**DRAFT MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BISHOPS TACHBROOK PARISH COUNCIL ON 29TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM AT ST. CHAD’S CENTRE**

**Present:** Cllrs. M. Greene (Chair), L. Carter, S. Deely, M. Drew, P. Gillman, P. Guest, K. Hall and Keith Wellsted

**1. Apologies**

Cllr. C. Brewster (personal commitment).

**2. To reconsider 2024/25 precept; tax base figure has been changed by the District Council resulting in higher charges to residents**

The Chair briefly explained that a meeting had been held with the finance officer with

District Cllr. Collins present to try and resolve this issue. It appears that the tax base

figure provided to us in January can’t be used because other parishes have already submitted

their precept requests based on the tax base figures provided in December by the District

Council. We know the figures provided to us in December and January were incorrect since

they didn’t included The Asps development. The January figure was an improvement, although still incorrect. The Chief Executive has provided an assurance that we will be compensated for the incorrect tax base calculation and a figure of approximately £4000 has been mentioned. The officer has agreed to conduct a full review, in this financial year, to identify the properties missing from our numbers for 2023/24, arrange necessary compensation, ensure that these properties are added to our parish for 2024/25 with a further review towards the end of the year to ensure that we have a more realistic forecast for 2025/26. To ensure our residents do not have to finance a Warwick District Council error the Chair proposed we reduce the precept to £151,000, with a minimum top-up payment from the District Council of £4,000 equalling £155,000, seconded Cllr. Deely and carried unanimously.

**3. Meeting closure**

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.51pm.