

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2008 AT 7.45PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SIMPSON CENTRE, STOTFOLD

Committee Members present: B Collier (Chairman)

Mrs S Bundock	A Cooper
Mrs M Cooper	S Hayes
Mrs J Hyde	B Saunders

Also present: Mrs C Turner and the Clerk

1929. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

1930. DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of Members interests.

1931. TO CONSIDER PURCHASING A VICE-CHAIRMAN PIN BADGE AT A COST OF £17.98 WITH THE COUNCIL'S LOGO, OR £7.98 WITHOUT

Recommended that a Vice-Chairman pin badge with the Council's logo be purchased at a cost of £17.98.

1932. TO CONSIDER THE PRECEPT AMOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/2010

The Chairman advised that last year's precept request resulted in a 2% reduction in the Town Council part of the Stotfold Council Tax bills, due to the increase in number of properties in the town.

The 2009/2010 financial year will see many additional necessary costs, such as the 'wobble test' for memorials at the Cemetery which is a legal requirement, and an insurance and asset valuation which is an audit requirement. Members discussed the sum for a computer administration package for the Cemetery, a notice board at Cemetery, a sum to be allocated as an allowance for loan repayments, and an increase in the salaries sum for an additional member of staff. As has happened in past years, a standstill budget means that we can't move forward.

Recommended that the sum of £295,048 be put forward to Mid Beds District Council as the sum required for the Precept for the financial year 2009/2010. This is made up of £277,048 to meet revenue requirements (£287,925 budgeted) and £18,000 towards capital items.

It was felt that residents should be given an explanation of the increase in precept for next financial year, and it was:

Recommended that an article be placed in the February edition of the Stotfold News to explain the increases in precept for the 2009/2010 financial year.

There being no further relevant business the meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm

CHAIRMAN

DATED