

**POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

Meeting of the Town Council  
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7pm

**Present:** Councillors West (Chairman), Cox, Hutchinson, Jones, Perry, Ratcliffe, Riley, Spademan, Sykes, & Winterton.

Both the candidates for consideration of co-option did not come for interview.

1. To receive any apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Whittaker (work commitments) & Cllr Taylor (ill)

2. To receive any declarations of interest in relation to any agenda item. Councillors are asked to identify the agenda item and the type of interest being declared. None were given.

3. Consider setting a budget for the forthcoming year. The clerk had prepared documents to assist with the setting of the budget (copy report attached). A discussion then took place during which Cllr Perry suggested considerable cuts could be made to various budgets. After a discussion Cllr Sykes proposed that a small increase be agreed upon in view of the reducing council tax support funding. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Cox. Cllr Perry put forward a counter proposal that the amount each precept payer was required to provide remained the same as last years. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Winterton 3 voted for with 7 against. The motion was lost. Cllr Spademan then proposed a precept of £206,888.71. (meaning a band D payer contributing £71.66p **per year** an increase of £1.31 – 1.86% on last years figure) 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Jones 7 voted for and 3 against.

6. Consider a response to correspondence item 10 development land at The Groves Phase 3. After a discussion it was agreed to await the formal planning application before making a response. It was noted that the lack of parking on phase 1 was already creating difficulties.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed as a true copy ..... Town Mayor