MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICHESTER HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, NORTH STREET, CHICHESTER ON WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY 2015 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT	:	The Mayor (Councillor Hughes) The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Siggs) Councillors Apel, Bell, Budge, Chaplin, P Dignum, T Dignum, Evans, French, Garrett, Holman, Macey, Plowman, Rankin, Scicluna, Smith and Woolley
APOLOGIES	:	Councillor Campling and Mayor's Chaplain
ABSENT	:	Councillor Shone
IN ATTENDANCE	:	Town Clerk, Administration Manager and Macebearer

47 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 3 December 2014 having been printed and circulated be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

48 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

(a) Finance Committee

It was moved by Councillor Plowman, Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 December 2014 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Plowman, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2014 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Plowman asked members to consider the following Recommendation to Full Council that the City Council's Budget for 2015/2016 be increased by 3.19% a sum of £15,570 resulting in a Precept Demand of £503,680 and a Band D Council Tax Payment of £48.30. After taking the tax base (10,428.30) into account this is an increase of 0.46%.

Councillor Plowman thanked the Town Clerk and Finance Manager for their involvement in preparing the Budget. Councillor T Dignum said that the members of the Finance Committee had worked well together and the budget for 2015/2016 indicated 'good-housekeeping'.

Councillor French commented that he was against any increase and considered the percentage increase proposed not necessary.

It was proposed, seconded and duly RESOLVED that the City Council's Budget for 2015/2016 be increased by 3.19% a sum of £15,570 resulting in a Precept Demand of £503,680 and a Band D Council Tax Payment of £48.30. After taking the tax base (10,428.30) into account this is an increase of 0.46%.

49 BUSINESS PLAN

A copy of the Business Plan had been emailed to all members.

Councillor Plowman explained that the updated Business Plan reflected the 2015/2016 Budget and was a forward looking document as opposed to the previous Business Plan which was more of a review of what the City Council had undertaken.

Councillor Plowman thanked the Administration Manager for her involvement in preparing the Business Plan.

Members commented on some items in the Business Plan but no amendments were made.

It was proposed, seconded and duly RESOLVED that the Business Plan 2015-2019 be approved and adopted.

A copy of the Business Plan would be forwarded to all Members and Officers and uploaded to the City Council's website.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm