

Minutes

of a meeting of the

Council

held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 12 December 2012
at the Guildhall, Abingdon



Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillor Alison Thomson (Chairman), Mike Badcock (Vice-Chairman), John Amys, Marilyn Badcock, Matthew Barber, Eric Batts, Yvonne Constance, Roger Cox, Tony de Vere, Charlotte Dickson, Gervase Duffield, Jason Fiddaman, Debby Hallett, Jim Halliday, Jenny Hannaby, Dudley Hoddinott, Simon Howell, Bob Johnston, Bill Jones, Mohinder Kainth, Angela Lawrence, Pat Lonergan, Sandy Lovatt, Ron Mansfield, Sue Marchant, Julie Mayhew-Archer, Aidan Melville, Elizabeth Miles, John Morgan, Mike Murray, Jerry Patterson, Helen Pighills, Judy Roberts, Fiona Roper, Robert Sharp, Val Shaw, Janet Shelley, Melinda Tilley, Margaret Turner, Reg Waite, Elaine Ware, Richard Webber and John Woodford

Officers: Steve Bishop, David Buckle, Steven Corrigan, Matt Prosser, Margaret Reed, Anna Robinson and Toby Warren

Number of members of the public: 26

Co.43 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Julia Bricknall, Andrew Crawford, Jane Hanna, Anthony Hayward, Holly Holman, Peter Jones and Gill Morgan

Co.44 Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2012 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman sign them as such.

Co.45 Declarations of interest

In respect of agenda item 10 B – Council tax exemptions and discounts, Councillor Jenny Hannaby declared that she received a single person discount. She did not vote on this item.

In respect of the agenda item 10 D - Science Vale UK Enterprise Zone – Milton Park Local Development Order 2012 - Councillor Jim Halliday declared that he works for a

founder partner of Milton Park but works at Harwell and Councillor Mike Badcock declared that he works at Milton Park.

Co.46 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed the two new councillors representing the Sunningwell and Wootton ward following the by election on 6 December 2012. She congratulated Vale of White Horse District Council on achieving the best recycling rate in the country. She reported that she had attended the funeral of Terry Cox, former councillor, which was well attended.

Co.47 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting Council

The Chairman of Council asked the following question on behalf of Dr Les Clyne to Councillor Matthew Barber, Leader of Council.

“In view of the continuing poor health of Councillor Peter Jones, when will a by election be called for his seat on the council, so that the residents of his ward in Abingdon can have full representation again”?

In response Councillor Matthew Barber referred to item 9 on the agenda which asked Council to consider a proposal to approve a further period of non-attendance until 22 March and allow for a by-election to be held on 2 May 2013 on the same day as Oxfordshire County Council’s elections if he had not attended a meeting by this time.

Four members of the public had requested to address Council on the proposed local development order for the Science Vale UK Enterprise Zone. Details are recorded in minute 52 D.

Co.48 Urgent business

The Chairman of Council agreed to take an item of urgent business on the distribution of council tax reduction scheme grant to allow Council to agree the methodology for the distribution of the grant to enable the section 151 officer to notify local precepting authorities of their share at the earliest opportunity which in turn will enable those authorities to meet the council’s deadline for receipt of precepts to avoid delays in setting the council tax and starting the billing process. She informed council that this item would be considered with the agenda item 12 – budget and council tax setting 2013/14.

Co.49 Petitions under standing order No.13

None.

Co.50 Questions under standing order 12

1. Question from Councillor Jenny Hannaby to Councillor Matthew Barber:

“Please can he outline the timetable for improving the road network in the Wantage Grove area, which as he is aware is about to see construction of a

large number of new houses, and how he expects these vital road improvement to be paid for?”

Answer

Councillor Barber acknowledged the significant building activity in the area. Any planning permissions would seek to ensure the provision of adequate infrastructure before the completion of sites through section 106 agreements and the community infrastructure levy.

In response to a supplementary question he undertook to raise the concerns of Councillor Hannaby on the timing of infrastructure provision with county council officers.

