

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**AT 4.00 P.M., THURSDAY, 3 MARCH, 2016**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Freeman, Miss M.A. (Chairman)  
Stretton, Mrs. P.Z. (Vice Chairman)

Adamson, G.	Johnson, J.P.
Alcott, G.	Johnson, T.B.
Allen, F.W.C.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Allt, Mrs. A.	Lea, C.I.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Mitchell, Mrs. C.
Burnett, G.	Molineux, G.N.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Peake, Mrs. C.
Cooper, Miss J.	Pearson, A.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Preece, J.
Dean, A.	Snape, P.A.
Dudson, A.	Sutherland, M.
Dudson, Miss M.J.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Foley, D.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Gamble, B.	Whitehouse, Miss S.
Grocott, M.R.	Witton, P.
Hoare, M.W.A.	

**91. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C. Bennett; J. Bowater; M. Buttery; Miss J. Christian; Mrs. D. Grice; W. Hardman; and A. Lovell.

**92. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

No other Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

**93. Minutes**

Councillor Grocott advised that his initials were 'M.R.', not 'M.J.' as recorded in the Minutes.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the above, the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 February, 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed.

**94. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence**

(i) Chairman's Charity Collection Box

The Chairman advised that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation. She reported that at the meeting held on 16 February, 2016, a total of £31.30 was collected, and she thanked Members for their donations.

(ii) Commonwealth Day

The Chairman advised Members that the Council would be participating in "Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth" on 14 March to celebrate Commonwealth Day. It was anticipated that more than 850 Commonwealth flags would be raised on the day throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man; UK Overseas Territories and Commonwealth countries in shared celebration, and as a symbol of appreciation for the values the Commonwealth upholds and opportunities it affords.

(iii) HM The Queen's Birthday Celebrations

In response to a Member's question, the Chairman confirmed that the Council would be participating in events celebrating HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and further information would be circulated in due course.

**95. Question(s) in Accordance with Rule 8**

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

**96. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees and Panels**

RESOLVED:

That the Part 1 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees and Panels be adopted and any recommendations be approved and decisions implemented following the expiry of any call-in period:-

(a) Cabinet – 10 December, 2015

(b) Planning Control Committee – 16 December, 2015; 6 and 27 January, 2016

- (c) Customers and Corporate Scrutiny Committee – 30 November, 2015  
Councillor Grocott advised that his initials were ‘M.R.’, not ‘M.J.’ as recorded in the Minutes.
- (d) Environment Scrutiny Committee – 2 December, 2015
- (e) Health Scrutiny Committee – 1 December, 2015 and 14 January, 2016
- (f) Scrutiny (Transitional) Committee – 10 November, 2015

**97. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.**

No recommendations had been referred to Council.

**98. Motion(s) Received under Rule 6**

No Motions had been submitted under Rule 6.

**99. Council Tax Resolution 2016-17**

Consideration was given to the proposed Council Tax Resolution 2016-17 (Item 9.1 – 9.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

(As a budget related matter, a named vote was held.)

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Adamson, G.		
Alcott, G		
Allen, F.W.C.		
Allt, Mrs. A.		
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.		
Burnett, G.		
Cartwright, Mrs. S. M.		
Cooper, Miss J.		
Davis, Mrs. M.A.		
Dean, A.		
Dudson, A.		
Dudson, Miss M.J.		
Foley, D.		
Freeman, Miss M.A.		
Gamble, B.		
Grocott, M.R.		
Hoare, M.W.A.		
Johnson, J.P.		

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Kraujalis, J.T.  
Lea, C.I.  
Mitchell, Mrs. C.  
Molineux, G.N.  
Peake, Mrs. C.L.  
Pearson, A.  
Preece, J.  
Snape, P.A.  
Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.  
Sutherland, M.  
Sutton, Mrs. H.M.  
Todd, Mrs. D.M.  
Whitehouse, Miss S.  
Witton, P.

**33 (Unanimous)**

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In addition, Councillors C. Bennett; J. Bowater; M. Buttery; Miss J. Christian; Mrs. D. Grice; W. Hardman; and A. Lovell were absent from the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Council Tax Resolution 2016-17, as detailed in Item 9.1 – 9.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council (and attached as an Appendix to these Minutes), be approved.

#### **100. Amendments to the Memberships of Committees and Other Bodies**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Managing Director (Item 10.1 – 10.12 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED

That:

- (A) The allocation of seats to the different Political Groups to the Council's Committees and Other Bodies, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be confirmed, in order that the appointment of Members of Committees and Other Bodies could be subsequently considered.
- (B) The revised Schedule of Memberships of Cabinet, Shadow Cabinet, Committees and Other Bodies, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be agreed.

