**DRAFT MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BISHOPS TACHBROOK PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST CHAD’S CENTRE ON 25TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT 8PM**

**PRESENT**: Councillors: M. Greene (Chairman), R. Bullen, L. Carter, M. Drew, C. Herbert, K. Wellsted,

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllrs. C. Brewster (business commitment) and S. Deely (business commitment).

**2. To agree 2020/21 budget and to set precept**

A draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman updated the meeting on discussions with the District Council regarding our tax base figure and the errors that have been made in previous years. The approximate number of dwellings, that have not been allocated to us, is 645 but it is currently unclear as to what the numbers have been in previous years. The District Council doesn’t have the systems in place to refund residents for the error nor can it refund the Parish Council. They are willing to grant us funding for projects, which we have had to delay because of insufficient resources, in lieu of refunds for residents for the incorrect tax base figures in previous years. This matter was discussed and councillors agreed that the Sports and Social Club driveway has been delayed several times because of lack of funding. Cllrs. Herbert and Bullen agreed to look at the work required and obtain estimates to support our funding request.

The Chairman reported that the District Council has indicated that a precept of £109,000 would equate to £53 per annum on a band D property. Cllr. Carter proposed we increase the precept to £109,000, seconded Cllr. Bullen and carried unanimously. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes. The clerk was asked to write to the District Council with our demand quoting the band d property charge confirmed to the Chairman.

The Chairman expressed the whole Parish Council’s thanks to Cllr. Bullen and District Cllr. Norris for their strong contributions to resolving this matter.

**3. Closure of meeting**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.