

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at Sevenoaks Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Monday 10 February 2014 at 8:55pm

PRESENT

Cllr R M C Hogarth – Mayor

Cllr S L Arnold (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr A Eyre
Cllrs C L L Baker	Cllr Mrs M A London
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE	Cllr R J Parry
Cllr J M Canet	Cllr R L Piper
Cllr G R S Clack	Cllr S G Raikes
Cllr A S Clayton	Cllr P E Towell
Cllr Mrs M E Crabtree	Cllr Mrs P C Walshe

(15)

Also Present

Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk
Responsible Finance Officer
Committee Clerk

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Mrs A E Dawson

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

401 **DISPENSATION**

Requests were received and considered from the following councillors, requesting dispensation as set out within s33 of the Localism Act 2011 Part1, be given to discuss the 2014/2015 Precept and Sevenoaks Market.

Dispensation was granted to Town Councillors S L Arnold, C L L Baker, N J L Busvine OBE, J M Canet, G R S Clack, A S Clayton, Mrs M E Crabtree, A Eyre, R M C Hogarth, Mrs M A London, R J Parry, R L Piper, S G Raikes, P E Towell and Mrs P C Walshe.

402 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs M E Crabtree and R J Parry declared a non-Disclosable interest in all matters relating to Kent County Council.

Cllrs A Eyre, R M C Hogarth, R L Piper, S G Raikes and P E Towell declared a non-Disclosable interest in all matters relating to Sevenoaks District Council.

Cllr J M Canet declared a non-Disclosable interest being a member of Sevenoaks District Seniors Action Forum.

403 **MINUTES**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Sevenoaks Town Council held on 13 January 2014 be received, adopted and signed as a true record.

404 PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 20 January and 3 February 2014 be received and adopted.

405 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 13 January 2014 be received, signed and adopted subject to the amendment being noted that Cllr J M Canet declared a non-Disclosable interest being a member of Sevenoaks District Seniors Action Forum.

406 PERSONNEL

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 27 January 2014 be received and adopted.

407 PRECEPT

On the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held at 7pm on 10 February 2014, a proposal was put forward to levy a Precept of £791,736

A non-recorded VOTE took place:

For	11
Against	3
Abstention	1

It was RESOLVED that the Town Council levy a Precept of £791,736 for the financial year 2014/2015, which would be a 9.5% increase on the previous year's Precept and a 9.06% increase to Band D properties and would equate to an annual rise from £81 to £89 per year for the average Band D council tax payer.

408 ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

A draft Community Engagement Strategy for the Town Council was received and considered. **It was RESOLVED that** the Engagement Strategy be adopted by the Town Council.

409 CIVIC EVENTS

It was RESOLVED that the functions attended by the Mayor or his representatives from May until January 2014 and the Civic Events hosted/to be hosted by the Mayor during the period 2013 to April 2014 be received and noted.

The Mayor informed all that the Quiz Night held on Saturday 8 February 2014 had raised in excess of £2,100 for charities. The Mayor thanked all who attended and the staff plus their extended families who had helped with the event.

410 PRESS RELEASE

It was RESOLVED that a press release be issued regarding the Precept to be levied on Sevenoaks District Council

The meeting closed at 9:12pm

Signed by _____

MAYOR