

26 FEBRUARY 1996

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 26 February 1996.

p Cllr S S Wade - Chairman
p Cllr Miss S A Cooke - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

p K E Austin
p Mrs O A M Badland
p S Bailey
p P A Baker
p Mrs P D Baker
p Major C Beeton MBE
p Mrs C A Bianchi
e E R Bowring
p D S Burdle
p J E Coles
p M R Cox
p D E Cracknell
p W F Croydon
p B D Dash
p G Dawson
p J J Dawson
p Miss P A Drake
p K W Drew
p B C Earwicker
p A S Emery
p Mrs L K Errington
p R K Goodridge
p W J Greer
p R C H Hale

p L E Harris
p D Harrison
p F R Harrison
p S A Hayes

Councillors:

p Mrs A M Howe
p J M Hoy
e J A G Hutchins JP
e M R Jones
p M J Kendal
p G N D Locock
p Mrs B M Maynard
p N D M McGeorge
p Mrs M McLean
p S M Noel
p R F Orton
p P G Pearce-Smith
p C G Ramsden
p A W Rice TD
p B Rickman
p Miss G M Rickus CBE
p Mrs M J Robinson
p D N Scott
p Lieut Col M J Shand
e S A Shepherd
p Mrs B Smith
p Mrs L P Snashall
e G Spikins
p Mrs J K Vernon-Jackson MBE
JP
p M S Wade
p Dr M N Whitehead
p Mrs D Wilson
p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

I B Mackintosh, N J Gibbs, D A Gurney, E S Johnson,
Miss J Debnam, Mrs J Livesey, T R Simpson and G Tombs.

63. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the amendment of Minute 60(a), eighth paragraph, last line to refer to the Community Health Services NHS Trust, the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 1996, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

64. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(a) Oakhaven Hospice

The Chairman was pleased to present Mrs Case of the Oakhaven Hospice with a cheque for 471 which had been raised by staff in the Finance and Administration Directorate at their recent Dinner Dance. Over the past four years the Directorate had raised over 2,300 for the Hospice.

Mrs Case emphasised how essential donations such as this were to continue the work of the Hospice, which served the community around Lymington.

(b) New Forest Management

The Chairman drew members' attention to the posters on office theft displayed at the meeting. These had been produced by Zurich Municipal, but the idea had come from Nigel Hall, the Council's Insurance and Risk Management officer. The posters were being distributed, free of charge, to all Zurich's Local Government customers.

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman congratulated Nigel Hall.

65. LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Cllr J J Dawson presented the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received:-

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

66. PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Cllr G Dawson presented the minutes of the meetings held on 10 January and 14 February 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received:-

(a) Planning Applications for Committee Decision
(Minute 193)

In answer to a question from Cllr Scott, Cllr G Dawson advised members that the Council was making every effort help Parker Baths to find a suitable site for new factory premises. This included a meeting between himself, the officers and the management of Parker Baths. A planning application for land at Gordleton Pit had recently been refused on the grounds that there would have been a significant incursion into the Green Belt. A further application had been submitted, and the Planning Committee would have to balance carefully whether to accept some incursion into the Green Belt, in order to help this important local

employer. Cllr G Dawson referred to the press coverage which some members had sought on the original application, which had caused unnecessary anxiety to the workers and managers of Parker Baths. He hoped this would not be repeated. Cllr G Dawson also reminded members that the District Local Plan sought to provide enough land for the employment needs in the District for the next ten years.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

67. CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Cllr McGeorge presented the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received and the recommendations be adopted:-

(a) List of Attendance

Cllr Orton advised members that he had not been present at this meeting.

(b) Members' Allowances (Minute 57)

Cllr Scott asked whether the consideration of the Members' Allowances Scheme had taken account of guidance that such schemes should be considered on a cross-party basis so that it met the needs of all parties and did not become a source of controversy.

Cllr Greer questioned why the scheme was being amended in advance of the findings of the Working Party which was being established to review members' allowances.

Cllr McGeorge advised members that immediate amendments to the Scheme had been made to give fairness and consistency in the payments to Councillors attending meetings of outside bodies. The Working Party had been appointed on a non-proportionate basis with two members from each political party to allow full cross-party participation in the review.

(c) "Rural England" : The Rural White Paper (Minute 60)

Cllr McGeorge advised members that this decision should have been recorded as a resolution.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received and the recommendations be adopted.

68. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Cllr Smith presented the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received:-

(a) Community Health Councils (Minute 75)

Cllrs Errington, Earwicker, Rickus and Rice emphasised the need for the Council to have full representation on the South East Dorset Community Health Council, in recognition that people in the south west of the District now received a significant proportion of their health care from Bournemouth. It was therefore important that the needs of that community were represented through non-executive lay representatives on the Community Health Council.