2. Question from Councillor Simon Howell to Councillor Mike Murray:

“Could those that live on the South Western part of the Vale be assured that Cabinet and Vale officers are in discussion and trying to influence Swindon Borough Council and their Core Strategy? The Swindon plans would significantly impact the roads and other services in the Vale with their plans for significant house building up to the boundary”.

Answer

Councillor Murray responded that Councillors Matthew Barber and Elaine Ware were scheduled to meet with Swindon Borough Council’s Cabinet to discuss the impact of their Core Strategy on the Vale.

3. Question from Councillor Sandy Lovatt to Councillor Elaine Ware:

“Does the portfolio holder think that changing the name of the Abbey Shopping Centre back to its original name of “Bury Street” is merely a cosmetic gesture or will it make a difference to the level of trade taking place in that area?”

Answer

Councillor Ware responded that the decision to change the name was that of the owners and not considered cosmetic as many residents would be familiar with the former name.

The Chairman of Council ruled a supplementary question out of order.

4. Question from Councillor Jason Fiddaman to Councillor Matthew Barber:

“Will the Leader report on the Council's response to the recent flooding?”

Answer

Councillor Matthew Barber responded that agencies across Oxfordshire had learnt lessons from previous flooding incidents and had responded very well to the recent flooding whilst acknowledging that further lessons could be learnt. He paid tribute to officers who had acted to protect property and lives.

In response to a supplementary question he confirmed that he would ensure the relevant organisations were thanked for the role they played.

Co.51 Councillor Peter Jones

At its meeting in May 2012 Council approved the non-attendance of Councillor Peter Jones at meetings of the council until 31 December 2012 due to his ill health and ongoing recovery. Council considered a proposal to approve his absence from any meetings of the authority until 22 March and to authorise the head of legal and democratic services to declare the seat vacant if he has not attended a meeting by this date.

Whilst not opposing the approval of a further period of non-attendance for Councillor Peter Jones from meetings a number of councillors expressed the view that in order to make informed decisions in the future they would require more information on each request and suggested a time limit on the period of non-attendance approved. Council agreed that the Constitution Review Task Group review this matter and report back to Council.

RESOLVED: to

1. approve the non-attendance of Councillor Peter Jones at meetings until 22 March 2013 due to his ill health and ongoing recovery;
2. authorise the head of legal and democratic services to declare the seat vacant if Councillor Peter Jones has not attended a meeting by this date.

Co.52 Recommendations from the Cabinet and committees

A. Council tax reduction scheme

Council considered Cabinet's recommendation, made at its meeting on 7 December 2012, on the adoption and implementation of a new Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the financial year 2013/14.

RESOLVED:

1. to adopt the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2013/14 outlined in paragraph 8 of the report of the Head of Finance to Cabinet on 7 December 2012;
2. to authorise the Head of Finance to finalise the scheme for 2013/14;
3. to encourage Oxfordshire authorities to continue to work together to develop and introduce a uniform Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2014/15.

B. Council tax discounts and exemptions

Council considered Cabinet's recommendation, made at its meeting on 7 December 2012, on the level of council tax discount to apply to second homes, unoccupied and unfurnished dwellings, and dwellings undergoing or requiring structural repair, and the level of premium to apply to long-term empty dwellings.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Local Government Finance Act 2012) and the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended)

- (i) from 1 April 2013 the council tax discount to be applied on second homes (Classes A and B in the Regulations) be reduced from ten per cent to nil;
- (ii) from 1 April 2013 (subject to (iii) below) the council tax discount to be applied on unoccupied and unfurnished dwellings (Class C in the Regulations) be 25 per cent for up to six months and zero per cent thereafter;
- (iii) from 1 April 2013 where the unoccupied and unfurnished dwelling is requiring or undergoing structural repair (Class D in the Regulations) the discount to be applied be 50 per cent for up to 12 months and zero per cent thereafter;
- (iv) from 1 April 2013 a premium of 50 per cent (on top of the 100 per cent currently payable) be applied to long term empty dwellings where they have been unoccupied and unfurnished continuously for at least two years (except those falling within Classes E and F in the Regulations where no premium will apply).

