



Meeting (No)	Full Council Extraordinary Meeting (11)
Time & Date	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6pm
Location	Neston Town Hall
<b>MINUTES (DRAFT)</b>	

**Present:** Cllrs Kynaston (Mayor), Cragg, Davies, Griffiths, Hinks, Jones, Marple, Warner and Wastell and A Kunaj, Council Manager and T Godfrey, Finance Manager and RFO.

**PART 1: Items to considered in the presence of the press and public**

**140 Apologies for absence**

**Resolved** to approve absences from Cllr Hudspeth (personal).

Absent: Cllrs Doughty, Flockhart and Samuels.

**141 Questions and comments from residents:** None.

**142 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**143 Council Budget requirement for 2023/24 Council year**

Members considered carefully the facts and figures as outlined by our Finance Manager in his reports for the financial year 2023/24. It noted that historically and for a number of years the cost for band D residents was never increased, leaving today's council in a catch-up position. Impacts of the Pandemic were still being felt. The 5-year Plan and its ambitions and priorities were also considered, noting that this would take time to implement. The Finance Manager advised that a £3K reduction from the C&E committee (Coronation) and M&TH Committee (Market & Promotion) had been made. With these factored in a 24.7% increase would provide the Council with a balanced budget.

**Resolved** to request a precept for the 2023/24 budget requirements of £367,894.

This results in an overall increased precept amount of £12.25 or 24.7% for band D households.

**144 Any other Items**

A request was made for the C&E and F&A committees to look at the Mayor's Allowance, namely to re-visit their decisions regarding Remembrance Day and Poppy Appeal donations.

Members noted that the next Extraordinary Full Council meeting would be held 28.02.2023. Cllrs Cragg, Davies and Hinks gave their apologies (personal) and Cllr Warner (business).

Meeting closed at 18:30.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

28 FEB 2023