Cllr Robinson spoke of the division of the health service into purchasers and providers. The provider for the Ringwood area was the Southampton and South West Hampshire Community Health Council. She recalled the role that Community Health Councils played as watchdogs of health provision. She believed that the non-executive members of Community Health Councils were having increasing demands placed upon them, and there was a danger that re-organisation would reduce the number of these non-executive members serving on Commissions.

Cllr Smith advised members that a report would be brought to the earliest possible meeting of the Committee on this issue.

(b) Concessionary Travel Scheme - Countywide Pass (Minute 78)

In answer to concerns expressed by Cllr Vernon-Jackson, Cllr Smith advised members that this Council's support in principle for a countywide concessionary travel scheme was dependant on the concurrent retention of tokens in this District. Public transport was not viable in rural areas. Support was also subject to the consideration of detailed costings at the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) Coastal Management Plan (Minute 82)

Cllrs Rice and Vernon-Jackson spoke of continuing concern about the contamination of the coastal shellfish industry from the sewage outfall near Lymington. They questioned the timetable for remedial works. Cllr Rice also questioned the terms of the consultation with coastal Town and Parish Councils on the Coastal Management Plan.

Cllr Smith confirmed that the new sewage treatment works had been delayed and would now be finished in early 1997. This Council had objected to the

National Rivers Authority on the basis that the discharge was not being moved further away from the shellfish beds. Southern Water would have to take action by the year 2000 to meet the requirements of the EU Water Directive. There was, however, no immediate solution. Cllr Smith also advised members that coastal Town and Parish Councils had been consulted on the Coastal Management Plan and the consultation period had been extended to allow this process to take place.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

69. EMERGENCIES COMMITTEE.

Cllr Shand presented the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received:-

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

70. HOUSING COMMITTEE.

Cllr Robinson presented the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received:-

- (a) General Fund Revenue Fund Estimates 1996/97 (Minute 70)

Cllr Kendal moved that this item be referred back for further consideration on the basis that there should be no increase in rents before the Council fully considered the Large Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT) of the Council's housing stock. The motion was seconded by Cllr Wilson, who reminded members that she had put forward a question under Standing Order 9 on this subject at a previous meeting of the Council (Minute 46, 6 November 1995 refers). She believed that the tenants had not been fully consulted on this option and should be, before any decision was made to increase rents. The Conservative Group would be taking a report to the next meeting of the Housing Committee.

Cllrs Dash and Earwicker recalled that tenants had already indicated that they did not support LSVT and the Housing Committee had formulated its policy on this basis. Cllr Dash believed that a failure to increase rents would put the Housing Revenue Account into deficit, to the detriment of the tenants.

In replying to the debate, Cllr Kendal believed that there had been no proper financial evaluation of the effects of LSVT and the decision not to pursue this option had therefore been taken on political grounds only. As a result, tenants were facing a 5% increase in rents, which would not have been the case if the Council had pursued LSVT. He believed there were sufficient balances for the Housing Revenue Account not to go into deficit while the issue was debated.

Cllr Robinson advised members that the Council had an obligation to set the rents for the following year at this meeting. The list for LSVT in 1996/97 was now closed and it would, therefore, be a minimum of eighteen months before any such proposals could be implemented. There were other options to LSVT available and any change should be in full consultation with the tenants, as was this rent increase. Cllr Robinson looked forward to seeing the Conservative Group's paper on LSVT being considered by the Tenants' Liaison Committee prior to submission to the Housing Committee.

With fifteen members voting for the motion that this matter be referred back and a greater number against, the amendment was lost.

- (b) White Paper : Rural England - Housing Issues
(Minute 76)

Cllr Rice questioned whether the Rural White Paper was consultative in nature, to warrant the amount of time spent on it by the Council.

Cllr Wilson did not accept the conclusions that the purchase of second homes in the District raised house prices, that private rents could be higher than the cost of buying, nor that a request for additional funding for Brown Field sites reflected the reality of the constraints on such development in the District. She believed that local plan policies were drawn so tightly that there was no scope for such development.

Cllr Scott believed the Council's homelessness problem would have been solved if it had followed the LSVT route.

Cllr Earwicker recalled that policies in the District Local Plan now required a proportion of all new housing developments to be for social housing. Cllr G Dawson reminded members that policies in the District Local Plan were tightly drawn to protect the New Forest and the countryside. The members for New Milton had not opposed this course of action.

