

## COUNCIL

27 February 2008

**Present:-** The Worshipful the Mayor  
(Councillor D Clarke) in the Chair

### COUNCILLORS

Becket, David William	Huckfield, Derrick
Beech, Mrs Ann Elizabeth	Jones, William Nigel
Bowyer, Mrs Sandra Phyllis	MacMillan John
Braithwaite, Mrs Eileen	Maskery, Philip
Burgess, Mrs Silvia	Matthews, Ian John
Burnett, Mrs Gillian	Morris, Mrs Helen Mary
Butler, Mrs Sylvia Teresa	Moss, Mrs Mary, MBE
Cooley, Andrew Robin	Myatt, Mrs Freda Dorothea
Cooper, Miss Julie Margaret	Naylon, Mrs Wenslie
Cooper, John	Olszewski, Mark Joseph, JP
Cornes, Mrs Catherine Dylis, JP	Reddish, Miss Marion Lynne
Daniels, David Ephraim	Simpson, Mrs Sandra Jean
Dolman, Michael John	Simpson, William Thomas
Evans, John Stanley	Slater, Raymond André
Fear, Andrew Thomas	Studd, Robin
Finnemore, Victor Clifford	Sweeney, Stephen John McLean
Foy, Michael	Tagg, Simon John, CC
Gorton, Richard Lloyd, CC	Tatton, John Arthur
Hailstones, Mrs Linda	Tomkins, Brian Ronald
Hailstones, Peter James, JP	Walklate, Miss June
Hambleton, Mrs Sandra, CC	Whieldon, Peter Andrew
Hambleton, Trevor	Wilkes, Ian Frank
Heames, Mrs Ann	Williams, John
Holland, Stephen Alan	

701. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Astle, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Blake, Chrzanowski, Heesom, Howells, Mrs Maxfield, Mrs Salt, Mrs Shenton, Mrs Speed, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Williams

702. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Resolved:-** That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2007 and of the Extraordinary meeting held on 23 January 2008 be approved as a correct record.

703. **PLANNING POLICY FOR THE TOWN CENTRE**

A report was submitted giving details of the response from Government Office regarding the Area Action Plan for the Town Centre.

**Resolved:-** That the Direction be complied with and the Area Action Plan for the Town Centre be withdrawn.

704. **RELEVANT AUTHORITIES (STANDARDS COMMITTEES) REGULATIONS 2002 – APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

A report was submitted giving details of an application to become an independent member of the Standards Committee and seeking agreement to appoint 2 co-opted Parish Council representatives.

**Resolved:-** (a) That Mr Yaser Mir be appointed as an independent member of the Standards Committee.

(b) That Parish Councillors Mr A Wemyss and Mr D Richards be appointed as Parish Council representatives of the Standards Committee.

(c) That the existing arrangements in relation to Parish Council observers on the Standards Committee be continued.

705. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2008/09**

A report was submitted which sought approval to the Treasury Management Strategy for 2008/09 including the Prudential Indicators and Investment Strategy contained within it.

**Resolved:-** (a) That the Treasury Management Strategy Report for 2008/09 be approved.

(b) That the Prudential Indicators contained within the report be approved.

706. **REVENUE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2008/09**

A detailed report was submitted which outlined the Cabinet's recommendations for the Revenue and Capital budgets of 2008/09 and Council Tax for 2008/09.

**Resolved:-** (a) That the Revenue Budget for 2008/09 be approved in the sum of £17,124,300 as set out in Appendix C.

(b) That £138,000 of the Budget Support Fund be utilised to fund the 2008/09 budget.

(c) That £280,000 of the Contingency Reserve Fund be utilised to fund the 2008/09 budget (see paragraph 5.4 of the report).

(d) That the Council Tax at Band 'D' be £170.07 an increase of 2.5% over 2007/08.

(e) That the Capital Programme to 2010/11 be approved as set out in Appendix G, together with the Prudential Indicator relating to the Incremental Impact of Capital Investment Decisions on the Council Tax.

(f) That it be noted that at its meeting on the 16 January, 2008 the Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2008/09 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

- (i) 38,361 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with the regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its council tax base for the year.
- (ii) For part of the Council's area:-
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|---------------------------------|-------|
| Kidsgrove                       | 7,176 |
| Loggerheads                     | 1,947 |
| Audley                          | 2,662 |
| Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill | 572   |
| Chapel and Hill Chorlton        | 184   |
| Keele                           | 341   |
| Madeley                         | 1,478 |
| Maer                            | 245   |
| Silverdale                      | 1,404 |
| Whitmore                        | 807   |

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.

(g) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2008/09 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- (i) £59,153,316 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.
- (ii) £41,769,470 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.
- (iii) £17,383,846 being the amount by which the aggregate at (g)(i) above exceeds the aggregate at (g)(ii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- (iv) £10,600,086 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 or additional grant reduced by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its general fund to its collection fund in accordance with Section 97(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Deficit) 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 directions under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 made on 7 February, 1994 (Community Charge Surplus).