**101. Localism Act, 2011 – Pay Policy Statement**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Leader of the Council (Item 11.1 – 11.11 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The Pay Policy Statement as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- (B) The Pay Policy Statement be published on the Council's website.

The meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

**COUNCIL**

**3 MARCH, 2016**

**COUNCIL TAX 2016 / 2017**

**Council Tax 2016/2017**

Following Minute No 90 of the Council of 16 February 2016, determining the level of net spending for the General Fund Revenue Budget and Transfer to Working Balances for 2016/17; the Council is recommended to make a Council Tax for 2016/17 by formally approving the following resolution:-

- 1 It be noted that under the power delegated to the Council's Section 151 Officer, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2016/17
  - (a) for the whole Council area as 27,148.87 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as shown below

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Tax Base</b>
Brereton and Ravenhill	1,794.28
Bridgtown	454.22
Brindley Heath	221.01
Cannock Wood	398.25
Heath Hayes / Wimblebury	3,951.66
Hednesford	4,664.60
Norton Canes	2,027.74
Rugeley	5,117.21
<b>Unparished</b>	
Cannock	8,519.90
	<b>27,148.87</b>

- 2 That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2016/17 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated at £5,561,989.00
- 3 That the following amounts are calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
  - (a) £47,718,138.75 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

- (b) £41,557,256.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
- (c) £6,160,882.75 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) £226.93 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £598,893.75 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £204.87 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
- (g) For the following parts of the Council's Area

	<b>£.p</b>
Brereton and Ravenhill	233.33
Bridgtown	217.14
Brindley Heath	221.83
Cannock Wood	231.11
Heath Hayes and Wimblebury	220.79
Hednesford	228.94
Norton Canes	236.18
Rugeley	261.42

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (1) (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- (h) For the following parts of the Council's area

**APPENDIX TO MINUTE NO. 99**

	Disabled Band A	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Brereton & Ravenhill	129.63	155.55	181.48	207.40	233.33	285.18	337.03	388.88	466.66
Bridgtown	120.63	144.76	168.89	193.01	217.14	265.39	313.65	361.90	434.28
Brindley Heath	123.24	147.89	172.53	197.18	221.83	271.13	320.42	369.72	443.66
Cannock Wood	128.39	154.07	179.75	205.43	231.11	282.47	333.83	385.18	462.22
Heath Hayes & Wimblebury	122.66	147.19	171.73	196.26	220.79	269.85	318.92	367.98	441.58
Hednesford	127.19	152.63	178.06	203.50	228.94	279.82	330.69	381.57	457.88
Norton Canes	131.21	157.45	183.70	209.94	236.18	288.66	341.15	393.63	472.36
Rugeley	145.23	174.28	203.33	232.37	261.42	319.51	377.61	435.70	522.84
Unparished	113.82	136.58	159.34	182.11	204.87	250.40	295.92	341.45	409.74

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (3)(f) and (3)(g) above by the number by which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- 4 To note that the County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

**Valuation Bands**

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Staffordshire County Council	725.77	846.73	967.69	1,088.65	1,330.57	1,572.49	1,814.42	2,177.30
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	118.41	138.14	157.88	177.61	217.08	256.55	296.02	355.22
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffs Fire Authority	46.89	54.70	62.52	70.33	85.96	101.59	117.22	140.66



- 5 That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2016/17 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

	<b>Disabled Band A</b>	<b>Band A</b>	<b>Band B</b>	<b>Band C</b>	<b>Band D</b>	<b>Band E</b>	<b>Band F</b>	<b>Band G</b>	<b>Band H</b>
	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>
Brereton & Ravenhill	872.18	1046.62	1221.05	1395.49	1569.92	1918.79	2267.66	2616.54	3139.84
Bridgtown	863.18	1035.83	1208.46	1381.10	1553.73	1899.00	2244.28	2589.56	3107.46
Brindley Heath	865.79	1038.96	1212.10	1385.27	1558.42	1904.74	2251.05	2597.38	3116.84
Cannock Wood	870.94	1045.14	1219.32	1393.52	1567.70	1916.08	2264.46	2612.84	3135.40
Heath Hayes & Wimblebury	865.21	1038.26	1211.30	1384.35	1557.38	1903.46	2249.55	2595.64	3114.76
Hednesford	869.74	1043.70	1217.63	1391.59	1565.53	1913.43	2261.32	2609.23	3131.06
Norton Canes	873.76	1048.52	1223.27	1398.03	1572.77	1922.27	2271.78	2621.29	3145.54
Rugeley	887.78	1065.35	1242.90	1420.46	1598.01	1953.12	2308.24	2663.36	3196.02
Unparished	856.37	1027.65	1198.91	1370.20	1541.46	1884.01	2226.55	2569.11	3082.92

- 6 That it is determined in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2016/17 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of that Act.