C. Council tax base 2013/14

Council considered Cabinet's recommendation, made at its meeting on 7 December 2012, on the council tax base for 2013/14.

Council was advised that subsequent to the Cabinet meeting officers became aware that the tax base calculations for St Helens Without, Shellingford, Shrivensham, South Hinksey and Sparsholt listed in appendix 1 to the Cabinet report were incorrect. The error was a result of the calculation of the effect of the new council tax reduction scheme and came about because of a difference between two different systems. The overall tax base figure was correct. A revised appendix with the correct council tax base for each parish was circulated at the Council meeting.

RESOLVED:

1. to approve the report of the head of finance for the calculation of the council's tax base and the calculation of the tax base for each parish area for 2013/14;
2. that, in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by the Vale of White Horse District Council as its council tax base for the year 2013/14 be 45,964.9; and
3. that, in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by the Vale of White Horse District Council as the council tax base for the year 2013/14 for each parish be the amount shown against the name of that parish in appendix 1 to these minutes.

D. Science Vale UK Enterprise Zone – Milton Park Local development Order 2012

Mr John Wattam, Mr Anthony Mockler, Brigadier Robin Draper and Mr Philip Campbell addressed Council on this item.

1. Mr Wattam reported that he understood the bigger picture but urged Council not to forget the effect on local people. He was disappointed that Cabinet had

- not addressed the concerns of local residents to reshape the local development order.
2. Mr Mockler expressed concern at the poor public consultation process that left little time for residents to prepare their case. He called for a postponement of the decision for six months to facilitate a proper consultation and informed decision.
 3. Brigadier Draper also raised concern about the public consultation process and believed the idea had not been sold to the local communities. Whilst welcoming the proposed local development order for Milton Park he urged Council to review acceptable uses of the site (e.g. business in the scientific industry, not car dealerships), and stated there was no requirement to intensify activities at the site to achieve the goal of creating a world centre for science and technology.
 4. Mr Campbell, acting as agent for MEPC, Milton Park's owners, addressed Council in support of the proposed local development order. The order encouraged science-based companies to the area. He believed that there were sufficient planning controls in the order that, whilst providing flexibility, provided a clear framework for the development of the site. He reported that the park currently had a few vacancies and there would be no imminent expansion. He believed MEPC had met public consultation requirements and referred to the establishment of a local liaison group.

Council considered Cabinet's recommendation, made at its meeting on 7 December 2012, to adopt a local development order for Milton Park, subject to confirmation that the Secretary of State does not wish to intervene.

Matthew Barber, Leader of council, advised Council of the amendments to the draft local development order agreed by Cabinet to:

- reflect the need to safeguard the scheduled ancient monument and its setting to the north of Milton Park
- reflect the need to maintain appropriate separation between the development and the residential areas of Milton and Sutton Courtenay
- minimise the impact of new green field development on visual amenity
- ensure the lighting and noise conditions also apply to Kelaart's Field
- include an 8 metre buffer between any new development and Moor Ditch

A number of councillors expressed concern about the perceived lack of consultation with parish councils and the lack of regard to local concerns. Although welcoming the establishment of a local liaison group they were of the view that such a body should have been established earlier in the process.

The majority of councillors supported the proposal to simplify planning controls and stimulate economic development at Milton Park and bring benefit to the local community. Councillors welcomed the increased measures to protect the archaeological sites, control noise and light at Kelaart's Field and improve landscaping.

In accordance with standing order 29(4) Councillors Mike Badcock, Gervase Duffield, Jim Halliday, Debby Hallett and Ron Mansfield requested that their abstention from voting on this item be recorded in the minutes.

RESOLVED: to authorise the strategic director, in consultation with the Leader of council, leader of the opposition and local ward councillor, to incorporate the amendments to the Local Development Order to reflect the changes agreed by Cabinet and to adopt the Milton Park Local Development Order 2012, subject to confirmation that the Secretary of State does not wish to intervene.