- (v) £176.84 being the amount at (g) (iii) above less the amount at (g) (iv) above, all divided by the amount at (f) (i) 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.
- (vi) £259,546 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act.
- (vii) £170.07 being the amount at (g) (v) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (g) (vi) above by the amount at (f) (i) 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.
- (viii) Part of the Council's Area
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| Audley Parish Council                          | £187.09 |
| Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council | £187.78 |
| Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council        | £179.31 |
| Keele Parish Council                           | £190.30 |
| Kidsgrove Town Council                         | £184.57 |
| Loggerheads Parish Council                     | £180.34 |
| Madeley Parish Council                         | £198.08 |
| Maer Parish Council                            | £189.01 |
| Silverdale Parish Council                      | £179.86 |
| Whitmore Parish Council                        | £184.57 |

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (g) (vii) 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 at (f) (ii) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(ix)

	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Kidsgrove Town Council	123.05	143.55	164.06	184.57	225.59	266.60	307.62	369.14
Loggerheads Parish Council	120.23	140.26	160.30	180.34	220.42	260.49	300.57	360.68
Audley Parish Council	124.73	145.51	166.30	187.09	228.67	270.24	311.82	374.18
Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council	125.19	146.05	166.91	187.78	229.51	271.24	312.97	375.56
Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council	119.54	139.46	159.38	179.31	219.16	259.00	298.85	358.62
Keele Parish Council	126.87	148.01	169.15	190.30	232.59	274.88	317.17	380.60
Madeley Parish Council	132.06	154.06	176.07	198.08	242.10	286.11	330.14	396.16
Maer Parish Council	126.01	147.00	168.01	189.01	231.02	273.01	315.02	378.02
Whitmore Parish Council	123.05	143.55	164.06	184.57	225.59	266.60	307.62	369.14
Silverdale Parish Council	119.91	139.89	159.87	179.86	219.83	259.80	299.77	359.72
Other Parts of Borough Area	113.38	132.27	151.17	170.07	207.87	245.66	283.45	340.14

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (g)(vii) and (g)(viii) 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.

(h) That it be noted that for the year 2008/09 the major precepting authorities 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 dwelling shown below:-

<u>Precepting Authority</u>	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Staffordshire County Council	656.96	766.45	875.95	985.44	1204.43	1423.41	1642.40	1970.88
Staffordshire Fire Authority	42.16	49.19	56.21	63.24	77.29	91.35	105.40	126.48
Staffordshire Police Authority	110.77	129.23	147.69	166.16	203.08	240.00	276.93	332.31

(i) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (g) (ix) and (h) 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 2008/09 for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:-

<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Kidsgrove Town Council	932.94	1088.42	1243.91	1399.41	1710.39	2021.36	2332.35	2798.81
Loggerheads Parish Council	930.12	1085.13	1240.15	1395.18	1705.22	2015.25	2325.30	2790.35
Audley Parish Council	934.62	1090.38	1246.15	1401.93	1713.47	2025.00	2336.55	2803.85
Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council	935.08	1090.92	1246.76	1402.62	1714.31	2026.00	2337.70	2805.23
Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council	929.43	1084.33	1239.23	1394.15	1703.96	2013.76	2323.58	2788.29
Keele Parish Council	936.76	1092.88	1249.00	1405.14	1717.39	2029.64	2341.90	2810.27
Madeley Parish Council	941.95	1098.93	1255.92	1412.92	1726.90	2040.87	2354.87	2825.83
Maer Parish Council	935.90	1091.87	1247.86	1403.85	1715.82	2027.77	2339.75	2807.69
Whitmore Parish Council	932.94	1088.42	1243.91	1399.41	1710.39	2021.36	2332.35	2798.81
Silverdale Parish Council	929.80	1084.76	1239.72	1394.70	1704.63	2014.56	2324.50	2789.39
Other Parts of Borough Area	923.27	1077.14	1231.02	1384.91	1692.67	2000.42	2308.18	2769.81

707. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved:-** That the minutes of the following meeting be adopted:-

Public Protection Committee – 3 December 2007

708. **BYE-ELECTION – 7 FEBRUARY 2008**

**Resolved:-** That the Returning Officer's Statement of the Results of the Borough Council Bye-Election for Butt Lane Ward held on 7 February 2008 be received.

709. **PETITIONS**

Pursuant to Standing Order No 17, the Mayor received the following petitions:-

From residents of Waterhayes Village and surrounding area requesting the redesign, revamp and upgrade of the children's play area adjacent to Ludford Close.

From residents of Butt Lane requesting improvements to parking facilities in Cedar Avenue, Butt Lane.

**D CLARKE**  
**Chair**