

Wickmere with Wolterton Parish Council

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held in the Village Hall, Regent Street,
Wickmere

on Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present:

Parish Councillors: Lesley Ash (Chair) Richard Hembling Phillida Hurn
Georgina Madeley Vanessa Tomczynska

Also in attendance:

Vicky Tovell, Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – were received from Barry Markham, Saul Penfold and John Toye.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – there were none.
3. **ADJOURNMENT** - None required.
4. **TO REVIEW THE PRECEPT for 2025/26** – An email from NNDC on 24-01-25 (previously circulated) said a full Council meeting on 29-01-25 would discuss charging second home owners a premium of 100% under Section 80 of the 'Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023'. If passed, there would be a resulting revision to taxbase figures for 2025/26. Parish councillors were invited to review and revise precept demands by 31st January 2025.
Wickmere has 71 homes with 13 being second homes/holiday homes which would increase taxbase from 54.10 to 57.20.
Wickmere Council's decision (15-11-24) to demand a precept of £3500 had resulted in a Band D charge of £64.70 ($3500/54.10 = 64.70$)
With a taxbase of 57.20, increasing the precept demand to £3700 results in a Band D charge of £64.69, thus maintaining a similar Band D charge.
After discussion and a vote, it was agreed by a majority of 4 to 1 that:
 - i) if NNDC's full council does not implement the second homes premium, and the taxbase remains at 54.10, the precept demand will remain at £3500
 - ii) If NNDC approves the implementation of the second homes premium and the taxbase increases to 57.20, council will revise the precept demand to £3700.

5. **TO NOTE LATE CORRESPONDENCE AND REFER TO NEXT MEETING**
Cllr Tomczynska reported slow broadband speeds may hinder her attendance at the livestreamed 'Multi-Agency Flood and Drought Summit' this week. She has submitted a question to the forum.
6. **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING** – would be Annual Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 12th March 2025 at 7pm, followed by an ordinary meeting.
7. **TO CLOSE THIS MEETING** – there being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.25pm

PRECEPT REQUIRED	Actual 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26	TAXBASE CHANGE 2025/26	TAXBASE CHANGE 2025/26	NOTES:
Total Payments	5,269	6,085	6,765	6,765	6,765	
Total Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	
Taken from Reserves	1,769	2,585	3,265	3,265	3,265	
TOTAL PRECEPT REQUIRED	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,700	
£ Increase/Decrease		0	0	0	200	
% Increase/Decrease		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	5.41%	
BAND D CHARGE ON COUNCIL TAX BILL						
Tax Base	54.00	54.90	54.10	57.20	57.20	TAX BASE FIGURE
Band D Charge	64.81	63.75	64.70	61.19	64.69	
Actual % Increase/Decrease		-1.63%	1.48%	-4.02%	1.47%	