



## **Minutes of a Special meeting of the Alcester Town Council held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Globe House, Alcester.**

### **Present**

Councillors Y Hine (Mayor), C Neal-Sturgess (Deputy Mayor), C Brannigan, L Cumberbatch, J Kenyon, M Cargill, E Payne, N Knapman, J Styles, S Adams, A Brown, and Town Clerk C Wright

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR**

No members of the public were present.

### **Apologies - 150118**

Apologies were received from S Payne, Y Morrison, C Gough, M Gittus, and J Bunting whose reasons for absence were agreed on a unanimous vote.

### **Declarations of Interest - 150119**

Members were asked to declare personal interests in any item on the agenda. No interests were declared.

### **Alcester Town Council Precept for 2015-2016 - 150120**

The Clerk presented councillors with information which included an unaudited Bank Reconciliation up to the end of December 2014, a calculated projection of cost centre items up till the end of the financial year and a chart showing previous year's budgets, the proposed budget for the forthcoming year and planned budgets for the next three years. The clerk also made the following statement:

"As stated over the last two Council Meetings we are faced with increased expense from the Council office rent and the traffic Island advertising which together amount to approximately £12,000 or a 4.95% increase on our precept, however due to increased income from the Jubilee Centre, Allotments and Burials and with further trimming I am confident we can reduce the amount we would have to put up our Precept to 2.8%. My advice therefore would be that the Alcester Town Council Precept should be increased by 2.8% from £242,880 to £249,680. Austerity will still have to be an ongoing programme and as I stated at the Recreation Environment and Open Spaces Committee meeting we are facing an increased work load and efficiencies in how we operate will have to be considered."

Following a question and answer session Cllr Neal-Sturgess proposed 'The Alcester Town Council Precept for the coming year to be £249,680, an increase of 2.8%'. This was seconded by Cllr Brannigan and approved unanimously by all councillors present.

The Mayor closed the meeting.