

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST  
HERTS COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,  
HERTFORD ON TUESDAY 1 MARCH  
2005 AT 7.30 PM

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PRESENT: Councillor D E Mayes (Chairman).  
Councillors M R Alexander, W Ashley,  
P R Ballam, S A Bull, N Burdett, A L Burlton,  
M G Carver, R Conway, R N Copping,  
A F Dearman, J Demonti, A D Dodd, R Gilbert,  
Mrs D L E Hollebon, Mrs D M Hone, A P Jackson,  
G McAndrew, T Milner, S Newton, D A A Peek,  
N C Poulton, D Richards, P A Ruffles,  
S Rutland-Barsby, J J Taylor, J D Thornton,  
M J Tindale, A L Warman, N Wilson and M Wood.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Miranda Steward	- Executive Director (Returning Officer)
Rachel Stopard	- Executive Director (Head of Paid Service)
Mandy Barton	- Principal Accountant
Simon Chancellor	- Head of Accountancy Services
Simon Drinkwater	- Assistant Director (Law and Control)
Jeff Hughes	- Head of Democratic Services
Martin Ibrahim	- Senior Democratic Services Officer
David Tweedie	- Assistant Director (Financial Services)

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Council approved an amendment to Minute 614 – Declarations of Interest, in respect of Councillor R N Copping's declaration, in that he was the landowner and not the landlord.

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 February 2005, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the amendment now detailed.

627 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded Members of the event he was organising that would celebrate East Herts on 1 April 2005.

628 COUNCIL TAX – COUNTY COUNCIL AND POLICE AUTHORITY ELEMENTS 2005/06

The Executive Member for Finance submitted a report advising that Hertfordshire County Council's and Hertfordshire Policy Authority's precepts for 2005/06, as they affected East Hertfordshire District Council taxpayers, would total £57,934,692.58. This was made up of £51,459,425.82 for the County Council and £6,475,266.76 for the Policy Authority, giving Band D equivalents of £938.47 and £118.09 respectively.

RESOLVED – that the Hertfordshire County Council's and Hertfordshire Police Authority's precepts for 2005/06, as now detailed, be noted.

629 COUNCIL TAX – PARISHES 2005/06

Council considered a report of the Executive Member for Finance setting out Parish Council precepts for 2005/06 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

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ensuing financial year. Further, Council noted that the total Parish spending in 2005/06 would be £2,565,349 compared to £2,214,537 in 2004/05.

RESOLVED – that the Parish Council precepts for 2005/06 as set out in the schedule now submitted, be noted.

630 COUNCIL TAX 2005/06 – FORMAL RESOLUTION

The Executive Member for Finance submitted a report setting out the formal Resolution necessary to set the Council Tax for 2005/06 (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 23 February 2005. (Minute 615 refers).

Council approved the Council Tax Resolution as now detailed.

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

The meeting closed at 7.36 pm

Chairman	.....
Date	.....

APPENDIX 'A' TO THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2005  
**EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION**

**RECOMMENDED**

- 1 That the following, as submitted, be approved:-
  - a) the revised revenue estimates for the year 2004/05 and the revenue estimates for 2005/06
  - b) the revised capital programme for the year 2004/05 and the capital programme for 2005/06 to 2006/07
  
- 2 That it be noted that at its meeting on 15th December 2004 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2005/06 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Act 1992:-
  - a) 54833.32 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 as its Council Tax base for the year.
  - b) Part of the Council's Area

