

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST
HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD ON
WEDNESDAY, 3 MARCH 2004 AT
7.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillor R N Copping (Chairman).
Councillors M R Alexander, W Ashley, D R Atkins,
P R Ballam, H G S Banks, K A Barnes, S A Bull,
N Burdett, A L Burlton, M G Carver, D Clark,
R Conway, J Demonti, A D Dodd, G L Francis,
R Gilbert, Mrs M H Goldspink, J Hedley,
Mrs D L E Hollebon, A P Jackson, G McAndrew,
M P A McMullen, D E Mayes, T Milner,
Mrs S Newton, R L Parker, D A A Peek,
L R Pinnell, N C Poulton, J O Ranger, D Richards,
T K H Robertson, P A Ruffles, S Rutland-Barsby,
A Schweizer, J J Taylor, J D Thornton,
M J Tindale, A L Warman, J P Warren, N Wilson,
M Wood.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Nowell	- Executive Director (Resources)
Rachel Stopard	- Executive Director (Marketing)
Simon Chancellor	- Head of Accountancy
Simon Drinkwater	- Assistant Director (Law and Control)
Martin Ibrahim	- Senior Democratic Services Officer
Lois Prior	- Head of Communications
David Tweedie	- Assistant Director (Financial Services)

685 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held
on 25 February 2004 be approved as a correct

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on 25 February 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

686 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman expressed his gratitude to the Vice-Chairman for chairing the previous Council meeting held on 25 February 2004.

The Chairman referred to the Annual Civic Service which was being held on 25 April 2004, and asked those Members who had yet to reply to his invitation, to do so as soon as possible.

Finally, the Chairman concluded by thanking Members, on behalf of Councillor S A Bull, for their kind wishes in regard to Mrs Bull's recent operation.

687 COUNCIL TAX – PARISHES 2004/05

Council considered a report of the Executive Member for Finance and Economy setting out Parish Council precepts for 2004/05 in the District. Council noted that there was a statutory requirement on a precepting authority to notify the District Council by 1 March of each year of its precept for the ensuing financial year. The Council noted that the total Parish spending in 2004/05 would be £2,214,537 compared to £2,019,446 in 2003/04.

RESOLVED – that the Parish Council precepts for 2004/05 as set out in the schedule submitted by the Executive Member for Finance and Economy, be noted.

688 COUNCIL TAX – COUNTY COUNCIL AND POLICE AUTHORITY ELEMENTS 2004/05

The Executive Member for Finance and Economy submitted a report advising that Hertfordshire County Council's and Hertfordshire Policy Authority's precepts for 2004/05, as they affected East Hertfordshire District

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Council taxpayers, would total £55,351,444.67. This was made up of £49,166,658.58 for the County Council and £6,184,786.09 for the Policy Authority, giving Band D equivalents of £894.57 and £112.53 respectively.

RESOLVED – that the Hertfordshire County Council’s and Hertfordshire Police Authority’s precepts for 2004/05, as now detailed, be noted.

689 COUNCIL TAX 2004/05 – FORMAL RESOLUTION

The Executive Member for Finance and Economy submitted a report setting out the formal Resolution necessary to set the Council Tax for 2004/05 (Appendix ‘A’ to these Minutes). This was based on the precepts from Parish Councils, Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Policy Authority, as well as the District Council budgets set at the Council meeting held on 25 February 2004. (Minute 668 refers).

After being put to the meeting, and a vote taken, the Council Tax Resolution, was APPROVED.

RESOLVED - that the Council Tax Resolution, as set out at Appendix ‘A’ to these Minutes, be approved.

The meeting closed at 7.43 pm

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Chairman
Date