. HOUSING RENTS AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2006/07

It was moved by Councillor Crowther, duly seconded and

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RESOLVED that the recommendations set out in the minutes of the Executive held on 13 February 2006, regarding housing rents and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 2006/2007, be approved and adopted.

772. 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 7.40 pm)

CHAIRMAN

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