

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL

28th February 2017

At a Meeting of Rugby Borough Council held on 28th February 2017.

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Bragg), Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Allen, Mrs Avis, Butlin, Cade, Mrs Crane, Cranham, Douglas, Miss Dumbleton, Ms Edwards, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Leigh Hunt, Keeling, Miss Lawrence, Lewis, Mahoney, Mistry, Mrs Nash, Mrs New, Mrs O'Rourke, Pacey-Day, Mrs Parker, Poole, Ms Robbins, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Mrs Simpson-Vince, Sandison, Shera, Srivastava, Stokes, Mrs Timms, Ms Watson-Merret and Williams.

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Ellis and Brown.

78. MINUTES

The minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 7th February 2017 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 1(a)(1) of Part 2 - Election of Mayor and Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2017/18 - Councillors Mrs Garcia and Mahoney (pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being named in the report).

Councillors Mrs Garcia and Mahoney left the meeting during the item in which they had declared an interest and took no part in the voting and discussion thereon.

80. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Council that she had attended (and run) the Rokeby Lions Annual Ladies Charity Pancake Race that morning.

Claire Waleczek, Senior Democratic Services Officer had run the race for the 25th time and raised the most sponsorship amount of £424 bringing the total amount of money raised by her over the years to over £8,000.

Council extended its congratulations to Claire for her tremendous efforts.

81. REPORT OF CABINET – 6th FEBRUARY 2017

RESOLVED THAT - the report be confirmed and adopted.

82. REPORT OF AUDIT & ETHICS COMMITTEE – 14th FEBRUARY 2017

RESOLVED THAT - the report be confirmed and adopted.

83. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Council Tax Determination 2017/18

Council considered the report of the Chief Financial Officer concerning the Council Tax Determination for 2017/18.

A proposed budget was moved by the Conservative Group and following discussion the Mayor put the proposal to the vote.

For the Motion - Cllrs Mrs A'Barrow, Allen, Mrs Bragg, Butlin, Cade, Mrs Crane, Cranham, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Leigh Hunt, Miss Lawrence, Pacey-Day, Mrs Parker, Poole, Ms Robbins, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Mrs Simpson-Vince, Stokes, Mrs Timms, Ms Watson-Merret and Williams.

22 Votes

Against the Motion

0 Votes

Abstentions - Mrs Avis, Douglas, Miss Dumbleton, Ms Edwards, Keeling, Lewis, Mahoney, Mistry, Mrs Nash, Mrs New, Mrs O' Rourke, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Sandison, Shera and Srivastava.

16 Votes

RESOLVED THAT - the proposed Conservative budget, as at Appendix 1 to the minutes, be approved.

(Council placed on record its appreciation to all council employees for their continuing hard work and support during challenging times)

84. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

85. COMMON SEAL

It was moved by the Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and

RESOLVED THAT - the Common Seal be affixed to the various orders, deeds and documents to be made or entered into for carrying into effect the several decisions, matters and things approved by the Council and more particularly set out in the Panels and Committees reports adopted at this meeting.

86. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT - under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of information as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

87. PRIVATE REPORT OF CABINET – 6th FEBRUARY 2017

On paragraph 1 (Election of Mayor and Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2017/18) the Council proceeded to consider in private the report on the nomination of a Councillor for election as Mayor and the appointment of a Councillor as Deputy Mayor for 2017/18.

In accordance with usual practice it was recommended that, subject to the members concerned continuing to be members of the Borough Council in that year,

- (1) Councillor Mrs B Garcia be nominated for election as Mayor for 2017/18 and she be appointed Deputy Mayor with immediate effect; and
- (2) Councillor T Mahoney be appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2017/18.

RESOLVED THAT - the report be confirmed and adopted.