Cllr McGeorge advised members that, together with Cllr Greer, he had recently attended a seminar on the White Paper. Comment from interested parties

was expected and welcomed. He advised members that only one person attending that seminar had believed that the proposed exception from the right-to-buy provisions for communities of fewer than 3,000 people was correct. Everyone else felt that the limit should be greater.

Cllr Robinson believed that Cllr Wilson had received a factual response from the officers which proved that the purchase of second houses raised house prices. She also pointed out that interest rates on mortgages had fallen while private rents had not. She reminded members that the DoE, not just this Council's District Local Plan, advocated the re-development of Brown Field sites as opposed to using Green Fields for housing. Brown Field sites were, however, more expensive to develop. Finally, she advised members that in recent years the Council had provided four to five hundred additional homes without following the LSVT route, and this had not solved the homelessness problem.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

71. LICENSING COMMITTEE

Cllr D Harrison presented the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received:-

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

72. ADJOURNMENT AND RESUMPTION OF MEETING.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.35 pm and resumed at 1.20 pm.

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L E Harris	M S Wade
p D Harrison	p Dr M N Whitehead
p F R Harrison	Mrs D Wilson
p S A Hayes	p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

I B Mackintosh, N J Gibbs, D A Gurney, E S Johnson,
Miss J Debnam, Mrs J Livesey, T R Simpson and G Tombs.

73. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

Cllr Coles presented the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 1996. The discussion on Minute Numbers 93 and 94 took place before the adjournment before lunch.

On the motion that the minutes be received and the recommendations be adopted:-

- (a) General Fund Revenue Budget 1996/97 and Budget Strategy to 31 March 2000 (Minute 93)

It was proposed and seconded that the meeting be adjourned to allow members to receive a photocopy of Cllr Coles' statement on the Revenue Budget. With twenty members voting in favour and a greater number against, the motion was lost.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 50, Standing Order 14(4) be suspended to remove the time limit on speeches.

Cllr Coles reminded members of the guidelines set by the Policy and Resources Committee which sought to consolidate net expenditure plans for 1996/97. All members had participated in a detailed review of the budgets through service Committees, setting priorities and needs in order to make recommendations to Policy and Resources. The budget had been increased by 560,000 (3.7%) for inflation, 184,000 (1.2%) for additional mandatory expenditure, and 315,000 (2.1%) for essential expenditure.

This increase of 7% over 1995/96 was not reflected

in the rise in the capping limit of only 0.8%, and the Rate Support Grant had been reduced by 23.3% from 4,497,000 in 1995/96 to 3,449,000 in 1996/97. The Government's assessment of the Council's Standard Spending Assessment had also been reduced by 8%. Overall, this meant that while expenditure increases had been limited to 1%, through identifying savings elsewhere in the budget, the consequential tax levy rose by 14.3%.

It was essential that the Council budgeted to its capping limit to safeguard its position in the future. Forecasts of expenditure to 1999/2000 had been considered by the Committee. As part of the planned approach to future budgets, the Officers' Management Team would be requested to review the Council's structure and methods of operation to provide background information for the Policy and Resources Committee to consider options for corporate priorities. The Council would continue to have to operate within tight financial constraints. Cllr Coles believed that the Council continued to deliver exceptional value for money for the services it provided to the public.

Cllr Coles advised members that recommendation (c) should be amended to show a capping limit of 15.481 million instead of 15.440 million as set out.

Cllr Kendal moved the following as an amendment to replace recommendation (a):-

"(a) That this Council takes the view that the present level of Council Tax of 44.49 per Band D property is sufficient for the provision of high quality services".

He also moved that Recommendation (c) be amended to read:-

"That the General Fund Revenue Budget for 1996/97 be approved at 14.74 million".

The amendments were seconded by Cllr Rice.

Cllr Kendal believed that significant savings could be achieved by using natural wastage to reduce the workforce. A more productive workforce could be paid higher wages. The Council should also recognise the wastage caused by mistakes, such as the loss on the Highways contract, and unnecessary expenditure such as on Dibden Golf Centre.

Some members believed that the Council was incurring unnecessary expenditure and should limit itself to that which was essential. Staff could not rely on the continuation of their jobs. Government policy sought to restrain local authorities to spend within their income. There had been a shift in resources away from Districts

towards County education and social services functions. The Council had changed from being one of the lowest spending authorities in Hampshire to the highest.

Other members believed that it was essential to provide the services that the public demanded. It was Government policy to shift the burden of taxation to support local authorities onto the Council Tax. The gearing effect meant that a 1% reduction in grant caused an increase of 5% in the notional level of Council Tax. This should be taken up with the Secretary of State by individual Councillors. They were also concerned about the implied threat to jobs and that this would undermine staff morale.