Parish/Town Council of:-	2005-06 Tax Base	For information only	
		Precept £	Parish Band D £
Albury	272.71	4,992.00	18.31
Anstey	152.24	3,300.00	21.68
Ardeley	191.79	4,500.00	23.46
Aspenden	123.66	1,230.00	9.95
Aston	416.13	8,650.00	20.79
Bayford	205.35	3,125.00	15.22
Bengeo	291.54	6,000.00	20.58
Benington	384.14	15,500.00	40.35
Bishop's Stortford	14226.15	855,205.00	60.11
Bramfield	121.39	1,500.00	12.36
Braughing	561.68	17,195.00	30.61
Brent Pelham/Meesden	139.15	1,236.00	8.88
Brickendon Liberty	265.57	8,600.00	32.38
Buckland	111.54	4,000.00	35.86
Buntingford	1889.87	203,315.00	107.58
Cottered	304.10	4,650.00	15.29
Datchworth	731.55	17,716.00	24.22
Eastwick and Gilston	187.33	3,120.00	16.66
Furneux Pelham	242.48	3,000.00	12.37
Great Amwell	968.88	10,210.00	10.54
Great Munden	134.78	5,000.00	37.10
Hertford	10685.82	710,044.00	66.45
Hertford Heath	934.07	21,000.00	22.48
Hertingfordbury	299.20	8,500.00	28.41
High Wych	297.61	5,450.00	18.31
Hormead	315.71	12,500.00	39.59
Hunsdon	468.88	9,658.00	20.60
Little Berkhamsted	263.22	6,200.00	23.55
Little Hadham	492.46	9,600.00	19.49
Little Munden	403.80	6,000.00	14.86
Much Hadham	909.14	23,535.00	25.89
Sacombe	86.99	0.00	0.00
Sawbridgeworth	3583.51	96,000.00	26.79
Standon	1688.85	40,000.00	23.68
Stanstead Abbots	716.28	22,000.00	30.71
Stanstead St Margarets	583.41	8,000.00	13.71
Stapleford	257.68	3,888.00	15.09
Stocking Pelham	73.42	1,400.00	19.07
Tewin	793.96	13,600.00	17.13
Thorley	298.71	2,260.00	7.57
Thundridge	589.89	12,500.00	21.19
Walkern	606.11	16,000.00	26.40
Ware	6837.73	323,800.00	47.35
Wareside	302.35	3,500.00	11.58
Watton at Stone	976.68	23,860.00	24.43
Westmill	150.71	1,760.00	11.68
Widford	225.32	2,250.00	9.99
Wyddial	69.78	0.00	0.00
	<b><u>54833.32</u></b>	<b>2,565,349.00</b>	

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- 3 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2005/06 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-
- a) £ 62,230,719 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (e) of the Act
  - b) £ 45,407,620 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) to (c) of the Act
  - c) £ 16,823,099 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3 (a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32 (4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
  - d) £ 7,062,516 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant, additional grant or special grant increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (LGF Act 1988) (Council Tax Surplus) and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) directions under section 98(4) of the LGF Act 1988 made on 7th February 1994 (Community Charges Surplus).
  - e) £ 178.00 being the amount at 3(c) above less the amount at 3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
  - f) £ 2,565,349 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
  - g) £ 131.22 being the amount at 3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(f) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

h) Part of the Council's Area

<b>Parish/Town Council of:-</b>	<b>Band D District plus Parish £</b>
Albury	149.53
Anstey	152.90
Ardeley	154.68
Aspenden	141.17
Aston	152.01
Bayford	146.44
Bengeo Rural	151.80
Benington	171.57
Bishop's Stortford	191.33
Bramfield	143.58
Braughing	161.83
Brent Pelham/Meesden	140.10
Brickendon Liberty	163.60
Buckland	167.08
Buntingford	238.80
Cottered	146.51
Datchworth	155.44
Eastwick and Gilston	147.88
Furneux Pelham	143.59
Great Amwell	141.76
Great Munden	168.32
Hertford	197.67
Hertford Heath	153.70
Hertingfordbury	159.63
High Wych	149.53
Hormead	170.81
Hunsdon	151.82
Little Berkhamsted	154.77
Little Hadham	150.71
Little Munden	146.08
Much Hadham	157.11
Sacombe	131.22
Sawbridgeworth	158.01
Standon	154.90
Stanstead Abbots	161.93
Stanstead St Margarets	144.93
Stapleford	146.31
Stocking Pelham	150.29
Tewin	148.35
Thorley	138.79

