



**THORNABY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL BUDGET/PRECEPT MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2020 @ 6.00PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Steve Walmsley (Chair)  
Cllr Ian Dalgarno (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Glenn Eastick  
Cllr Luke Frost  
Cllr Les Hodge  
Cllr Zeb Khaliq  
Cllr Tina Large  
Cllr Pat Large  
Cllr Mick Moore  
Cllr Sylvia Walmsley  
Alex Metcalfe – Democracy Reporter  
Jen Elstob, Town Clerk – Minute Taker

**FC-20-1 NOTICE OF MEETING:**  
The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

**FC-20-2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**  
Cllr John Flynn  
Cllr Sue Frost  
Cllr Ray Godwin

**FC-20-3 CODE OF CONDUCT:**  
There were no declarations of interest received.

**FC-20-4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**  
There was no public participation.

**FC-20-5 PRECEPT:** to consider the Precept for 2020/21  
Discussion took place about increasing the Precept for 20/21 to assist in paying for a loan to finish the historic and listed Thornaby Town Hall. Councillors were disappointed after Heritage Lottery were unable to provide more money, £250,000 is required, to complete the building which will be worth over a million when completed. Thornaby Town Council already has a loan for £100,000 which was used to purchase the building from Stockton Borough Council in 2012.

The current Precept for 2019/20 was set at £146,771 and the tax base (based on 98.25% collection rate) was £5710.59. The funding received was £36,050. For 20/21 the final tax base for the parish is £5839.39 and the funding allocation will be £36,050. Raising the Precept by various amounts was discussed and it was provisionally agreed that 9.6% was an acceptable figure totalling £196,911. This includes £146,771 existing precept, £36,050 funding allocation and £14,090 precept increase. Residents will see increase in their council tax to just over one pound per year.

**To be resolved and agreed at Full Council on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

**FC-20-6 BUDGET:** to consider the Budget and Reserve Accounts for 2020/21  
The budget allocation was discussed and the following provisional changes were made from the 2019/20 allocation. Please see the attached budget setting sheet.

It was discussed and established that the £70,000 moved from reserves previously, coupled with the loan application would guarantee completion of the Town Hall Restoration project thus retaining healthy reserves and delivering an asset to the community worth over £1,000,000.

**To be resolved and agreed at Full Council on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

SIGNED:

*S Walmsley*

DATE:

*27/1/2020*