

EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the FINANCE & POLICY WORKING PARTY MEETING

Held at 9.30 a.m. on
Monday 08 January 2018
At 21, Wood St., Earl Shilton, LE9 7NE.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllrs Mrs CM Coe, Ms L Panton, P Statham and M Tebbett.

In attendance: Town Clerk – Mr ME Jackson. Members of public – nil.

1. *Election of a Working Party Chairman for the remainder of the current Council year or pro temp for this meeting only.*

Cllr opened the meeting with a customary welcome to all members and proceeded to facilitate an election of a Chairman for the Working Party.

Resolved: to elect Cllr Ms L Panton to Chairman of the Working Party for the remainder of the Civic Year. (Cllr Panton was congratulated and thanked by members for accepting this role).

2. *To receive apologies for member absence.*

An apology for absence was received from Cllr S Hardy for a stated reason.

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

3. *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 at this time but see agenda item/minute 5 below.

4. *To receive and approve as a true record, the minutes of the Finance & Policy Working Party meeting held on 07 November 2017.*

Resolved: to accept, as tabled, the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Policy Working Party as a true record of the event.

5. *To consider a first draft of the Town Council's 2018/19 precept.*

Through the Chairman, the Town Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) presented members with working papers as follows:

- Tax base precept models.
 - Staff Cost models.
 - Parks and Open Spaces costings.
 - A first draft of the precept by income and expenditure cost centres and codes.
- Members and the Town Clerk discussed line by line each cost code figure to establish a recommended precept figure for Full Council on 16 January 2018. Note, favourable comparisons were made with known tax bases for neighbouring parish councils. Cllr P Statham declared 2 non-pecuniary interests: meeting room hire and community grants.
- Resolved: to recommend to Full Council a precept figure for 2018/19 of £246,890.**

The meeting closed at 12.05 p.m. with the Chairman thanking members for their attendance and contributions.

CM Coe. CHAIR.