Cllr Austin gave notice of a further amendment to recommendation (a).

Cllr Cooke moved and Cllr F R Harrison seconded that recommendation (e) be amended to read:-

"That specific provision be created for the District Local Plan and to oppose the development of Dibden Bay Port".

In replying to the debate Cllr Coles advised members that other local authorities in Hampshire had income from property which reduced their need to raise Council Tax. In addition, there was a minimal discretionary element in this Council's budget. With twenty-one members voting in favour of the amendment to recommendation (a) and thirty against, the amendment was lost. Cllr Austin moved and Cllr Scott seconded that recommendation (a) be amended by the deletion of the words "and drive up local taxation" and their substitution with "and increase local accountability for local taxation". With three members voting in favour and a greater number against the amendment was lost. Recommendation (a) as amended to refer to a capping limit of 15,487m was adopted.

With twenty members voting in favour of the amendment to recommendation (c) and thirty against, the amendment was lost. With the majority of members voting in favour of the amendment of recommendation (e) by the insertion of the words "to oppose the development" before "Dibden Bay Port", the amendment was carried. Two members voted against that motion and Cllr Austin asked that his vote be recorded;

(b) Housing Revenue Account Budget 1996/97 (Minute 94)

Further to the views expressed in respect of the Housing Committee minutes, Cllr Kendal advised members that he could not support the recommendations. Members considered each of the recommendations in turn and, with the majority

voting in favour, each recommendation was adopted;

- (c) Capital Estimates 1995/96 and 1996/97 and Capital Expenditure Plans for 'Other Services' 1997/98 to 1999/2000 (Minute 95)

Cllr Orton did not believe that additional discretionary expenditure on the leisure function could be justified at this time. With the projected increase of 63% for 1996/97, discretionary expenditure on this service had effectively doubled over the last three years. He supported the staff and admired the end product, but could not support this increase. He moved that the estimates for the Leisure Services Committee be reduced by 1 million, with the details to be agreed in consultation with the Directors of Community Services and Finance and Administration.

The amendment was seconded by Cllr Kendal who particularly opposed additional expenditure on Dibden Golf Centre.

Cllr J J Dawson thanked his fellow councillors on the Leisure Services Committee for their work in developing the budget for the coming year. The budget included services which the public demanded and also maintenance which was essential to preserve and enhance the Council's assets. It was also essential to maintain safety standards. The Audit Commission confirmed that this Council was at the bottom of the league table for District Councils for expenditure on leisure. The Council could not be accused of profligacy.

Cllr G Dawson believed the budget process developed throughout the year and all ideas for cutting costs, while continuing to provide quality services, were welcome. Cllr Smith was concerned that lottery funding was being sought for the provision of a public service. Cllr Scott advocated savings through voluntary competitive tendering and believed that the Council must control capital expenditure, which increased revenue liability in the long-term.

Cllr Coles reminded members that it was essential to maintain the Council's existing leisure facilities.

With twenty-one members voting in favour and thirty against, the amendment was lost.

- (d) Public Consultation Process (Minute 97)

Cllr Rickman opposed the employment of consultants to undertake the public consultation exercise on car parking charges, when there had already been widespread expression of public opinion. He moved as an amendment that recommendation (c) be not approved. The amendment was seconded by Cllr

Wyeth.

In the ensuing debate it was established that the consultants' survey would be supported by a questionnaire in District News. A four page supplement would set out the issues and would be circulated to members of the Public Relations Sub-Committee for comment, prior to publication, in accordance with normal practice on District News.

Some members believed that the public consultation exercise was unnecessary. The public was not reticent in expressing their views to their local members. Views on car parking were already known, and had been expressed by a far larger proportion of the population than would be canvassed by the consultants.

Other members considered that the consultation exercise would be wider than just the car parking issue and would establish valuable baseline information, on public priorities and aspirations, against which to make difficult financial decisions in coming years. The business community supported the principle of the survey and the Council should not be afraid to seek public views.

Cllr Wyeth emphasised that, particularly in the villages, local people made sure their elected members knew their views. In a period of financial constraint significant savings could be made by not carrying out this consultation exercise, and by scrapping District News. She questioned the validity of any survey findings in the light of public confusion about the division of responsibilities between the various tiers of local authorities. Public opposition to car parking charges had already been clearly expressed.

Cllr Coles believed that it was essential to consult the public to establish valuable background information for making future decisions. This Council effectively already had a car parking charge for parking in excess of two hours through the penalty charge system. Introducing car parking charges would regulate the situation.