Thundridge	152.41
Walkern	157.62
Ware	178.57
Wareside	142.80
Watton at Stone	155.65
Westmill	142.90
Widford	141.21
Wyddial	131.22

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount in 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

Part of the Council's Area

Parish/Town Councils of:-	COUNCIL TAX VALUATION BANDS							
	DISTRICT plus PARISH							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Albury	99.69	116.30	132.92	149.53	182.76	215.99	249.22	299.06
Anstey	101.93	118.92	135.91	152.90	186.88	220.86	254.83	305.80
Ardeley	103.12	120.31	137.49	154.68	189.05	223.43	257.80	309.36
Aspenden	94.11	109.80	125.48	141.17	172.54	203.91	235.28	282.34
Aston	101.34	118.23	135.12	152.01	185.79	219.57	253.35	304.02
Bayford	97.63	113.90	130.17	146.44	178.98	211.52	244.07	292.88
Bengeo	101.20	118.07	134.93	151.80	185.53	219.27	253.00	303.60
Benington	114.38	133.44	152.51	171.57	209.70	247.82	285.95	343.14
Bishops Stortford	127.55	148.81	170.07	191.33	233.85	276.37	318.88	382.66
Bramfield	95.72	111.67	127.63	143.58	175.49	207.39	239.30	287.16
Braughing	107.89	125.87	143.85	161.83	197.79	233.75	269.72	323.66
Brent Pelham/Meesden	93.40	108.97	124.53	140.10	171.23	202.37	233.50	280.20
Brickendon Liberty	109.07	127.24	145.42	163.60	199.96	236.31	272.67	327.20
Buckland	111.39	129.95	148.52	167.08	204.21	241.34	278.47	334.16
Buntingford	159.20	185.73	212.27	238.80	291.87	344.93	398.00	477.60
Cottered	97.67	113.95	130.23	146.51	179.07	211.63	244.18	293.02
Datchworth	103.63	120.90	138.17	155.44	189.98	224.52	259.07	310.88
Eastwick & Gilston	98.59	115.02	131.45	147.88	180.74	213.60	246.47	295.76
Furneux Pelham	95.73	111.68	127.64	143.59	175.50	207.41	239.32	287.18
Great Amwell	94.51	110.26	126.01	141.76	173.26	204.76	236.27	283.52
Great Munden	112.21	130.92	149.62	168.32	205.72	243.13	280.53	336.64
Hertford	131.78	153.74	175.71	197.67	241.60	285.52	329.45	395.34
Hertford Heath	102.47	119.54	136.62	153.70	187.86	222.01	256.17	307.40
Hertingfordbury	106.42	124.16	141.89	159.63	195.10	230.58	266.05	319.26
High Wych	99.69	116.30	132.92	149.53	182.76	215.99	249.22	299.06
Hormead	113.87	132.85	151.83	170.81	208.77	246.73	284.68	341.62
Hunsdon	101.21	118.08	134.95	151.82	185.56	219.30	253.03	303.64
Little Berkhamsted	103.18	120.38	137.57	154.77	189.16	223.56	257.95	309.54
Little Hadham	100.47	117.22	133.96	150.71	184.20	217.69	251.18	301.42
Little Munden	97.39	113.62	129.85	146.08	178.54	211.00	243.47	292.16
Much Hadham	104.74	122.20	139.65	157.11	192.02	226.94	261.85	314.22
Sacombe	87.48	102.06	116.64	131.22	160.38	189.54	218.70	262.44
Sawbridgeworth	105.34	122.90	140.45	158.01	193.12	228.24	263.35	316.02
Standon	103.27	120.48	137.69	154.90	189.32	223.74	258.17	309.80
Stanstead Abbotts	107.95	125.95	143.94	161.93	197.91	233.90	269.88	323.86
Stanstead St Margarets	96.62	112.72	128.83	144.93	177.14	209.34	241.55	289.86
Stapleford	97.54	113.80	130.05	146.31	178.82	211.34	243.85	292.62
Stocking Pelham	100.19	116.89	133.59	150.29	183.69	217.09	250.48	300.58
Tewin	98.90	115.38	131.87	148.35	181.32	214.28	247.25	296.70
Thorley	92.53	107.95	123.37	138.79	169.63	200.47	231.32	277.58
Thundridge	101.61	118.54	135.48	152.41	186.28	220.15	254.02	304.82
Walkern	105.08	122.59	140.11	157.62	192.65	227.67	262.70	315.24
Ware	119.05	138.89	158.73	178.57	218.25	257.93	297.62	357.14
Wareside	95.20	111.07	126.93	142.80	174.53	206.27	238.00	285.60
Watton at Stone	103.77	121.06	138.36	155.65	190.24	224.83	259.42	311.30
Westmill	95.27	111.14	127.02	142.90	174.66	206.41	238.17	285.80
Widford	94.14	109.83	125.52	141.21	172.59	203.97	235.35	282.42
Wyddial	87.48	102.06	116.64	131.22	160.38	189.54	218.70	262.44