E. High Street Innovation Fund and Town teams

Council considered Cabinet's recommendation, made at its meeting on 7 December to approve the addition of £155,000 to the economic development budget, from externally received monies, to deliver high street innovation fund projects for the Vale towns, town teams in Abingdon and Faringdon, and the creation of a Vale-wide business partnership.

RESOLVED: to approve the addition of £155,000 to the economic development budget, from externally received monies, to deliver high street innovation fund projects for the Vale towns, town teams in Abingdon and Faringdon, and the creation of a Vale-wide business partnership.

Co.53 Response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's warding proposals for Vale of White Horse

Council considered the report of the chief executive, on the council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Vale of White Horse District Council.

The chief executive reported that the responses received from parish and town councils were broadly supportive of the council's view. Blewbury Parish Council opposed the proposed two member Blewbury and Harwell ward and Milton Parish Council did not support the division of the parish into two district wards. The chief executive emphasised the importance of parish councils responding direct to the Boundary Commission with their views

Councillor Jim Halliday requested that the minutes record his support for single member wards for Abingdon.

Council agreed the proposed response subject to an amendment (moved by Councillor J Shelley and seconded by Councillor J Patterson) to provide for single member wards for Blewbury and Harwell.

RESOLVED: to

- (a) authorise the chief executive to prepare and submit the council's formal response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's warding proposal for Vale of White Horse reflecting the outline response set out in appendix A to the report of the chief executive to Council on 12 December 2012, subject to the inclusion of single member wards for Blewbury and Harwell, having first consulted with the members of the electoral review working group; and
- (b) authorise the chief executive in consultation with members of the electoral review working group to agree minor changes to the submission as agreed, where there is clear cross party support for so doing.

Co.54 Budget and council tax setting 2013/14

Council considered the report of the head of legal and democratic services, on the budget and council tax setting timetable, on the implications of new legislation on council tax setting and business rates pooling and on the late receipt of the local government grant settlement figures from central government.

She advised that, due to the consideration of an urgent item on the distribution of council tax reduction scheme grant (see minute 55), recommendation (d) in the report was no longer required.

RESOLVED: to

1. agree to waive the requirement in the budget and policy procedure rules for a six week consultation period for the 2013/14 budget setting process due to the delayed local government grant settlement this year
2. authorise the strategic director (section 151 officer), in consultation with the Cabinet member for finance, to approve and submit the Council's national non-domestic rates 1 form (NNDR1) for 2013/2014
3. authorise the strategic director (section 151 officer), in consultation with the Cabinet member for finance, to sign up to an Oxfordshire business rates pooling arrangement provided that on receipt of the local government grant settlement he is satisfied that it is in the council's interests to do so

Co.55 Urgent item - distribution of council tax reduction scheme grant

The Chairman of Council agreed to take this item as an item of urgent business to allow Council to agree the methodology for the distribution of council tax reduction scheme grant to enable the section 151 officer to notify local precepting authorities of their share at the earliest opportunity, which in turn will enable those authorities to meet the council's deadline for receipt of precepts to avoid delays in setting the council tax and starting the billing process.

Council considered the report of the head of finance that set out the council's approach to distributing the grant attributable to local precepting authorities (town and parish councils) that it will receive from the Government to offset the impact of the new council tax reduction scheme.

RESOLVED: to

1. pay over the full council tax reduction scheme (CTRS) grant attributed to local precepting authorities, but should the total grant exceed local precepting authorities' requirements, payment will only be made up to the level of the total shortfall of each local precepting authority calculated as in Appendix 1 of the report of the head of finance to Council on 12 December 2012.
2. approve the methodology for distributing the CTRS grant attributed to local precepting authorities as set out in paragraphs 10 to 15 and exemplified in Table 2.

3. direct the section 151 officer, on receipt of the actual CTRS grant attributed to local precepting authorities, to calculate the grant due to each local precepting authority based on the methodology agreed in (2) above and notify each local precepting authority of the amount they are to receive.
4. direct the section 151 officer to pay over the sums calculated as a consequence of (3) to local precepting authorities on 3 April 2013.

