



LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday 20th January 2009

You are summoned to a Meeting of Ludlow Town Council which will be held at The Bishop Mascall Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow, SY8 1RZ, on **Monday 26th January 2009** at **7.00pm** at which your attendance is required.

TO: MEMBERS OF LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL: Councillors Newbold (Town Mayor), Davies (Deputy Town Mayor), Aitken, Bradley, Callender, Galtress, Glaze, Hunt, Kidd, Mitchell, Pope, Pound, Smithers, Taylor-Smith and Wilcox

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES** – To receive any apologies for absence
2. **PREJUDICIAL AND PERSONAL INTERESTS** – To receive any specific declarations of interest
3. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)** – Members of the public are invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the council or to raise any issues of concern
4. **MINUTES** – To approve the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 27th October & 13th November 2008 and 16th January 2009 (if available) (Pg 3)
5. **POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE** – To receive the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meetings held on 20th October, 24th November & 8th December 2008 and 19th January 2009 (Pg 9)
6. **SERVICES COMMITTEE** – To receive the minutes of the Services Committee meetings held on 13th October, 17th November 2008 and 12th January 2009 (Pg 23)
7. **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** – To receive the minutes of the Representational Committee meetings held on 21st October, 11th & 25th November and 9th December 2008 (Pg 33)
8. **REVENUE BUDGET** – To approve the budget for 2009/10 and issue a precept to Shropshire Council of £309,989 which, based on 3654.87 Band D equivalent properties, would result in an average council tax of £84.82 for a Band D property. This would be an increase of £5.62 or 7.1% on the Town Council's element of this year's tax. Please see the attached draft budget for 2009/10 (pg 53)
9. **MATTERS FOR REVIEW FROM LAST TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**
 - a) **Market Enhancement** – To note that Tom Brettell, SSDC, is in contact with AWM and will update the Council on progress when made available

b) **Annual Town Meeting** – To consider the PowerPoint presentation prepared by the Mayor and Committee Chairmen

10. ITEMS REFERRED TO FULL COUNCIL BY COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

a) **Policy & Finance Committee**

(i) **Use of Events Square** – To note that this issue is being looked into as a high priority and an update will be available at the meeting

11. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES – To consider nominating a Member for the following vacancies:

COMMITTEE/BODY	NO. OF VACANCIES	REPLACING
Representational Committee	1	Councillor Mitchell
Town Walls Trust	1	Councillor Kidd
Governing Body of Ludlow College	1	Former Councillor Owen

12. **REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS** – To discuss the revision of current Standing Orders. Please find enclosed:

a) **Current Standing Orders** – dated 23rd October 2006 (pg 63)

b) **Draft Standing Orders** – prepared following revision of Committee structure and including additions agreed in January 2008. The reminder prepared for the cancelled Special Council meeting on 15th December is also enclosed (pg 85)

13. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960** – The Chairman will move that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

14. **MINUTES** – To approve the confidential minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 27th October 2008 (pg 111)

15. **POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE** – To receive the confidential minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meetings held on 20th October, 24th November and 8th December 2008 (pg 113)

16. **TOWN COUNCIL PRIORITIES** – A report will follow