## SHUSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

## Monday 29th January 2024 at 7.30pm

## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors G. Farr (in the Chair), R. Hill and N. Larkin

Clerk – Neil Millard 6 members of the public

- 1 Apologies
- 1.1 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors O. Brown, G. Dupree and K. Jones
- 2. Declarations of Interest
- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.
- 3. Consideration of the Council's Budget for the 2024/2025 Financial Year
- 3.1 The Clerk submitted a draft budget which he advised was designed to identify the Council's core activity and establish a miscellaneous figure to cover all non-essential spending. He reported that he anticipated that this would provide flexibility for new members to identify enhanced and/or alternative areas of expenditure as the Council potentially developed a new direction. He also advised that he would provide an update on the budget out-turn at the end of the financial year to allow members to revise any areas of the budget as necessary.
- 3.2 It was RESOLVED that the draft budget for the 2024/2025 financial year as submitted by the Clerk be approved
- 4. Consideration of the Council's Precept for the 2024/2025 Financial Year
- 4.1 The Clerk submitted a report confirming that the Council Tax base for the 2024/25 financial year will be £226.47. He advised that a freeze to the Council Tax for residents of Shustoke would produce a precept of £18,175. The report also identified the impact of various percentage increases to the precept on Band D properties in the Parish.
- 4.2 It was RESOLVED after much consideration that the Council require a precept of £19,082 for the 2024/25 financial year (an increase of 5%)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:10pm.

I certify the above minutes, comprising two pages as a true and correct of the meeting which took place.

Signed	Name
Chair	Date