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(g) and 3(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- 4 That it be noted that for the year 2005/06 the Hertfordshire County Council and the Hertfordshire Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Precepting Authority	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Hertfordshire County Council	625.65	729.92	834.20	938.47	1,147.02	1,355.57	1,564.12	1,876.94
Hertfordshire Police Authority	78.73	91.85	104.97	118.09	144.33	170.57	196.82	236.18

- 5 That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(i) and 4 above the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2005/06 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the valuation bands below:-

Part of the Council's Area



Parish/Town Council of:-	COUNCIL TAX VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Albury	804.07	938.07	1,072.09	1,206.09	1,474.11	1,742.13	2,010.16	2,412.18
Anstey	806.31	940.69	1,075.08	1,209.46	1,478.23	1,747.00	2,015.77	2,418.92
Ardeley	807.50	942.08	1,076.66	1,211.24	1,480.40	1,749.57	2,018.74	2,422.48
Aspenden	798.49	931.57	1,064.65	1,197.73	1,463.89	1,730.05	1,996.22	2,395.46
Aston	805.72	940.00	1,074.29	1,208.57	1,477.14	1,745.71	2,014.29	2,417.14
Bayford	802.01	935.67	1,069.34	1,203.00	1,470.33	1,737.66	2,005.01	2,406.00
Bengeo	805.58	939.84	1,074.10	1,208.36	1,476.88	1,745.41	2,013.94	2,416.72
Benington	818.76	955.21	1,091.68	1,228.13	1,501.05	1,773.96	2,046.89	2,456.26
Bishops Stortford	831.93	970.58	1,109.24	1,247.89	1,525.20	1,802.51	2,079.82	2,495.78
Bramfield	800.10	933.44	1,066.80	1,200.14	1,466.84	1,733.53	2,000.24	2,400.28
Braughing	812.27	947.64	1,083.02	1,218.39	1,489.14	1,759.89	2,030.66	2,436.78
Brent Pelham/Meesden	797.78	930.74	1,063.70	1,196.66	1,462.58	1,728.51	1,994.44	2,393.32
Brickendon Liberty	813.45	949.01	1,084.59	1,220.16	1,491.31	1,762.45	2,033.61	2,440.32
Buckland	815.77	951.72	1,087.69	1,223.64	1,495.56	1,767.48	2,039.41	2,447.28
Buntingford	863.58	1,007.50	1,151.44	1,295.36	1,583.22	1,871.07	2,158.94	2,590.72
Cottered	802.05	935.72	1,069.40	1,203.07	1,470.42	1,737.77	2,005.12	2,406.14
Datchworth	808.01	942.67	1,077.34	1,212.00	1,481.33	1,750.66	2,020.01	2,424.00
Eastwick & Gilston	802.97	936.79	1,070.62	1,204.44	1,472.09	1,739.74	2,007.41	2,408.88
Furneux Pelham	800.11	933.45	1,066.81	1,200.15	1,466.85	1,733.55	2,000.26	2,400.30
