

Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on

Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 7.00 pm

at Wayland Hall, Middle Street, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6AG in the Council Chamber

Councillors Present: Ken Birch Chairman, Beryl Bunning – Vice-Chairman, Kevin Abbott, Peter Bishop, Richard Crabtree, Jennie Fishlock, Keith Gilbert, Stan Hebborn, Sue Hebborn, Margaret Holmes, John Rogers.

Officer Present: Jane Scarrott Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

2. INTERESTS

No Declaration of Interests made.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 24.11.15

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24th November 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present, therefore item 5 unnecessary.

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, concerning staff and contracts, a resolution was passed to exclude the Public and Press at this point.

5.1 2016/17 BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Councillors were presented with a summary of receipts and payments to date for the current financial year, the current financial position and a draft budget for consideration.

The draft budget was discussed in depth and clarification given on budget lines as requested. **It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all to accept the budget presented with the precept requirement stated to obtain a balanced budget.**

The draft budget shows predicted income for 2016/17 and with the inclusion of the Council Support Grant of £13254 passed from Breckland Council **the precept requirement for 16/17 would need to be £231332.** With an estimated tax base of 2372.4 this will result in a Band D Council tax charge of £97.51.