

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 4th October 2012,
At 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

	<p>Present: Cllrs Monger (Chairman) Barry, Castle, Cawte, Chambers, Eatwell, Gibbs, Knight, Payne, van de Poll and Wiseman Apologies: Cllr Reeves (family) Clerk: B Bradford 1 Member of the Press was present throughout AVDC Cllr Renshell sent her apologies</p>
12/139	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: Personal: Cllrs Castle & Payne - as a members of the Friends of Winslow Youth Centre</p>
12/140	<p>Minutes of Meeting 6th September 2012 RESOLVED the minutes be signed as a true record Matters Arising: 12/137 The Clerk highlighted that the External Audit payment was significantly over budget due to Mazars' insistence on the inclusion of the Jubilee Games Area expenditure and balancing grant income in the annual return totals, which resulted in the requirement for an interim audit. Notification of arrangements for the current financial year have now been received and surprisingly fees have decreased. Recommended budget for an interim audit will be £600. The External Audit process is now complete and was advertised as such on the notice board from 28th August until 28th September inclusive. 12/123 Outdoor Fitness Area meeting with sports club scheduled for 26th September delayed until Mon 8th October 12/126 It was noted that Matt Partridge had been mistaken in his advice to make an additional submission to the Vale of Aylesbury Plan in respect of Rural Exception Sites and affordable housing split, this is not required at this stage. 12/127 AVDC New Homes Bonus – all parishes present at the meeting concurred with the WTC proposal that parishes receive 40% of the total, and a letter has now been sent to AVDC.</p>
	<p>Items Deferred: none</p>
12/141	<p>Report of the Amenities Committee Members noted the circulated draft minutes of the meeting on 18th September CCTV (A12/113) Members noted that a replacement camera for the Market Square system would be installed at a cost of £285 (in budget) and RESOLVED that a further camera to be sited on the Dentist's property giving better coverage of Greyhound Lane Car Park be progressed and funded from Reserves to complete phase 2 of the system upgrade. One system is still not viewable from the office due to software issues, but this should be sorted shortly.</p>
12/142	<p>Skatepark (A12/102) Cllr Monger requested that Amenities look once again at potential sites and schemes as completion of Phase III of Verney Road development will take a long time.</p>
12/143	<p>Jubilee Games Area (A12/114) Cllr Monger explained the circumstances under which he acquired a key to the Avenue Road pedestrian gates and why he passed them to the Keyholder for use to unlock the gates when necessary (normally only on Sundays and in school holidays). Cllr Castle expressed her frustration at the disregard for the Committee's decision (A12/74 June meeting) and noted the potential contravention of Standing Order 11. Discussion ceased.</p>
12/144	<p>Report of the Development Committee Members noted the circulated minutes of meetings on 12th September and 3rd October (draft) and Committee's intention to invite Transport for Bucks & Arriva to meet with them to discuss the deterioration of the Route 60 bus service. Also noted the circulated proposed parish magazine article on the Avenue Road Zebra Crossing to seek to establish a body of evidence. Noted also that the PCT will no longer exist after April 2013, however it is not yet known who will be the relevant person or body to talk to regarding Winslow's Healthcare provisions. Cllrs Eatwell and Gibbs are involved in consultations on changes to the Health Service and will advise of developments as they occur.</p>
12/145	<p>Old Vicarage redevelopment - streetnaming (D12/163) Members noted the recommendation of Hemes Close and a counter proposal with strong historical links to the site was made. RESOLVED Old Rectory Mews would be submitted to developer and AVDC prior to 8th October extended deadline. It was agreed that the names Hemes (Winslow Secondary school matron) and Dr Reid (work on Willen Hospice) should be held on file for future consideration.</p>
12/146	<p>New Homes Bonus BCC (D12/174) Members noted the draft letter to BALC, supported by AVALC and NBPPC, to encourage combined efforts to get BCC to the table to discuss allocation of their share of NHB. RESOLVED that the letter be sent.</p>
	<p>WADLAF Parishes meeting to re-invigorate the forum (D12/175) RESOLVED that WTC supports Great Horwood's proposal to meet independently in advance of the next WADLAF, to discuss how best to progress to improve the effectiveness of the forum.</p>