MAYOR

COUNCIL MEETING - 28th FEBRUARY 2017

COUNCIL TAX DETERMINATION 2017/18

RECOMMENDED THAT:-

- (1) the Council's General Fund Capital budget for 2017/18 be as shown within item 2.1 on pages 9 & 10 of the booklet "Draft General Fund Capital and Revenue Budgets and Council Tax for 2017/18".
- (2) the Council's General Fund Revenue budget for 2017/18 be as shown within items 1.1 to 1.2 on pages 1 to 4 of the booklet "Draft General Fund Capital and Revenue Budgets and Council Tax for 2017/18".
- (3) the Council commits to a report being submitted to April Council seeking approval to apply to the Electoral Commission to conduct a boundary review – the aims being to streamline the electoral process and reduce the overall cost of democracy by exploring the options of moving to all out elections in 2019, potentially reducing the number of councillors and simplified warding arrangements;
- (4) the Council notes the Conservative Group have reminded Councillors that they have a choice on the level of allowance they accept for the forthcoming year. This can mean that they can elect to forfeit their 1% increase in allowance or can choose to take an amount up to the maximum amount that is payable;
- (5) the Council continues to invest £150,000 to enhance the Town Centre, to be met from the additional business rate income the Council is budgeting to receive in 2017/18 from the Elliott's Field Retail Park and Technology Drive;
- (6) the Council be reminded of the employee cost savings that will be generated from the implementation of terms and conditions review, with General Fund savings of £28,000 by 2019/20;
- (7) the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) be calculated as £6,344,170, equating to a £5 increase for a Band D property;
- (8) the Council note that in the professional opinion of the Chief Financial Officer the level of reserves and balances as detailed in Section 1.5 on pages 6 & 7 of the "Draft General Fund Capital and Revenue Budgets and Council Tax for 2017/18" booklet are adequate to support the level of spending in the proposed capital and revenue budgets for 2017/18 and onwards;
- (9) the Council note that fees and charges for 2017/18 have been set following active challenge and discussion;
- (10) it be noted that at its meeting on 9th January 2017 Cabinet confirmed the following amounts for the year 2017/18 calculated in accordance with regulations under section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
 - (a) **35,400.80** being the amount calculated by the Council 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	
Ansty	123.33
Binley Woods	979.47
Birdingbury	156.80
Bourton & Draycote	132.73
Brandon & Bretford	281.14
Brinklow	446.90
Burton Hastings	92.10
Cawston	1,536.73
Church Lawford	158.66
Churchover	390.23
Clifton-upon-Dunsmore	519.89
Combe Fields	64.65
Copston Magna	20.10
Cosford	8.01
Dunchurch	1,323.30
Easehall	98.65
Frankton	164.44
Grandborough	206.81
Harborough Magna	176.54
Kings Newnham	29.33
Leamington Hastings	226.99
Long Lawford	1,268.35
Marion	212.93
Monks Kirby	221.90
Newton & Biggin	301.06
Pailton	221.52
Princethorpe	166.93
Ryton-on-Dunsmore	650.94
Shilton & Barnacle	329.98
Stretton Baskerville	7.61
Stretton-on-Dunsmore	501.33
Stretton-under-Fosse	95.75
Thurlaston	205.53
Wibtoft	25.30
Willey	39.36
Willoughby	189.67
Withybrook	114.84
Wolfhampcote	149.86
Wolston	965.64
Wolvey	495.81
Rugby Town Area	21,967.99
MOD Properties	131.70

being the amounts calculated by the Council 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 to which one or more special items relate;

- (11) consequent upon the above revised tax base for Rugby Special Expenses Area the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended:-

(a)	£ 67,978,900	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act (<i>gross expenditure including parish precepts</i>);
(b)	-60,916,030	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31(A)(3) of the Act (<i>gross income</i>);
(c)	7,062,870	being the amount by which the aggregate at 11(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 11(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31(A)(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year;

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- (d) **199.51** being the amount at 11(c) above divided by the amount at 10(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31(B) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (*including parish precepts*);
- (e) **2,275,184** being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (*parish precepts and town area special expenses*);
- (f) **135.24** being the amount at 11(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 11(e) above by the amount at 10(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 (*Rugby Borough Council Tax excluding parish precepts and town area special expenses*);

