

**RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL**  
*Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2017*

**Present:** Councillors Lord (Mayor)  
World  
Croasdell  
Preece  
Parsons  
White  
Hodgson  
Steggles  
Blease  
Heap  
Cooke

**In attendance:** Ms. H. Lawler, Town Clerk

**01.01.17 Apologies:** Councillors Spencer, Harris, Bryant and Pearson

**02.01.17 Public Open Session:**  
No members of the public were present.

**03.01.17 Declarations of Interest:**  
It was agreed that Declarations of Interest should be dealt with as and when they arose during the meeting.

**04.01.17 Precept 2017/18**

The Chair of Resources, Councillor Heap gave an overview of the draft Precept and the two options available.

Councillor Parson responded with differing views. He also commented that further information is required from two groups who appear on the Precept document, prior to them receiving funding.

Option 1.

Apply to Richmondshire District Council for the Precept sum of £150,653.71. This option would therefore mean that there would be no increase in the 2017/18 Precept.

Proposed: Councillor Hodgson      Seconded: Councillor Heap

**RESOLVED: this motion was not carried.**

Option 2.

Apply to Richmondshire District Council for the Precept sum of £151,000. This option would therefore mean that there will be an increase to the 2017/18 Precept of less than 1%.

Proposed: Councillor Parsons      Seconded: Councillor Cooke

**RESOLVED: that Option 2. be approved.**

Councillors Heap and Hodgson requested their vote against the proposal be recorded.