Great Amwell	798.89	932.03	1,065.18	1,198.32	1,464.61	1,730.90	1,997.21	2,396.64
Great Munden	816.59	952.69	1,088.79	1,224.88	1,497.07	1,769.27	2,041.47	2,449.76
Hertford	836.16	975.51	1,114.88	1,254.23	1,532.95	1,811.66	2,090.39	2,508.46
Hertford Heath	806.85	941.31	1,075.79	1,210.26	1,479.21	1,748.15	2,017.11	2,420.52
Hertingfordbury	810.80	945.93	1,081.06	1,216.19	1,486.45	1,756.72	2,026.99	2,432.38
High Wych	804.07	938.07	1,072.09	1,206.09	1,474.11	1,742.13	2,010.16	2,412.18
Hormeoad	818.25	954.62	1,091.00	1,227.37	1,500.12	1,772.87	2,045.62	2,454.74
Hunsdon	805.59	939.85	1,074.12	1,208.38	1,476.91	1,745.44	2,013.97	2,416.76
Little Berkhamsted	807.56	942.15	1,076.74	1,211.33	1,480.51	1,749.70	2,018.89	2,422.66
Little Hadham	804.85	938.99	1,073.13	1,207.27	1,475.55	1,743.83	2,012.12	2,414.54
Little Munden	801.77	935.39	1,069.02	1,202.64	1,469.89	1,737.14	2,004.41	2,405.28
Much Hadham	809.12	943.97	1,078.82	1,213.67	1,483.37	1,753.08	2,022.79	2,427.34
Sacombe	791.86	923.83	1,055.81	1,187.78	1,451.73	1,715.68	1,979.64	2,375.56
Sawbridgeworth	809.72	944.67	1,079.62	1,214.57	1,484.47	1,754.38	2,024.29	2,429.14
Standon	807.65	942.25	1,076.86	1,211.46	1,480.67	1,749.88	2,019.11	2,422.92
Stanstead Abbots	812.33	947.72	1,083.11	1,218.49	1,489.26	1,760.04	2,030.82	2,436.98
Stanstead St Margarets	801.00	934.49	1,068.00	1,201.49	1,468.49	1,735.48	2,002.49	2,402.98
Stapleford	801.92	935.57	1,069.22	1,202.87	1,470.17	1,737.48	2,004.79	2,405.74
Stocking Pelham	804.57	938.66	1,072.76	1,206.85	1,475.04	1,743.23	2,011.42	2,413.70
Tewin	803.28	937.15	1,071.04	1,204.91	1,472.67	1,740.42	2,008.19	2,409.82
Thorley	796.91	929.72	1,062.54	1,195.35	1,460.98	1,726.61	1,992.26	2,390.70
Thundridge	805.99	940.31	1,074.65	1,208.97	1,477.63	1,746.29	2,014.96	2,417.94
Walkern	809.46	944.36	1,079.28	1,214.18	1,484.00	1,753.81	2,023.64	2,428.36
Ware	823.43	960.66	1,097.90	1,235.13	1,509.60	1,784.07	2,058.56	2,470.26
Wareside	799.58	932.84	1,066.10	1,199.36	1,465.88	1,732.41	1,998.94	2,398.72
Watton at Stone	808.15	942.83	1,077.53	1,212.21	1,481.59	1,750.97	2,020.36	2,424.42
Westmill	799.65	932.91	1,066.19	1,199.46	1,466.01	1,732.55	1,999.11	2,398.92
Widford	798.52	931.60	1,064.69	1,197.77	1,463.94	1,730.11	1,996.29	2,395.54
Wyddial	791.86	923.83	1,055.81	1,187.78	1,451.73	1,715.68	1,979.64	2,375.56