(g) Part of the Council's area

Parish of	£
Ansty	192.73
Binley Woods	175.10
Birdingbury	174.97
Bourton & Draycote	177.22
Brandon & Bretford	199.14
Brinklow	198.28
Burton Hastings	148.78
Cawston	177.97
Church Lawford	174.76
Churchover	166.00
Clifton-upon-Dunsmore	180.15
Combe Fields	139.78
Copston Magna	135.24
Cosford	135.24
Dunchurch	193.73
Easehall	166.57
Frankton	164.55
Grandborough	160.36
Harborough Magna	175.92
Kings Newnham	135.24
Leamington Hastings	146.38
Long Lawford	188.14
Marton	179.17
Monks Kirby	170.90
Newton & Biggin	174.79
Pailton	185.30
Princethorpe	189.05
Ryton-on-Dunsmore	225.56
Shilton & Barnacle	191.37
Stretton Baskerville	146.27
Stretton-on-Dunsmore	240.04
Stretton-under-Fosse	170.02
Thurlaston	159.51
Wibtoft	135.24
Willey	185.66
Willoughby	205.72
Withybrook	158.61
Wolfhampcote	155.18
Wolston	230.95
Wolvey	210.94
Rugby Town Area	206.09

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 11(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 10(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 (*Rugby Borough Council plus parish/town area Council Tax for each parish/town area at Band D*);

(h) the amounts set out in Annex 1, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 11(f) and 11(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 (*Rugby Borough Council plus parish/town area Council Tax for each parish/town area for each Band*);

(12) it be noted that for the year 2017/18 Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the District Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands £	Warks. County Council £	Police & Crime Commr. £
A	865.92	127.99
B	1,010.24	149.32
C	1,154.56	170.65
D	1,298.88	191.98
E	1,587.52	234.64
F	1,876.16	277.30
G	2,164.80	319.97
H	2,597.76	383.96

and

(13) having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 11(h) and 12 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts set out at Annex 2, as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2017/18 for each of the categories of dwellings shown;

(14) the Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2017/18 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992. As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2017/18 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Valuation Bands

