

MINUTES of a MEETING of the RESOURCES COMMITTEE of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on THURSDAY 19th September 2013, at 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

	<p>Present: Cllrs Castle (Chairman), Knight, Reeves and van de Poll. Apologies: Cllrs Chambers (holiday), Eatwell (unwell) Clerk: B Bradford and Deputy Clerk, C Loch in attendance</p>
R13/62	<p>Declarations of Interest and applications for dispensations: Cllr Castle declared a Personal Interest in matters related to Verney Road Development Phase I</p>
R13/63	<p>Minutes of Meeting on 15th August. RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record. Matters Arising: R13/55 <u>Land Valuation</u> RESOLVED to extend the valuation work to other related areas of land.</p>
R13/64	<p>Items deferred from previous meetings: Pension Scheme: Consideration of Discretionary Policies and continued membership (R13/44) Cllr Reeves advised that she had secured and reviewed extensive information on the subject but had raised questions with the Scheme administrators, responses to which were not yet received. She advised that she will update members fully as soon as possible and seek to ensure that the Clerk is not inhibited in exercising her options on leaving Council's employ due to Council's inaction on this matter. Members noted that auto-enrolment implementation would be 2015-16 for this Council. The Deputy Clerk has indicated his willingness to join the scheme, prior to the Clerk's leaving, which would have the benefit for Council of avoiding having no members of its scheme in the short term.</p>
	<p>Items delegated by Council: none not considered elsewhere</p>
R13/65	<p>Land & Property Issues: Scout Hut environs: Members noted that Scouts were negotiating with neighbours re works to ash trees some of which are posing a danger to their building. RESOLVED that the Clerk commission suitable works to ensure that the site is secured where neighbours currently have points of access.</p>
R13/66	<p>Street Lighting. New Developments: <u>Verney Road Phase I</u> (13/120) Members noted the response to Banner Homes and awaited further developments. <u>Verney Road Phase II</u> Having considered the plan of proposed lighting supplied by Bloor Homes RESOLVED that the Clerk write advising in detail the specification (unpainted 5m columns with Stela 10 LED lanterns) and locations (5) of lighting that Council would be prepared to adopt. Light near Barbara Brown Border (R13/57) Having considered representations from neighbours RESOLVED to pursue the installation of a site-appropriate streetlight that would provide sufficient light for pedestrians whilst ensuring light pollution to neighbouring properties is minimal. Clerk to update residents accordingly.</p>
R13/67	<p>Finance Income & Expenditure to date: Members reviewed the report circulated at August Council meeting and there were no comments or questions arising. MK Credit Union Ltd: RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that Council invest £50 as a Corporate Member of the Union, thereby demonstrating further its support of the organisation and its objectives. Membership could generate dividend income in the future and would entitle Council to vote at members' meetings. Budget: Members noted that the next meeting will concentrate on provision for financial year 2014/15. The current WTC Five Year Plan had been updated and circulated and it was noted that this will require a major update once the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted. In the meantime Members recognised that it will be important to allocate significant funds to initiate the New Community Centre project. Use of professionals to undertake all the preparatory work on feasibility, location, facilities to be included, business plan etc, would facilitate the best possible facility and access to funding. Cllr Reeves and Mr Loch would initiate research into the cost of such assistance.</p>
R13/68	<p>Personnel Recruitment of Clerk: Members noted that the Mrs Davidson had not accepted her appointment and that the Mayor had discussed the situation with all Councillors. RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that the Deputy be appointed Acting Clerk and RFO for 6 months from 1st October and a Temporary Deputy Clerk be sought for 6 months, after which time the situation would be reviewed. The Clerical Team and one Councillor will form the recruitment panel. To be advertised locally as well as through Clerk/Council routes. Mrs Bradford was prepared to undertake the vacant role of Deputy on her current hours and salary</p>

	until 31 st October.
R13/69	<p>Youth Centre: Building Management Issues Members noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Playgroup Lease</u> It is to be hoped that a recent letter from the Clerk answering apparent queries and enclosing 2 WTC signed copies of the lease will secure Playgroup's signature and return of one copy to the Clerk within 2 weeks. • <u>Building</u> – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Electricity billing had been escalated to nPower CEO complaints procedure and no action yet taken on Gas account. ii) No response from STFFSchool re draft lease and hiring agreement. RESOLVED that the offer not be extended beyond October half-term and alternative tenants sought as soon as the position is clear, by way of advertising the facility through Community Impact Bucks, Aylesbury Vale Volunteers and editorial in the Advertiser. iii) Maintenance issues to be deferred pending better knowledge of potential tenants needs and results of BCC investigation of water sources. <p>Youth Centre: Service Delivery Issues Friends of Winslow Youth Centre: Members noted the update from their meeting 4th September, that the AVYFC Leader had left the area, a replacement is being sought and no problems staffing a second night's provision from January with AVYFC is envisaged. The Clerk noted that Council would anticipate a formal proposal from Friends re the 2nd session which should include a report of market research undertaken to identify what type of provision would be appropriate to ensure that the service meets the needs of both those currently attending and potential users.</p>
	Reports from Outside Bodies: none
	Correspondence: none
	Items For Information none
	<i>Meeting Closed 8.36pm</i>
	Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date):