

EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at 7:30 p.m. on
Tuesday 16 January 2018
At *The Stute*, Station Rd., Earl Shilton, LE9 7GA.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: Mrs CM Coe, Chairman & Town Mayor, Ms B Hutt Deputy Chairman & Deputy Town Mayor, Ms D Almey, S Hardy, K Lapsley, M Leman, C Newlyn, Ms L Panton, R Phelps, P Statham, M Tebbett and Cllr Ms A Williams.

Borough Councillors: Not applicable.

In attendance: Town Clerk: Mr ME Jackson.
Office Clerk: Ms KE Miller
Members of public: Nil.

17/159 *Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.*

The Chairman welcomed members to the, ostensibly, Full Council to set the finance *Precept* for the year ahead, 2018/19. Cllr Coe stressed the legal obligation to set the Precept as a corporate decision and therefore the utmost importance of the meeting. Additionally, she remarked on the valued budget work already completed by Committees and the Finance & Policy Working Party.

Noted and received.

17/160 *To receive apologies for member absence.*

An apology was received from: Cllr Ms D Bailey for the reason notified to the Town Clerk in advance of the meeting.

Resolved: to accept the apology for absence from Cllr Bailey.

17/161 *Declarations of interests. To receive disclosures of member's interests, i.e. the existence and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this agenda.*

None received.

17/162 *To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 09 January 2018.*

Resolved: to accept, as tabled, the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 09 January 2018 as a true record of proceedings.

17/163 *Public Participation:*

a. Public speaking protocol – requests received by the protocol deadline to be submitted to the Clerk with details of the agenda item they wish to address/relate. **No requests received.**

b. That the meeting be adjourned to allow members of the public to make representation about items that are not on the agenda (*Electors' Time*). **N/A**

17/164 *To consider funding emergency tree works from Council Reserves.*

Cllr M Tebbett as Chairman of the LPCOS Cttee informed members that he has received advice and quotes from local professional tree care specialists regarding the poor condition of several trees in Queen Elizabeth II The Hall Field Park. The professional advice is that two or more of the trees should be felled, one or more have large branches removed and others be considered for crown reduction. This is a health and safety issue for residents and the council's outdoor team. Cllr Tebbett asked members to consider a motion to release £2k from the *Parks Earmarked Reserve* to attend to this urgent matter soonest.

Resolved: to undertake the tree safety works advised and costed with £2k of funds from the Parks Earmarked Reserve.

17/165 *To note and receive the draft minutes of the Finance and Policy Working Party meeting held on 08 January 2018.*

These draft minutes were circulated with the agenda for this meeting.

Noted and received as tabled.

17/166 *The Chairman of the Finance & Policy Working Party to lead in setting the legal Town Council precept for the Financial Year 2018/19.*

Cllr Ms L Panton as Chairman of the Finance & Policy Working Party lead members through each cost centre block and where necessary individual account codes to explain the Precept Model document issued to members with their agenda. When it came to the *Parks & Cemetery Cost Centre* Cllr Panton invited questions to be addressed to both her and Cllr Tebbett as Chairman of the LPCOS Cttee. The status of the Town Council's *Earmarked* and *General Reserves* was also presented.

Cllr Mrs CM Coe as Chairman of Full Council expressed her thanks to Cllr Panton for her Precept briefing and re-iterated her thanks to all members who took such an active and constructive part in the budgeting process.

Resolved: to set a precept for the financial year 2018/19 of £246,890 and that the Town Clerk should take all the formal steps necessary to inform the Borough Council, (funding Authority), and resident electors of this decision.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.03 p.m. thanking members for their attendance and contributions.

Chairman's Initials/Signature 