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of:-								
Ansty	128.49	149.90	171.31	192.73	235.56	278.39	321.22	385.46
Binley Woods	116.73	136.19	155.64	175.10	214.01	252.93	291.83	350.20
Birdingbury	116.65	136.09	155.53	174.97	213.85	252.74	291.62	349.94
Bourton & Draycote	118.15	137.84	157.53	177.22	216.60	255.99	295.37	354.44
Brandon & Bretford	132.76	154.89	177.01	199.14	243.39	287.65	331.90	398.28
Brinklow	132.19	154.22	176.25	198.28	242.34	286.41	330.47	396.56
Burton Hastings	99.19	115.72	132.25	148.78	181.84	214.91	247.97	297.56
Cawston	118.65	138.42	158.19	177.97	217.52	257.07	296.62	355.94
Church Lawford	116.51	135.93	155.34	174.76	213.59	252.43	291.27	349.52
Churchover	110.67	129.11	147.55	166.00	202.89	239.78	276.67	332.00
Clifton-upon-Dunsmore	120.10	140.12	160.13	180.15	220.18	260.22	300.25	360.30
Combe Fields	93.19	108.72	124.25	139.78	170.84	201.91	232.97	279.56
Copston Magna	90.16	105.19	120.21	135.24	165.29	195.35	225.40	270.48
Cosford	90.16	105.19	120.21	135.24	165.29	195.35	225.40	270.48
Dunchurch	129.15	150.68	172.20	193.73	236.78	279.84	322.88	387.46
Easenhall	111.05	129.56	148.06	166.57	203.58	240.60	277.62	333.14
Frankton	109.70	127.99	146.26	164.55	201.11	237.69	274.25	329.10
Grandborough	106.91	124.73	142.54	160.36	195.99	231.63	267.27	320.72
Harborough Magna	117.28	136.83	156.37	175.92	215.01	254.11	293.20	351.84
Kings Newnham	90.16	105.19	120.21	135.24	165.29	195.35	225.40	270.48
Leamington Hastings	97.59	113.85	130.11	146.38	178.91	211.44	243.97	292.76
Long Lawford	125.43	146.33	167.23	188.14	229.95	271.76	313.57	376.28
Marton	119.45	139.36	159.26	179.17	218.98	258.80	298.62	358.34
Monks Kirby	113.93	132.93	151.91	170.90	208.87	246.86	284.83	341.80
Newton & Biggin	116.53	135.95	155.37	174.79	213.63	252.48	291.32	349.58
Pailton	123.53	144.13	164.71	185.30	226.47	267.66	308.83	370.60
Princethorpe	126.03	147.04	168.04	189.05	231.06	273.08	315.08	378.10
Ryton-on-Dunsmore	150.37	175.44	200.49	225.56	275.68	325.81	375.93	451.12
Shilton & Barnacle	127.58	148.85	170.10	191.37	233.89	276.43	318.95	382.74
Stretton Baskerville	97.51	113.77	130.01	146.27	178.77	211.28	243.78	292.54
Stretton-on-Dunsmore	160.03	186.70	213.37	240.04	293.38	346.73	400.07	480.08
Stretton-under-Fosse	113.35	132.24	151.13	170.02	207.80	245.59	283.37	340.04
Thurfaston	106.34	124.07	141.78	159.51	194.95	230.41	265.85	319.02
Wibtoft	90.16	105.19	120.21	135.24	165.29	195.35	225.40	270.48
Willey	123.77	144.41	165.03	185.66	226.91	268.18	309.43	371.32
Willoughby	137.15	160.01	182.86	205.72	251.43	297.15	342.87	411.44
Withybrook	105.74	123.37	140.98	158.61	193.85	229.11	264.35	317.22
Wolfhampcote	103.45	120.70	137.93	155.18	189.66	224.15	258.63	310.36
Wolston	153.97	179.63	205.29	230.95	282.27	333.60	384.92	461.90
Wolvey	140.63	164.07	187.50	210.94	257.81	304.69	351.57	421.88
RBC Town area	137.39	160.30	183.19	206.09	251.88	297.69	343.48	412.18

