



Jayne Topham  
Town Clerk

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

18<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### MINUTES

Present: The Mayor, Cllr M Ashford, Cllr PS Birdi, Cllr Mrs L Bolton, Cllr JP Bromley, Cllr Mrs C Cross, Cllr Mrs D DaCruz, Cllr R Edgington, Cllr R Eddy, Cllr J Holland, Cllr Mrs MA Grainger, Cllr Mrs M Littlejohn, Cllr T Morris, Cllr N Murphy.

**239. Apologies:** It was resolved to accept the apologies from Cllr G Guest.

#### **240. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr M Ashford, Cllr S Cross, Cllr R Edgington, Mrs M A Grainger, Cllr N Murphy all declared an interest as District Councillors. Cllr PS Birdi and Cllr J Holland declared an interest as County Councillors.

**241. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017** – it was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

#### **242. Reports of Plans Committee**

**To receive and adopt the Reports of the Plans Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the planning meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

#### **243. Reports of Committees**

**To receive and adopt the reports of the following committee's:**

**To receive and adopt the reports of the Finance and Policy committee 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

It was resolved to accept the minutes for Finance and Policy committee 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

#### **244. Estimates & Precept 2018/2019 – determine precept requirements - report attached.**

The results of the Finance and policy committee were reviewed and following further discussion a proposal was made to increase the precept by 6% which would give a small surplus to start to build reserves, this proposal was seconded and unanimously agreed. Cllr Mrs M Littlejohn was thanked for finding a reduction with the Christmas Light expenditure budget to allow the 6% increase to work.

**245. Review of Warwick District Ward Boundaries.**

Graham Leach, Warwick District Council attended the meeting. He gave the background and implications of the consultation. Councillors were concerned that the ward changes proposed were being forced on them. There was hope that the District and County boundaries were aligned, and discussion was held around the timing for the County changes. It had to be accepted that the proposed ward changes could not be changed and that the Councillors had to work with the proposal. To help the process a working group will meet on the 25<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm to discuss splits, where necessary and new names for the proposed 7 wards due to be in place for the May 2019 Elections. The deadline for responses to the Boundary Commission being the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Councillors need to consider the following:

- An increase in the number of wards will result in increased election costs.
- Delivering electoral equality for voters
- Interests and Identities of local communities
- Effective and convenient local government

Signed.....

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