

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on Monday 8 February 2016 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton at 8.15 pm

Members Present: Councillor P Vachon (Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs J Goffey
Councillor Mrs J Carpenter
Councillor Mrs J Cushing
Councillor Miss C Holt
Councillor A Leech
Councillor Mrs C Marsh
Councillor R Rush
Councillor B Stephens
Councillor B Tolley
Councillor D Weekes
Councillor Mrs J Yelland

In Attendance: P R Snell (Town Clerk)

	Action
The Mayor reported an urgent item for information: An emergency landing helipad in Okehampton for use by the Air Ambulance, to be reported on more fully at the next full Council meeting.	
446 <u>Apologies for Absence</u> - Apologies were presented on behalf of Councillor Stephens.	
447 <u>Precept 2016-17</u> - The Council noted that the precept of £218,365 had been agreed in principle subject to confirmation of the tax base amendments that were being undertaken by West Devon Borough Council. The Clerk reported that he had worked with the Clerk to the Hamlets Parish Council to verify the information provided. The resulting tax base correction came as a result of that exercise and no further change in the current year was anticipated. The equivalent Band D equivalent property charge would be £99.53 - an increase of £7.18 per annum. It was agreed that a media statement would be prepared if required. The Clerk also reported that he had received assurance from WDBC that there would be no attempt to address any recovery from the incorrect tax base application of previous years. On the proposition of Councillor Marsh, seconded Councillor Weekes, the precept submission of £218,365 was agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk accordingly.	

The meeting was closed at 8.25 p m.

Councillor P Vachon
Mayor