

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD ON
MONDAY, 17 JANUARY 2011

Present:

The Worshipful the Mayor of Hertford
Councillor Mrs B Haddock

The Deputy Mayor
Councillor P A Ruffles M.B.E.

Councillors

Miss K Darby, Miss C Geall, J Hedley, Mrs D Hone
M McCormick, Mrs S Newton, R A K Radford, Dr L E Radford, Miss J Sartin and N Wilson

Officers

Town Clerk, Mrs N L Villa
Civic Administration Manager – Ms T Carpenter

In attendance

3 Members of the public

Prayers – The Rev'd. Nick Sharp (Mayor's Chaplain) led the opening prayers.

335. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M McCormick	Personal & Prejudicial	St Andrew's Churchyard (if discussed)
Cllr N Wilson	Personal	Member of St Andrew's PCC St Andrew's Churchyard (if discussed) Member of St Andrew's Church

336. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor was pleased to advise the Council of a few of the highlights of her recent engagements which included:
Remembrance Sunday Service, which was well attended.
St Andrew's Church Crib and Carol event
Rotary Club over 75's Christmas Lunch
Sele Farm Christmas lunch for those alone at Christmas
Mayor's Quiz Night – a successful and entertaining evening raising in excess of £600.
Hertford Theatre Pantomime

337. THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 25 October 2010 be approved as a correct record and the Mayor be authorised to sign the same.

338. QUESTIONS AND/OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

339. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillor Miss K Darby moved the report of the Community Services Committee meeting held on held on 15 November 2010 (including the relevant report of the Youth Town Council meeting of 14 September 2010)

Min 263 – Removal of bench at Windsor Drive

Cllr Mrs Newton wished it to be noted that she was totally opposed the removal of the bench at Windsor Drive.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The report of the Community Services Committee held on 15 November 2010 be received.

340. DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Councillor Miss J Sartin moved the report of the Development and Leisure Committee meeting held on 29 November 2010 (including the relevant reports of the Planning Sub-Committee meetings of 23 August, 6 September, 20 September (reconvened 4 October), 18 October and 1 November 2010).

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The report of the Development and Leisure Committee meeting held on 29 November 2010 (including the relevant reports of the Planning Sub-Committee meetings of 23 August, 6 September, 20 September (reconvened 4 October), 18 October and 1 November 2010 be received.

341. FINANCE, POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Councillor Miss C Geall moved the report of the meeting of Finance, Policy and Administration Committee held on 20 December 2010.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The report of the Finance Policy and Administration Committee held on 20 December 2010 be received.

342. PRECEPT

Councillor Miss C Geall introduced the precept report for 2011/12 and was pleased to report that, following lengthy discussions, the Finance, Policy and Administration Committee was able to recommend a 0% increase in the precept for the Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for 2011/12 for the second year running, which had been achieved without any reduction in services. The Clerk provided the Council with a short presentation which highlighted the key projects planned by each Committee for the forthcoming year which it was noted could be achieved whilst still maintaining a healthy reserve of £128,000.

Members wished to record their appreciation to the Chairman and members of the Finance, Policy and Administration Committee for their work in achieving the 0% increase in the precept for the second year running.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The Council approved a precept demand of £1,039,260 for 2011/12 as recommended by the Finance, Policy and Administration Committee and the Mayor was authorised to sign the precept demand.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.