Members were advised that the amendment that recommendation (c) be not approved was a direct negative to the motion before them and members wishing to adopt this course of action should vote against the recommendation. The Chairman thereupon took a vote on each of the recommendations in turn. With thirty-five members voting in favour of recommendation (a) and none against, the recommendation was adopted. With twenty-seven members voting in favour of recommendation (b), and sixteen against, the recommendation was adopted and with twenty-seven members voting in favour of recommendation (c) and eighteen against, the recommendation was adopted.

(e) Evening Meetings (Minute 99)

Cllr Coles moved that Recommendation (d) be amended by the addition of the words "starting this year on 29 April 1996, with the meeting to commence at 10.00 am".

Some members were concerned that a 6.30 pm start for meetings was the worst possible time for Councillors with young families, and would also be difficult for members of the public wishing to attend meetings. There was also concern that evening meetings would cause more people to travel across the Forest at night.

Other members believed that having some meetings in the evenings would increase the choice available to members and make service on the Council more attractive to working people. More people worked during the day than during the evening. Other Councils split their meetings between daytime and evenings successfully. In addition, it was open to the Licensing and Central Services Committees to determine a later starting time than 6.30 pm.

With the majority of members voting in favour, the recommendations, as amended as set out above, were adopted.

(f) Strategic Growth in Totton Advisory Committee (Minute 106)

Cllr Burdle did not believe there was any value in reviewing the role of the Strategic Growth in Totton Advisory Committee. That Committee had already determined that its original function had been completed and that it should be disbanded.

Cllr Coles advised members that it would be most sensible to consider this issue within the context of the wider review of the Committee structure.

(g) Ampress Site, Lymington (Minute 110)

Cllr Robinson disclosed a pecuniary interest in this item and, having been granted a dispensation by the Secretary of State for the Environment to speak but not to vote, remained present during its consideration.

Cllrs Robinson and Vernon-Jackson welcomed the interest being expressed in alternative sites and financing arrangements for the provision of the new hospital for Lymington. They hoped that the Trust would be able to choose the best site and value for money to meet the future needs of local people.

Cllr Earwicker welcomed the action taken to bring the Ampress site back into industrial usage. Cllr McGeorge advised members that the site owners had

turned away offers for industrial development of the site.

Cllr Coles believed that progress was now being made as a direct result of the Council instituting compulsory purchase proceedings. This was the best way forward. The site should be re-developed as soon as possible and he hoped that obstacles would not be placed in the way.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received and the recommendations be adopted subject to the amendment of the decision at Minute 93(c) to refer to a capping limit of 15.481 million, the addition of the words "for opposing the development of" before "...Dibden Bay Port" at Minute 93(e) and the addition of the words "starting this year on 29 April 1996 with the meeting to commence at 10.00 am" at Minute 99(d).

74. COUNCIL TAX 1996/97 (REPORT A).

RESOLVED:

(a) That it be noted that at its meeting on 8 January 1996 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 1996/97 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

(i) 66,447.56 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.

(ii) LOCAL COUNCIL AREA

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.

(b) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 1996/97 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-

(i) 66,986,398 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) 49,584,720 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) 17,401,678 being the amount by which the aggregate at (b)(i) above exceeds the aggregate at (b)(ii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- (iv) 10,201,139 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 and standard spending assessment reduction 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 (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 Local Government Finance Act 1988 made on 15 January 1996 (Community Charge Surplus).
- (v) 108.36 being the amount at (b)(iii) above less the amount at (b)(iv) above, all divided by the amount at (a)(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) 1,921,228 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (vii) 79.45 being the amount at (b)(v) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (b)(vi) above by the amount at (a)(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)

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (b)(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 (a)(ii) 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.

(ix) PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA

These are the District plus Town/Parish Council elements only. See page 18 for the full amounts of Council Tax.

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (b)(vii) and (b)(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.

- (c) That it be noted that for the year 1996/97 the Hampshire County Council and the Hampshire 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

- (d) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (b)(ix) and (c) 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 1996/97 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA

75. NOTICE OF MOTION.

In accordance with Standing Order 7 Cllr McGeorge moved the following motion:-

"That the Council welcomes the changes in Local Government during the past year in South Africa and seeks ways in which this Council could help, at minimal financial cost, the new administration of Local Authorities in that country, with environments similar to that of the New Forest District Council".

The motion, on being seconded, was referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for debate, for a report to be brought back to the next meeting of the Council.

76. COMMON SEAL.

RESOLVED:

That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to any Orders, Deeds or Documents necessary to give effect to any decisions made at this meeting.

CHAIRMAN