

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Town Council meeting
held on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7.15 pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Mike Wise (Chairman and Town Mayor)
Pauline Beesley
Jane Boulton
Al Cane
Mark Greenwood
Steve Leniec
Andrew Marsden
Patrick Middleton

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk

- 1/2/17 Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs. David Barron, Angela Finn and David Barron
- 2/2/17 Minutes of last meeting: Wednesday 11th January 2017**
A date error was pointed out in min no: 12/1/17 following this amendment the minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting.
- 3/2/17 Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest were made at this time.
- 4/2/17 Public Question Time**
None
- 5/2/17 Public Speaking Time**
None
- 6/2/17 Precept 2017/18**
The Council received the recommended budget and precept requirement of £360,160, which equated to a 3.1% increase, for a Band D property from the Finance and Audit Committee meeting held on 9th January 2017.

The meeting were informed that the Town Meeting held on 16th January 2017 had no objections and agreed to the precept request.

Cllr. Greenwood expressed concerns about the budget process and the raise in precept. He felt there were hidden costs associated with the risk of the additional Children's Centre wages that were not illustrated clearly in the way the budget was presented. Cllrs. Leniec, Marsden, Wise and Boulton disagreed with these concerns. It was recommended that Cllr. Greenwood address his concerns about the budget process by submitting a motion under notice to full council.

Cllr. Wise PROPOSED that the Council approve the 2017 / 2018 budget and the precept request of £360,160, which equates to £132.30 per band D Household. This was SECONDED by Cllr. Marsden.

Cllr. Greenwood counter PROPOSED that the total precept request should be capped at £352,256, an overall rise of 2.7%. This was SECONDED by Cllr. Middleton and REJECTED.

The council voted on the original PROPOSAL by Cllr. WISE and SECONDED by Cllr. Marsden that the Council approve the 2017 / 2018 budget and the precept request of £360,160, which equates to £132.30 per band D Household. This was RESOLVED.

Cllr. Greenwood objected.

7/2/17

Calendar of Meetings

Members received the DRAFT the calendar of meetings for April 2017 to March 2017. It was PROPOSED that this be approved. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.