Co.56 Councillors' allowances 2013/14

Council considered the independent remuneration panel's report on the level of increase to apply to the councillors' basic allowance for 2013/14.

Councillor M Barber stated that the next review of councillors' allowances would revisit the reimbursement of mileage to councillors who visit the council offices for issues other than formal meetings.

RESOLVED: to

1. increase the basic allowance for 2013/14 in line with the staff pay increase for 2013/14; and
2. ask the independent remuneration panel to conduct a fundamental review of the councillors' allowances scheme following the outcome of the Boundary Commission's review of councillor numbers at the council.

Co.57 Sunningwell and Wootton by elections

Council considered the report of the head of legal and democratic services on changes to the make-up and membership of committees following the Sunningwell and Wootton by election held on 6 December 2012.

In response to a question officers provided an assurance that Councillor Aidan Melville would not participate in meetings of the planning committee until he had received the appropriate training.

RESOLVED: to

1. approve the allocation of seats as detailed in the report of the head of legal and democratic services to the Council meeting on 12 December 2012;
2. agree the revised memberships of the Planning Committee, Scrutiny Committee and General Licensing Committee as follows;
 - (a) Scrutiny Committee – 7 Conservative and 5 Liberal Democrat members
 - (b) Planning Committee – 8 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat and one non group councillor
 - (c) General Licensing Committee – 8 Conservative, 6 Liberal Democrat and one non-group councillor
3. agree the revised membership of the Licensing Acts Committee as 9 Conservative and 6 Liberal Democrat members;

4. appoint Aidan Melville as a member of the Planning Committee and Angela Lawrence as a member of the General Licensing Committee
5. authorise the head of legal and democratic services to make appointments to committee positions in accordance with the wishes of the relevant group leader.

Co.58 Virements

Council noted details of virements approved by Cabinet.

Co.59 Report of the leader of the council

In accordance with the scrutiny committee procedure rules, an executive decision can be taken as a matter of urgency, if any delay by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the council's or the public's interest.

The Leader of Council reported that he took a confidential decision on amendments to the existing agreements in respect of the Old Gaol, Abingdon and to secure the building of affordable housing at Harcourt Way to meet local housing needs by an earlier date.

Co.60 Notices of motion under standing order 11

Council considered the following motions.

1. Motion proposed by Councillor Julie Mayhew-Archer, seconded by Councillor Jenny Hannaby:

“Council urges the Cabinet to include appropriate sums for maintenance in its proposed capital budget for 2013/14 and subsequent years to permit the Abbey Meadow Swimming Pool to remain open so that Vale residents can continue enjoy this facility.”

Those councillors in support of the motion highlighted the importance of the facility to Vale residents, the increase in usage, the role the facility plays in attracting people into Abingdon and the fact that without the facility some people would enter the river as an alternative. The provision of a capital budget would facilitate improvement works and secure future plans for the facility.

Those councillors opposing the motion referred to the fact that the previous administration had proposed a reduction in funding, that sufficient funding existed for the planned repair works and decisions on budget matters should be taken as part of the budget and not in isolation.

On being put the motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED: to urge Cabinet to include appropriate sums for maintenance in its proposed capital budget for 2013/14 and subsequent years to permit the Abbey Meadow Swimming Pool to remain open so that Vale residents can continue enjoy this facility.

2. Motion proposed by Councillor Jim Halliday, seconded by Councillor Dudley Hoddinott:

“Council urges the Cabinet to include an appropriate sum in its proposed revenue budget for 2013/14 to allow for the community revenue grants scheme to be re-established in order that community groups and organisations may continue to promote the vitality of the District and the well being of the community.”

Councillors in support of the motion referred to the activities supported by revenue grant funding and highlighted what they perceived as the limitations of the current community revenue grants scheme having a total grant of £10,000 and an individual maximum grant of £1,000. The limitations of the current scheme had contributed to the cancellation of the 2013 Abingdon Arts Festival due to the inadequate grant of £1,000. They supported an increase in the revenue budget to facilitate the funding of more schemes to contribute to improved vitality of the towns and improve the health and well being of communities. Revenue grants had a greater impact than capital grants because they usually appeal to a larger proportion of the population across a community. They drew attention to the fact that the Abingdon Area Committee had surplus capital funds due to a lack of applications.

