



# Battle Town Council



**MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
held on TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2017 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 6.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs D Furness (Chairman), G Favell, R Jessop, M Kiloh and A Ratcliffe.

**In Attendance:** Carol Harris, Town Clerk

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Cllr J Gyngell.
- 2. Disclosure of interest** – None.
- 3. Minutes of the meetings held on 7 November 2017** – These were approved by Members and duly signed by Cllr Furness.

**4. Precept recommendation to Full Council**

Members agreed that the precept must be kept to a maximum of 5%. The Clerk had circulated a draft precept document detailing individual Committees income, expenditure and project costs. Together with the previously agreed £15,000 for reserves, this amounted to a 7.5% increase.

Committee Chairmen discussed options for reducing the precept requirement.

The Clerk confirmed that Council could agree to place in an Ear Marked Reserve any unspent funds on projects not completed this year.

**Members agreed to recommend to Full Council a precept of £338,000 which represents a 3.75% increase.** The detail is as attached.

**5. Matters for information and future agenda items**

**6. Date of next meeting: 2 January 2018**

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

**CLLR D FURNESS  
CHAIRMAN**