

## Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Malmesbury Town Council held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7.00pm.

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**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor A J Gundry  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W R Jones  
S Cox, J E Exton, L G Grant, L V Penfold, S J Poole, R F Sanderson,  
H Webb and A C R Woodcock K Wright.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs R Budgen, C C Doody, M Jennings, K Power, and F Vandelli.

**NOT PRESENT:** Councillor Wright

**ALSO PRESENT:** One member of the public.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Asked a question about where she could turn to for help in respect of the new roundabout adjacent to her property. His Worship the Mayor explained that the planning application was outside of the boundary of the Town Council and she would need to seek support from the Parish Council or her local Wiltshire Councillor. He then explained that the item was not on the order of business for the evening and advised her to submit an enquiry to be dealt with by the Planning and Environment Committee.

#### **60. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015.**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015, as circulated, be received and adopted.

#### **61. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015, as circulated, be received.

#### **62. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015, as circulated, be received.

#### **63. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF THE CHEQUES**

Councillor Gundry reported that he and Councillor Budgen had examined the cheques and payments on behalf of the Chair of Policy and Resources and found everything to be in order.

#### **64. TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2016/17**

Councillor Jones outlined the pressures facing the Town Council and drew councillors' attention to the report that had been circulated. He referred to the fact that the Town Councillor had not imposed a substantial increase in the tax when the number of Band

D equivalent properties was decreased by Government a few years ago but the increased levels of necessary expenditure could no longer be financed from reserves. Councillor Jones explained that for the financial year 2016/2017 the total anticipated expenditure would be £451,083 to be financed by an estimated income of £79,126, the balance being funded from council tax making the level of tax for a Band D equivalent £189.59, a rise of 6.8%.

Councillor Jones proposed the recommendation contained within the report that the precept for Malmesbury Town Council for 2016/2017 be £371,957 and the Council Tax to be levied by Malmesbury Town Council agreed at £189.59 for a Band D equivalent. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Gundry and unanimously RESOLVED by the Town Council. It was further agreed by the Council that the support grant from Wiltshire Council of £2,893.10 be added to the Council's reserves to assist in reducing future levels of tax increase when the grant is withdrawn.

#### **65. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO USE THE TOWN SHIELD**

His Worship the Mayor referred to a request received from the Friends of Malmesbury Association in Bad Hersfeld to use the Town Shield in support of their association. It was proposed by Councillor Gundry, seconded by Councillor Penfold and RESOLVED that permission be granted on the understanding that it was not to be used for commercial gain

**The meeting closed at 19.50.**