

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2016  
AT 7.00PM IN THE MAPLE ROOM, GREENACRE CENTRE, STOTFOLD**

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Committee Members present: A Cooper (Chairman)

Mrs S Bundock  
Mrs M Cooper  
B Saunders

B Collier  
S Hayes

Also present: The Assistant Clerk

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**57/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mrs J Hyde.

**58/16 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS ON MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE AGENDA**

There were none. Members were reminded that if at any time during the meeting they feel they have an interest in an item being discussed, they should declare it at that point.

**59/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & RESPONSES**

None present.

**60/16 CLERK'S REPORT. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION**

Nothing to report.

**61/16 PRECEPT FOR 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Members were asked to consider a report from the Clerk and the Precept amount to be requested from Central Bedfordshire Council for the financial year 2017 / 2018, for recommendation.

Members discussed the figures put forward. The current Band D property figure per year is £3144 rising to £3218 for 2017/18. This will be a 2% increase to properties, but taking into account the extra housing generated in the area, would total an increase of 4.4%. The Town Council have £93,735 in General reserves, which need to be built up over the next few years.

It was discussed about an additional £8,800 which at present has been allocated to the Cemetery management, with view to any works that may be required for the Garden of Rest at the Cemetery. It was felt that the present funds allocated for the Cemetery were sufficient and the money would be better placed in the General Reserves in view that there will be future investment required on new projects such as the move of the Town Council to the Greenacre Centre and the Arlesey Road Project.

**RECOMMENDED that the precept figure of £461,040 for 2017/2018 be submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council, subject to £8,800 being added to General Reserves, rather than Cemetery Management Committee Earmarked Reserves.**

**62/16 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, RELEVANT TO THIS COMMITTEE ONLY**

There were none

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.17pm

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATED**