Whilst understanding the sentiments of the motion other councillors expressed the view that the current budget was adequate and any increase in the revenue grants budget could put other services under threat.

In response to concerns that the current capital grants budget was underspent Councillor Matthew Barber agreed to discuss with officers the option to roll capital over to the next financial year to facilitate a further round of applications.

In accordance with standing order 29(3), at the request of more than a fifth of councillors present, the chairman asked for a recorded vote. Votes on the motion were recorded as follows:

For	Against	Abstentions
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
Tony de Vere	John Amys	Alison Thomson
Debby Hallett	Mike Badcock	Marilyn Badcock
Jim Halliday	Matthew Barber	
Jenny Hannaby	Eric Batts	
Dudley Hoddinott	Yvonne Constance	
Bob Johnston	Roger Cox	
Angela Lawrence	Charlotte Dickson	
Pat Lonergan	Gervase Duffield	
Ron Mansfield	Jason Fiddaman	
Sue Marchant	Simon Howell	
Julie Mayhew-Archer	Bill Jones	
Aidan Melville	Mohinder Kainth	
Elizabeth Miles	Sandy Lovatt	
John Morgan	Michael Murray	
Jerry Patterson	Fiona Roper	
Helen Pighills	Robert Sharp	
Judy Roberts	Janet Shelley	

Val Shaw	Melinda Tilley	
Richard Webber	Margaret Turner	
John Woodford	Reg Waite	
	Elaine Ware	
Totals:		
20	21	2

The motion was declared not carried.

3. Motion proposed by Councillor Richard Webber, seconded by Councillor Tony de Vere:

“Council urges the Cabinet to allocate its capital and revenue grants budgets on a per capita basis when making allocations to the area committees.”

Councillors supporting the motion highlighted what they perceived as the unfairness of the current system arising from the unequal area distribution of grant funding between the South East and West areas of Vale and those of Abingdon and the North East areas. They urged Cabinet to reconsider the allocation criteria and base it according to a per capita basis to address this inequality.

Those councillors opposing the motion stated that the current system was based on a complex formula and reflected the rural nature of the district. Some referred to the fact that the Abingdon Area Committee had failed to spend its capital grant allocation.

In accordance with standing order 29(3), at the request of more than a fifth of councillors present, the chairman asked for a recorded vote. Votes on the motion were recorded as follows:

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Pat Lonergan	Charlotte Dickson	
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Sue Marchant	Jason Fiddaman	
Julie Mayhew-Archer	Simon Howell	
Aidan Melville	Bill Jones	
Elizabeth Miles	Mohinder Kainth	
Jerry Patterson	Sandy Lovatt	
Helen Pighills	John Morgan	
Judy Roberts	Michael Murray	
Val Shaw	Fiona Roper	
Richard Webber	Robert Sharp	
John Woodford	Janet Shelley	
	Melinda Tilley	
	Margaret Turner	
	Reg Waite	

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	Elaine Ware	
Totals:		
18	22	3

The motion was declared not carried.

4. Motion proposed by Councillor Cllr Jenny Hannaby, seconded by Councillor Debby Hallett:

“Council asks the Chief Executive to prepare a report for the next Council meeting describing the implications of the Council paying all its employees a living wage as set by Centre for Research in Social Policy, and outlining how the Council may apply to become an accredited living wage employer.”

A number councillors supported the principle of a living wage providing a person with sufficient salary to live decently and to adequately provide for their family. They drew attention to the gap between the legal minimum wage and the income required to support a house and family and the use of benefits and high interest loans by some to fill the gap between what they earn and the level of income required to survive.

In opposing the motion reference was made to the fact that one former member of staff was paid below the living wage criteria. Prior to recruiting to the vacancy additional budget provision would be made to address this. The situation was monitored and there was no need to seek such an accreditation.

