

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURNTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, SANKEY'S CORNER, BURNTWOOD**  
**ON FRIDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs Stokes (in the Chair)  
Councillors Bamborough, Ms Brettell, Mrs Conolly, Mrs Constable, Constable, Drinkwater, Ennis, Mrs Evans, Mrs Fisher, Humphreys, Mosson, Pullen, Mrs Pullen, Mrs Shingler, Stokes, Mrs Tranter, Willis-Croft and Mrs Woodward

**In attendance**

Mrs M Danby, Town Clerk  
Ms J Minor, Administrative Assistant  
Councillor M Wilcox, Leader, Lichfield District Council  
Four members of the public

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were led by Councillor Mrs Stokes.

**116. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Mrs Banevicius, Miss Fisher and Mrs Rigby.

**117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None declared.

**118. 2016/17 BUDGET**

Members were reminded of the reasons behind the decision of the Town Council on 28 January 2016 to defer the proposed transfer of Burntwood Parks and Open Spaces from Lichfield District Council to Burntwood Town Council for a period of 12 months. Members were informed of the proposed 2016/17 Council Tax Band and that the increase was associated with the OMCC and the staff changes.

Members stated that they could not disagree with some of the figures, however, they felt that some were unnecessary i.e. Play in the Parks and the Christmas Festival should not be funded by the taxpayer but undertaken by community groups and sponsored by private companies and they reiterated that they were of the opinion that the Consort's Badge of Office was frivolous.

Members referred to the Policy and Resources Committee held on 30 November 2015 and stated that negotiations had taken place over many months relating to parks and open spaces and asked that consultation with the public be undertaken.

Members were informed that funding had been included in the budget to cover the cost of applying for the Local Council Award Scheme and the benefits of the Scheme were outlined.

Members were reminded that the Wakes budget under the previous administration had been far greater than that proposed in this budget.

Members were informed that the 2016/17 budget included funds for the Play in the Parks however, sponsorship was being sought from the Police and Crime Commissioner. Members added that sponsorship had already been obtained for the defibrillators. Members were informed that the Consort's badge was less than anticipated and that the budget for the Neighbourhood Plan was sufficient in the short term. It was felt that to achieve a feel good factor the Town Council should take the lead on the Play in the Parks and the Christmas Festival.

A vote was taken on adoption of the draft 2016/17 Budget:

14 For  
5 Against

The vote was therefore carried.

**RESOLVED** That the 2016/17 Budget be adopted.

**119. 2016/17 PRECEPT**

A vote was taken on the Precept to be declared on Lichfield District Council:

14 For  
5 Against

The vote was therefore carried.

**RESOLVED** That a Precept of £306,324 be declared on Lichfield District Council for the 2016/17 financial year.

**120. FORECAST 2015/16 EARMARKED RESERVES**

Members made reference to the total Earmarked Revenue Reserves and the difference between £168,557 (opening figure) and £91,827 (forecast closing figure) and stated that this was a significant reduction and asked for an explanation. Members were given an explanation.

A vote was taken on receipt of the forecast 2015/16 Earmarked Reserves:

14 For  
5 Abstentions

The vote was therefore carried.

**RESOLVED** That the Forecast 2015/16 Earmarked Reserves be received.

(The Meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.)

Signed .....

Date .....