



**PARISH TAX BASE** The Provisional Council Tax Base for Southam 2016/2017 had been calculated at £2227.33 Noted

**105. BUDGET PROPOSALS**

The proposed figures for the 2016/2017 budget were based on a 0% inflation allowance. Where there was a clear need to revise the figure in light of current levels of expenditure, or known changes likely to occur, a new proposed figure was shown. **Noted**

**106. ELECTORATE**

Latest statistics showed that the electorate in Southam stands at 5148. Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 limited a Council's expenditure on grants to £7.36 per elector a total of £37,889. **Noted**

**107. COUNCIL'S AIMS**

The Council had agreed to the following aims that were taken into consideration in all policy matters:

1. To improve the service it provides whilst ensuring best value
2. To work with others to improve safety, the environment and quality of life in the town, paying particular attention to the needs of vulnerable members of our community
3. To regularly and effectively consult the community
4. To promote the local economy

**Noted**

**108. CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2015/2016**

**RESOLVED: To agree the figures proposed.**

**108.1 REVIEW OF EARMARKED RESERVES**

**RESOLVED: That any surplus on the following budget lines should be moved to earmarked reserves at the end of the financial year**

**Line 4 Legal Fees & Services**

**Line 5 Neighbourhood Plan**

**Line 28 Natural Amenity Space**

**Line 35 Traffic Calming**

**Line 36 Community Rooms**

**Line 37 Repairs Inspections and Replacement**

**Line 41 War Memorial**

**Line 42 Grange Hall Capital Expenditure**

**Line 46 Grass cutting**

**Line 48 Section 137 Grant**

**109. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

It was moved and

**RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public be excluded from the meeting because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.**

**110. PROPOSED BUDGET 2016/2017 SALARIES**

**RESOLVED: To agree the figures proposed for the salary lines 13 to 16**

Inclusive.

**111. TOTAL BUDGET**

**RESOLVED:** That the total budget is set at £191,845 that this will be offset by £1880 income and £6000 from General Reserves in order to keep the increase for a Band D property at 1.5%

**112. PRECEPT UPON THE TAX AUTHORITY**

**RESOLVED:** That the precept upon Stratford District Council be declared to be £183,965 minus Council Tax Support Grant of £11930 giving a total of £172,035

It was noted that Council Tax payable for a D Band property will be £77.24 which will be a £1.15 or 1.5% annual increase.

The meeting closed at 9:07 pm

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS B					
SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL - JANUARY PRECEPT MEETING 2016					
APPLICATION NO.	APPLICANT NAME	SITE	PROPOSAL	OBSERVATION DATE/COMMENT	Additional Information
15/04232/OUT	Gladman Developments Ltd	Land North of Leamington Road, Southam	Residential development (up to 60 dwellings), access, open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure	15th January 2016	Southam Town Council would support this development subject to the siting of the access being revisited to ensure highway safety; protection of the ancient barn; preservation of the copse and protection of the field behind the development which runs down to the River Stowe. Also, the upgrading of the public right of way which runs behind the site and crosses the Stowe to provide a safe pedestrian and cycle route to schools and the town centre and the upgrading of the footpath to the Holy Well. The Town Clerk has already spoken to WCC regarding a section 278 contribution towards a pedestrian crossing on Welsh Road West.
15/04222/VARY	Dr D Burston	Dallas Burston Polo Grounds, Stoneythorpe, Southam CV47 2DL	Outline planning permission for a hotel, new spectator facilities, including corporate boxes, refreshment and sanitary facilities. Business space for equine related business, replacement dwelling for Home Farm, resiting of stabling, and arena building incorporating grooms/players pavilions, completion of all weather arena, and players pavilion. Alterations to accommodation within existing scoreboards to form 4 no. 2 bedroomed accommodation for players and visitors. Areas for car parking and reconfiguration of existing access on to A425, without complying with conditions 1,9,11,19,21,22,23,24,26 and 27 of planning permission 09/00873/OUT	15th January 2016	Southam Town Council objects to the variation of conditions 1,11,19,21,22,23,24,26,27 for reasons of highway safety, protection of residents quality of life and preservation of natural habitat.
15/04303/VARY	Taylor Wimpey ( Midlands) Ltd	Southam Glebe, Coventry Road, Southam	Variation of condition application to delete/remove condition 23 (requirement for Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4) of outline planning permission granted pursuant to application 13/02947/OUT	18th January 2016	Southam Town Council objects to the variation of condition 23 as it believes that all new homes should be as sustainable as possible.