

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON
WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2013**

Present: Councillor L Dirveiks in the Chair.

Councillors Butcher, Davis, N Dirveiks, Ferro, Forwood, Fowler, Hayfield, Holland, Humphreys, Johnston, Lewis, Moore, Morson, B Moss, M Moss, Payne, Phillips, Pickard, Sherratt, Simpson, Smith, A Stanley, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Sweet, Turley, Watkins, Winter and Wykes.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lea and May.

Before the commencement of business Councillor Sweet led the Council in Prayer.

33 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

34 Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 17 January 2013

The minutes of the Executive Board held on 17 January 2013 were circulated at the meeting.

(i) Minute No 66 - Reduction of Council Tax Discounts for Second Homes and Long Term Empty Dwellings

It was proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Hayfield by way of amendment

“That the recommendation at Minute No 66 be amended by the deletion at a iii of ‘14 days’ and its replacement with ‘6 weeks’ and the deletion of a iv.”

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared the amendment to be lost.

The substantive motion as follows was then put to the meeting

“a That with effect from 1 April 2013, the following changes are made to Council Tax Discounts and Exemptions;

i the reduction of council tax discounts on second homes from 10% to 0% from day one;

ii the reduction of the council tax discount on uninhabitable dwellings (Class A) from 100% to 25% in

line with the existing 12 month period of exemption;

- iii the reduction of the council tax discount exemption period on long-term empty dwellings (Class C – empty and substantially unfurnished) from 6 months to 14 days;
- iv the charging of a 50% premium on Class C long term empty dwellings once they have been so for a continuous period of two years;
- b That the exemption status for repossessed dwellings (Class L) is removed from day one with immediate effect on the passing of enabling regulations; and
- c That a full appraisal of the changes to the Council Tax discounts and exemptions is undertaken by December 2013 with a view to recommending any necessary changes in respect of 2014/15 onwards.”

The Mayor declared the substantive motion to be carried.

(i) Minute No 69 - The Impact of Council Tax Support on Parish Councils

It was proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Hayfield by way of amendment

“That the decision is deferred to be considered as part of the annual budget making process of the Council.”

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared the amendment to be lost.

The substantive motion as follows was then put to the meeting

“That the grant payments to Parish Councils in 2013/14, as set out in the revised Appendix A circulated at the meeting, be approved.”

The Mayor declared the substantive motion to be carried.

It was then proposed by Councillor M Stanley, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Executive Board held on 17 January 2013, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

Chairman of the next ensuing meeting of the Council