On being put the motion was declared not carried.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

PARISH COUNCIL TAX BASES - 2013/14

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	NUMBER OF PROPERTIES	PARISH TAX BASE 2013-14	PARISH TAX BASE 2012- 13
ABINGDON	14,411.0	11,580.5	12,683.5
APPLEFORD	140.0	151.9	158.0
APPLETON WITH EATON	388.0	432.0	436.8
ARDINGTON AND LOCKINGE	218.0	202.9	215.6
ASHBURY	237.0	239.3	255.3
BAULKING	40.0	46.1	46.6
BESSELSLEIGH	30.0	38.0	38.2
BLEWBURY	764.0	685.0	718.9
BOURTON	129.0	134.9	146.5
BUCKLAND	254.0	306.8	310.7
BUSCOT	87.0	88.9	90.4
CHARNEY BASSETT	120.0	144.9	143.3
CHILDREY	221.0	232.8	247.2
CHILTON	376.0	384.8	377.9
COLESHILL	75.0	63.2	71.2
COMPTON BEAUCHAMP	31.0	38.4	38.4
CUMNOR	2,440.0	2,591.5	2,680.5
DENCHWORTH	78.0	80.9	84.4
DRAYTON	981.0	895.6	958
EAST CHALLOW	322.0	258.8	289.8
EAST HANNEY	341.0	366.0	388.5
EAST HENDRED	493.0	504.0	531.7
EATON HASTINGS	32.0	33.1	32.7
FARINGDON	3,259.0	2,474.3	2,724.7
FERNHAM	95.0	108.2	115.9
FRILFORD	90.0	117.9	115.7
FYFIELD AND TUBNEY	199.0	235.3	243.1
GARFORD	69.0	80.8	82.0
GOOSEY	55.0	65.3	65.2
GREAT COXWELL	129.0	151.2	155.7
GROVE	2,994.0	2,497.0	2,686.1
HARWELL	1,029.0	960.9	1,017.1
HATFORD	35.0	43.6	46.7
HINTON WALDRIST	143.0	141.1	149.7
KENNINGTON	1,731.0	1,629.4	1,723.0
KINGSTON BAGPUIZE AND SOUTHMOOR	926.0	947.6	984.4
KINGSTON LISLE	104.0	102.5	111.7
LETCOMBE BASSETT	74.0	81.6	83.9
LETCOMBE REGIS	332.0	334.4	342.5
LITTLE COXWELL	68.0	74.6	78.0
LITTLEWORTH	95.0	114.1	115.8
LONGCOT	246.0	253.7	269.6
LONGWORTH	240.0	257.7	273.1
LYFORD	22.0	23.6	23.4
MARCHAM	720.0	689.4	716.4

MILTON	468.0	412.6	442.0
NORTH HINKSEY	1,890.0	1,639.6	1,740.0
PUSEY	28.0	33.4	33.6
RADLEY	1,004.0	849.6	911.5
ST HELEN WITHOUT	825.0	804.3	804.7
SHELLINGFORD	79.0	78.6	81.3
SHRIVENHAM	978.0	967.1	1,012.6
SOUTH HINKSEY	158.0	179.1	194.2
SPARSHOLT	135.0	147.2	147.8
STANFORD IN THE VALE	901.0	828.5	879.4
STEVENTON	653.0	588.9	634.9
SUNNINGWELL	368.0	431.6	437.7
SUTTON COURTENAY	1,040.0	948.0	1,009.4
UFFINGTON	323.0	325.5	346.2
UPTON	174.0	209.3	208.8
WANTAGE	5,004.0	4,093.0	4,456.8
WATCHFIELD	812.0	755.7	782.8
WEST CHALLOW	78.0	88.0	93.9
WEST HANNEY	222.0	242.4	247.9
WEST HENDRED	148.0	159.7	162.5
WOOLSTONE	60.0	78.3	73.3
WOOTTON	1,185.0	1,146.3	1,229.6
WYTHAM	69.0	73.4	76.7
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TOTAL	51,465	45,964.9	49,075.5