

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN on Monday, 19 January 2004

PRESENT: Councillor J D Fell - Chairman

Councillors M G Baker, Mrs M Banjeree, R E Barnes, I C Bates, Mrs B E Boddington, E R Butler, Mrs J Chandler, R L Clarke, W T Clough, J W Davies, D B Dew, A H Duberly, J A P Eddy, Miss N C Elliot, J E Garner, Mrs C A Godley, Mrs K P Gregory, N J Guyatt, A Hansard, D Harty, D P Holley, Mrs P J Longford, C W Looker, Mrs S A Menczer, P G Mitchell, J C Mugglestone, M F Newman, R Powell, J G Rignall, T V Rogers, J M Sadler, T D Sanderson, L M Simpson, J M Souter, P A Swales, J Taylor, P K Ursell, Mrs N F Wagstaffe, B F C Wallis and J S Watt.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors P J Brant, D A Giles, Mrs S A Giles, Mrs D C Reynolds, K Reynolds, R G Tuplin and Mrs S J Vanbergen.

52. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10th December 2003 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53. CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX BASE 2004/05

In accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) the Executive Councillor for Finance, Councillor T V Rogers, introduced a report by the Head of Revenue Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) setting out the general principles for the calculation of the Council Tax Base for the District for 2004/05.

Members were advised that the Cabinet, having considered the financial implications of discounting second homes and long-term empty properties on the Council's tax base, had reduced to 10% the current discount in respect of Council Tax liability awarded on second homes in the District and abolished the current 50% discount awarded in respect of Council Tax liability for long-term empty properties both with effect from 1st April 2004.

Following a question from Councillor R E Barnes regarding the entitlement of a single person occupying a second home to Council tax discount, Councillor Rogers replied that he would ask the Head of Revenue Services to respond to the questioner on his behalf. Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that the report by the Head of Revenue Services regarding the calculation of the District Council's Tax Base for the year 2004/2005 be approved; and
- (b) that pursuant to the Head of Revenue Services' report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended), the amounts calculated by the Huntingdonshire District Council as their net tax base for the whole District for the year 2004/2005 be 56,149 and for the parts of the District listed below for the same year shall be for the parish of:-

Abbotsley	188
Abbots Ripton	136
Alconbury	551
Alconbury Weston	276
Alwalton	124
Barham & Woolley	24
Bluntisham	719
Brampton	1784
Brinton & Molesworth	102
Broughton	86
Buckden	1151
Buckworth	50
Bury	541
Bythorn & Keyston	137
Catworth	138
Chesterton	60
Colne	312
Conington	73
Covington	40
Denton & Caldecote	24
Diddington	31
Earith	578
Easton	73
Ellington	233
Elton	274
Eynesbury Hardwicke	560
Farcet	544
Fenstanton	1150
Folksworth & Washingley	353
Glatton	133
Godmanchester	2211
Grafham	222
Great & Little Gidding	126
Great Gransden	454
Great Paxton	372
Great Staughton	314
Haddon	20
Hail Weston	234
Hamerton	40
Hemingford Abbots	324
Hemingford Grey	1152
Hilton	418

Holme	236
Holywell-cum-Needingworth	960
Houghton & Wyton	1125
Huntingdon	6538
Kings Ripton	73
Kimbolton & Stonely	580
Leighton Bromswold	81
Little Paxton	1096
Morborne	11
Offord Cluny	197
Offord d'Arcy	299
Old Hurst	96
Old Weston	82
Perry	263
Pidley-cum-Fenton	140
Ramsey	2802
St Ives	5572
St Neots	8977
St Neots Rural	18
Sawtry	1749
Sibson-cum-Stibbington	201
Somersham	1348
Southoe & Midloe	153
Spaldwick	223
Steeple Gidding	11
Stilton	787
Stow Longa	62
Tetworth	17
The Stukeleys	625
Tilbrook	104
Toseland	38
Upton & Coppingford	84
Upwood & The Raveleys	406
Warboys	1356
Waresley	127
Water Newton	41
Winwick	44
Wistow	221
Woodhurst	150
Woodwalton	85
Yaxley	2702
Yelling	137
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54. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972: SECTION 85

The Chief Executive reported that there were no absences of Members from meetings for consideration in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The meeting concluded at 7.05 pm.

Chairman