

**MINUTES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
27 JANUARY 2009 AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT
HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE**

Present: Cllr P Woodward (Chair) Cllr P F Vickers Cllr D Albone, Cllr Mrs R Forbes,
Cllr Mrs S Grayston, Cllr Mrs R Kerfoot, Cllr DJ Lawrence, Cllr Mrs JG Lawrence,
Cllr PR Rook, Cllr RGC Skinner, Cllr D Smith, Cllr Mrs W Smith, Cllr S Watkins,
Cllr GED Wilson, Cllr Cllr T Woodward
Rob McGregor – Works Manager
Derek Kemp - RBS Accounting Solutions
Juliet Brookes – Finance Assistant
Sue Crowther – Administration Assistant
Laura Hutchinson - Biggleswade Chronicle
Members of the Public - 6

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

For Members to consider matters on this Agenda and to declare any personal or prejudicial interests as defined in the Statutory Code of Conduct issued to members (paragraphs 7,8,9,10 and 11 refers) adopted by the Town Council on 12 March 2002.

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.

4. INVITED SPEAKERS

In order for members to have a full appreciation of this year's budget position, Mr Derek Kemp of RBS Accounting Solutions, the Town Council's financial consultants, gave an overview of the current and projected financial situation.

The budget papers were discussed in November, and with one or two minor changes, had been consolidated into the budget documentation circulated to members and which resulted in an increase on the Precept of 1.42%. In this budget round it is the lowest of any Town Council this year.

5. PRECEPT FOR 2009/2010

Members considered the budget proposals for 2009/2010 and it was **RESOLVED** that the Capital and Revenue Budgets detailed on the Budget Proposals dated 19 November be agreed.

It was further **RESOLVED** that the 2009/2010 Council Precept be set in sum of £589694.

6. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no matters discussed during the Public Open Session.