

**Middlewich Town Council
Victoria Building
Lewin Street
Middlewich
CW10 9AT**

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Wych Centre, Civic Way on Monday 8th January 2018, commencing at 6.30pm

Part One

Present

The Town Mayor, Councillor SL Moss and Councillors CL Bulman, J Eaton, MA Hunter, JK Kingston, SN McGrory, JD Parry, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Council Officers:

JPA Williams, Town Clerk, DJ French, Assistant Town Clerk and NL Antoney, Administrator

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors PJ Farrell (illness), DJ Latham (family commitments) and DA Williams (work commitments).

Feedback and Reports

2. To note any declarations of Members' Interests on any agenda item

The following declaration was made:

- Councillors J Eaton and W Walmsley declared an interest in any matters relating to the Wych Centre.

Finance

3. Middlewich Town Council Budget

The Meeting of the Full Town Council was to consider and approve the budget for the Financial Year 2018 – 2019 in order to submit a precept request to Cheshire East Council.

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the seventh draft budget review and took Members through the End of Year Financial Projection which estimated a balance at 31st March 2018 of £255,590.00. He also presented the end of year balances, budget figures and precept figures for the past three years

Members discussed increasing the budget to increase provision for community safety which could be either CCTV or a dedicated PCSO.

Resolved 8012

That

- a) The Draft Budget be increased by the sum of £33,000 under the heading of Community Support with £1,000 of this taken from reserves; this sum to only be used for PCSO support after a detailed meeting with Cheshire Police leading to a satisfactory Service Level Agreement between the Council and Police;
- b) The Final Budget figure be agreed as £510,055.85;
- c) The sum of £30,000 be included as earmarked reserves;
- d) The Precept figure of £410,755 be requested from Cheshire East Council;
- e) The Band D figure for the Council Tax payer is £84.90.

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday 15th January.

The meeting concluded at 7.00 pm.

Councillor SL Moss
Town Mayor

Signed.....2018

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