

## Minutes of Special Meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

**Present:** Cllrs Gausden, Arnold, Chamberlain, Coeshall and Whipp  
Mike Galloway, Clerk to the Council also in attendance.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Eames and Ward

This special meeting was held following the death of long standing councillor and chairman Cllr Dave Norris. Tributes were paid by those present to Cllr Norris.

Cllr Gausden was welcomed back to the council. The scheduled meeting due to have been held on 20<sup>th</sup> January had been cancelled.

**106/16 Election of Chairman**

Cllr Gausden was proposed by Cllr Coeshall and seconded by Cllr Whipp. Cllr Gausden elected chairman and signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

**107/16 Election of Vice-Chairman**

Cllr Coeshall was proposed by Cllr Gausden and seconded by Cllr Arnold. Cllr Coeshall elected Vice-Chairman and signed her declaration of acceptance of office.

**108/16 Disclosures of interest**

None.

**109/16 Public Questions**

None

**Resources**

**110/16 To set budget and precept for 2017/18, including increase to maintain enhanced grass cutting and other landscape works.**

Whilst recognising the need for restraint there is also an increasing need for expenditure. Details to be included in next issue of the Village Pump about what is funded by the precept, that the parish council is moving forward. The concept of increasing the precept to cover in particular additional landscaping had been raised and discussed at several public meetings, each time to general support. It is important to look at the cash amount, not percentages given the relatively low starting base and that there is no external grant payment. The government grant that had been paid for the last few years following the impact of change to Council Tax Benefit was now no longer being paid.

Resolved to set precept for 2017/18 at £85,500.

**111/16 To consider appointing additional cheque signatories.**

Resolved that Cllrs Coeshall and Whipp be additional cheque signatories. Proposed by Cllr Gausden and seconded by Cllr Arnold.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 12:10.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_