

MINUTES of a MEETING of the RESOURCES COMMITTEE of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup>. September 2015, at 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Monger (Chairman), Barry, Castle, Knight and van de Poll  <b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs. Bradford. Accepted  <b>Clerk:</b> C Loch  <i>There were no members of the public or press present.</i></p>
	<p><b>Declarations of Interest and applications for dispensations:</b> None</p>
R15//36	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting</b> on 23<sup>rd</sup>. July 2015. RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.  <b>Matters Arising:</b>  <b>Winslow Centre:</b> Members noted the number of complaints raised by resident in respect of Adult Education and the general access to the centre. Despite representations to Bucks County Council the situation was getting worse and the Council would post a statement that while it was a matter of concern for the Council it was outside its control.  <b>Youth Centre Skate Ramp:</b>  As the trial of a portable ramp had not raised any significant issues it was agreed that the Youth Club could continue with sessions shouldon the understanding that it would have to be reviewed if there were complaints.</p>
	<p><b>Items deferred from previous meetings:</b> None</p>
	<p><b>Items delegated by Council:</b> None</p>
R15/3728	<p><b>Land &amp; Property Issues:</b>  <b>Bowls Club LeasePaddock / Community Centre:</b> No response had been received from the Bowls Club so further efforts would be made to open discussions. Members heard a report on a proposal to progress the feasibility study and enlist the help of a professional firm to assist with the more technical aspects of the building as well as providing concept designs to support the public meetings planned for September. As a formal Council meeting was not planned for August and this work would need to start urgently to be ready for September it was RESOLVED to request the Chairman of the Council to call a special meeting for July 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 when the full details could be considered and the matte determined.  The Committee RESOLVED to approve the Paddock open days and associated public meeting in September as part of the public consultation.  Members considered equipment required for maintenance work on the area. Funding would be from the New Homes Bonus grant under which this was a budgeted item.  RESOLVED to purchase a ride on mower with removable flail attachment at a cost of (£16,250). The mower would be capable of handling rough ground and be compatible with the requirements for devolved grass cutting.</p>
R15/3829	<p><b>Emergency Plan.</b> Resolved that Cllr B Bradford be appointed emergency officer.  <b>Street Lighting:</b> Commuted Charges: Clerk reported that the case relating to commuted charges on new developments was to be appealed and until the outcome was determined this matter would have to be held in abeyance.</p>
R15/390	<p><b>Events</b>  <b>Working Party Report:</b> The working party had met and made a good start. The Safari Garage sale to be run in conjunction with a Brocantes and the Vintage Fair in the Market Square was set for Sept<sup>ember</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>. But so far virtually no take up by residents. Plans were well in hand for the Christmas Fayre.ember 27<sup>th</sup>  , All stalls were now filled. A start would be made on the X'mas Fair at a meeting to be held August 3<sup>rd</sup>. A celebration for the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday next year was being considered. To assist with publicity and reaching potential volunteers to help with events, RESOLVED to trial using facebook. Cllr. Gouveneur was delegated to set it up.  <b>Produce for sale on stall:</b> A list of items for consideration had been circulated and would now be discussed in detail with the supplier.</p>

	<p>Sample items and various possibilities were considered. Cllrs. Monger and Bradford were delegated to make a decision on an initial supply.</p> <p><b>Winslow Times:</b> This item would be deferred till a future meeting</p> <p><b>Christmas Lights:</b> Any major work was awaiting permission from St Laurence church to install lighting in the Church yard as it would influence any decision on the High St. The Clerk was asked to approach AVDC about better lighting of the Market Square tree. when the Clerk and Cllr. Bradford has discussed an approach.</p>
R15/4031	<p><b>Community Fund Projects</b></p> <p><b>Town Clock:</b> Members heard that the Market Square clock had now been repaired and was again working. Repairs for the Church Clock had been authorised and would be done in the near future. considered a request (as under the agenda item in correspondence) to assist with repairs on the church clock which needed a replacement bearing. As it was in effect a public clock, the Council was empowered under the Local Parishes Act 1957 s2 and members RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £1,230. The Clerk had also spoken to the TSB bank to see if the clock on the bank tower could be repaired. The manager was enquiring into repairs with the landlord and members RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to approve expenditure of up to £500 if a contribution was necessary.</p> <p><b>Market Square Cross:</b> This item would be deferred until the Clerk had ascertained full details of the project.</p>
R15/4132	<p><b>Youth Centre</b></p> <p><b>Representation:</b> Members noted that Council As had resolved to alter the Terms of Reference to required only one two Council representatives to be drawn from the Resources Committee. RESOLVED that Cllr, Bradford be appointed and Cllr. Gouverneur asked if she would consider taking it on. The latter would require some Committee restructuring.</p> <p><b>Building issues:</b> Members considered a request to provide temporary accommodation for Rising Stars while repairs were carried out at the Scout Hut. The Clerk was asked to speak to relevant parties to see if a solution could be found. If at all possible the Committee wished to protect this service for the town. Cllr. Monger reported on a proposal by BCC to erect a fence from the JGA corner across the end of the garden area and to the corner of the building to restrict entry and reduce anti-social behaviour. As it was possible to walk through the hedge and avoid such a fence, members RESOLVED to inform BCC that Council did not consider it to be of any real benefit.</p> <p><b>Service Delivery:</b> There was little to report until after the Friends met next week. Further discussion on the Youth Centre would be deferred until details of the meeting being held at the same time as this meeting were available.</p>
R15/4233	<p><b>Reports from Outside Bodies:</b></p> <p><b>Winslow Sports Club:</b> There were no items to report from the last meeting</p> <p><b>Members heard that there was a new Committee. Amenities were arranging to have the area along the Cricketers Row fence to be tidied up</b></p> <p><b>Public Hall:</b> The meeting scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>. had been postponed. The need for some repair work on gutters was noted.</p>
R15/4334	<p><b>Administration:</b></p> <p><b>ResourceIT Equipment:</b> Members considered a report on resources. RESOLVED that the Clerk now consider a specific proposal and report back to the Committee when it could be considered as a Precept item. It was also RESOLVED to approve expenditure up to £2,000 for the replacement of IT equipment as necessary.heard that following a service call from the council IT contractor, he had advised that Council should consider replacing the office Pcs which were now becoming outdated and liable to fail. The Clerk would investigate and recommend on replacement equipment but in the meantime RESOLVED to approve expenditure of up to £1,000 in the event of sudden failure.</p>
R15/4435	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>Neighbourhood WatchBig Society:</b> Members heard a proposal to institute Neighbourhood Watch in the Walnut Tree Close and surrounding areas and RESOLVED</p>

	to approve expenditure for the hire of a venue for the first public meeting. Members noted that the Big Society were proposing to update the Winslow guide and map and agreed that they would be willing to support the proposal when details were available.
<b>R15/44</b>	<b>Committee Matters:</b> RESOLVED that the Committee be in future called the Finance and General Purposes Committee and that it meet each month on the second Thursday unless otherwise determined.
	<b>Items For Information:</b> None
	<p><i>Meeting Closed 8.132pm</i></p> <p>Next meeting October 8September 10<sup>th</sup>. 2015</p> <p>Signed: ..... (Chairman) at Meeting (date):  .....</p>