Valuation Bands

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of:-								
Ansty	1,122.40	1,309.46	1,496.52	1,683.59	2,057.72	2,431.85	2,805.99	3,367.18
Binley Woods	1,110.64	1,295.75	1,480.85	1,665.96	2,036.17	2,406.39	2,776.60	3,331.92
Birdingbury	1,110.56	1,295.65	1,480.74	1,665.83	2,036.01	2,406.20	2,776.39	3,331.66
Bourton & Draycote	1,112.06	1,297.40	1,482.74	1,668.08	2,038.76	2,409.45	2,780.14	3,336.16
Brandon & Bretford	1,126.67	1,314.45	1,502.22	1,690.00	2,065.55	2,441.11	2,816.67	3,380.00
Brinklow	1,126.10	1,313.78	1,501.46	1,689.14	2,064.50	2,439.87	2,815.24	3,378.28
Burton Hastings	1,093.10	1,275.28	1,457.46	1,639.64	2,004.00	2,368.37	2,732.74	3,279.28
Cawston	1,112.56	1,297.98	1,483.40	1,668.83	2,039.68	2,410.53	2,781.39	3,337.66
Church Lawford	1,110.42	1,295.49	1,480.55	1,665.62	2,035.75	2,405.89	2,776.04	3,331.24
Churchover	1,104.58	1,288.67	1,472.76	1,656.86	2,025.05	2,393.24	2,761.44	3,313.72
Clifton-upon-Dunsmore	1,114.01	1,299.68	1,485.34	1,671.01	2,042.34	2,413.68	2,785.02	3,342.02
Combe Fields	1,087.10	1,268.28	1,449.46	1,630.64	1,993.00	2,355.37	2,717.74	3,261.28
Copston Magna	1,084.07	1,264.75	1,445.42	1,626.10	1,987.45	2,348.81	2,710.17	3,252.20
Cosford	1,084.07	1,264.75	1,445.42	1,626.10	1,987.45	2,348.81	2,710.17	3,252.20
Dunchurch	1,123.06	1,310.24	1,497.41	1,684.59	2,058.94	2,433.30	2,807.65	3,369.18
Easehall	1,104.96	1,289.12	1,473.27	1,657.43	2,025.74	2,394.06	2,762.39	3,314.86
Frankton	1,103.61	1,287.55	1,471.47	1,655.41	2,023.27	2,391.15	2,759.02	3,310.82
Grandborough	1,100.82	1,284.29	1,467.75	1,651.22	2,018.15	2,385.09	2,752.04	3,302.44
Harborough Magna	1,111.19	1,296.39	1,481.58	1,666.78	2,037.17	2,407.57	2,777.97	3,333.56
Kings Newnham	1,084.07	1,264.75	1,445.42	1,626.10	1,987.45	2,348.81	2,710.17	3,252.20
Leamington Hastings	1,091.50	1,273.41	1,455.32	1,637.24	2,001.07	2,364.90	2,728.74	3,274.48
Long Lawford	1,119.34	1,305.89	1,492.44	1,679.00	2,052.11	2,425.22	2,798.34	3,358.00
Marton	1,113.36	1,298.92	1,484.47	1,670.03	2,041.14	2,412.26	2,783.39	3,340.06
Monks Kirby	1,107.84	1,292.49	1,477.12	1,661.76	2,031.03	2,400.32	2,769.60	3,323.52
Newton & Biggin	1,110.44	1,295.51	1,480.58	1,665.65	2,035.79	2,405.94	2,776.09	3,331.30
Pailton	1,117.44	1,303.69	1,489.92	1,676.16	2,048.63	2,421.12	2,793.60	3,352.32
Princethorpe	1,119.94	1,306.60	1,493.25	1,679.91	2,053.22	2,426.54	2,799.85	3,359.82
Ryton-on-Dunsmore	1,144.28	1,335.00	1,525.70	1,716.42	2,097.84	2,479.27	2,860.70	3,432.84
Shilton & Barnacle	1,121.49	1,308.41	1,495.31	1,682.23	2,056.05	2,429.89	2,803.72	3,364.46
Stretton Baskerville	1,091.42	1,273.33	1,455.22	1,637.13	2,000.93	2,364.74	2,728.55	3,274.26
Stretton-on-Dunsmore	1,153.94	1,346.26	1,538.58	1,730.90	2,115.54	2,500.19	2,884.84	3,461.80
Stretton-under-Fosse	1,107.26	1,291.80	1,476.34	1,660.88	2,029.96	2,399.05	2,768.14	3,321.76
Thurlaston	1,100.25	1,283.63	1,466.99	1,650.37	2,017.11	2,383.87	2,750.62	3,300.74
Wibtoft	1,084.07	1,264.75	1,445.42	1,626.10	1,987.45	2,348.81	2,710.17	3,252.20
Willey	1,117.68	1,303.97	1,490.24	1,676.52	2,049.07	2,421.64	2,794.20	3,353.04
Willoughby	1,131.06	1,319.57	1,508.07	1,696.58	2,073.59	2,450.61	2,827.64	3,393.16
Withybrook	1,099.65	1,282.93	1,466.19	1,649.47	2,016.01	2,382.57	2,749.12	3,298.94
Wolfhampcote	1,097.36	1,280.26	1,463.14	1,646.04	2,011.82	2,377.61	2,743.40	3,292.08
Wolston	1,147.88	1,339.19	1,530.50	1,721.81	2,104.43	2,487.06	2,869.69	3,443.62
Wolvey	1,134.54	1,323.63	1,512.71	1,701.80	2,079.97	2,458.15	2,836.34	3,403.60
RBC Town area	1,131.30	1,319.86	1,508.40	1,696.95	2,074.04	2,451.15	2,828.25	3,393.90

