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Town Council Press Release –

2017/2018 Precept Announcement

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The Town Council is pleased to announce that the precept for 2017/2018 was approved at the January Full Council meeting. The Town Council has increased its precept by 1.6% but there is a 0% increase in Council Tax for Band D properties, which is due to the additional properties which have been built in the town. Chairman of Finance Cllr Alan Chesters stated that “Whitchurch Town Council finances are in a healthy position with substantial reserves and we are proud to be able to keep our section of the rates the same for the coming year.”

The Town Council has launched a new website solely for the Civic Centre: www.thecivic.org.uk. The Town Council has allocated extra funds in next year’s budget and is committed to hosting up to twenty shows. The theatre programme for the year already includes Abba Revival Tribute Show in April and Jimmy Cricket in June.

Acting Town Clerk Zoë Dean notes that “improvements works are currently underway in Jubilee Park with a list of maintenance work approved at the January Parks & Open Spaces meeting. Repairs are also being made to Gambrell Avenue play area which had been locked and unavailable for use for a number of months. We are pleased to soon be able to offer these facilities to our residents once again”.

The Edward German Room has undergone extensive refurbishment work throughout January since the start of the New Year. The old black bricks have been plaster boarded and painted and the wooden floor has been sanded and varnished; it is now looking like new.

Money has also been allocated in the next financial year’s budget for the ongoing maintenance of the Civic Centre, which is the responsibility of the Town Council as a tenant of the building. Acting Town Clerk Zoë Dean said we have a busy schedule of works to get through but we are confident that the public will relish the improvements.”