12/147	Five Year Plan – Purpose Built Community Centre (D12/178) – RESOLVED unanimously that Council progress this item by beginning a preliminary investigation into how to establish the current and future needs of the community, how these could be met, in what timescale and at what cost without having a detrimental impact on existing facilities.
12/148	VAS Granborough Road (D12/179) Having noted the report RESOLVED to install a second single sided unit for traffic coming into Winslow.
	Report of the Events Committee no meeting until 8 th October
	Report of the Resources Committee not met in September
12/149	Correspondence Noted: BCC Priorities Consultation: details circulated to all members for individual responses Furze Down School: plans for re-build on display Sat morning, presentation Tues evening Resident: a letter of apology had been received re. an article in the parish magazine.
12/150	Clerk's Report Localising Support for Council Tax consultation: Members noted that the Bucks Branch of SLCC had responded and was advising Parishes to respond in similar vein in an effort to prevent the impact being passed back to local level through precept adjustments. RESOLVED that WTC should respond in the same way as local SLCC.
12/151	Required Amendments to Standing Orders: As noted at the Annual meeting amendments are now required to accommodate adoption of the revised Code of Conduct (in July) and also the introduction of the General Power of Competence. A new NALC model document is still awaited, and it was agreed to defer amendment of the WTC document until this is in hand. <i>Meeting adjourned for public participation, After some discussion of matters outside Council's remit the meeting was reconvened.</i>
12/152	Reports from Outside Bodies: Rogers Free Trust : Cllr Wiseman reported that a grant had been made to the school to help children grow plants and another application from a student to support continuing studies was yet to be considered. AVALC: Next meeting, quarterly meeting with AVDC Tues 9 th October. The last meeting with BCC on Devolving Local Services had proved very disappointing and frustrating with no real information or policy being evident, despite a consultation with Parishes having been undertaken through BALC in April. Chamber of Trade: No matters to report
12/153	Payments for signature: Members noted the circulated Income and Expenditure to date (including committed items) and that a cheque for £21 payable to AVDC had been drawn since the last meeting for a Temporary Event Notice in respect of the Theatre in the Villages production in the St Laurence Room. October payments Members RESOLVED to authorise the signature of the circulated list of cheques totalling £6,012.89 by Cllrs Castle and Wiseman. Members further RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to issue a cheque donation to the RBL Poppy Appeal when the cost is known and to include a donation similar to that made last year. This payment is made under the powers of LGA (1972) s137 and is considered commensurate with the benefit derived.
12/154	Winslow Youth Centre (12/138) Cllr Monger updated members as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lease list of queries had been returned with responses and circulated. If this is to progress a draft lease with Playgroup and contract with Friends of Winslow Youth Centre must be submitted before the lease can be agreed. • Cllr Monger had circulated a summary after the last meeting, and had been disappointed to only receive one response. • No further details of the foundations had been forthcoming and Members generally agreed that no further action should be taken in this regard. • Members noted Cllr Castle's advice that Buckinghamshire Young Farmers' administrator had now found alternative accommodation and would not be wishing to rent an office. Extensive debate followed to explore the impact of continuing with the lease without undertaking the alterations, these were noted as being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Without the alterations and the containment of Playgroup Activities within a secure area of the building, no daytime lettings will be possible for either classes, meetings or office use. • There may be some small rental income for evening use but only 3 evenings per week are

	<p>available and there is the conflicting aspiration to increase youth service provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may be some small rental income for weekend hirings, but this will be very limited. • Currently Playgroup does not appear to be paying the full amount of rent indicated in the lease and included in the Business Plan submitted for transition funding. • The financial forecasts included in the bid are based on information that is now over 12months old, how accurate is the information. <p>Members continue to be very concerned to ensure that Youth Services and all Winslow Playgroup services operate in Winslow.</p> <p>Taking over the building appears to be an expensive route to secure the current 3 hours per week of youth services, but it would also provide continuity for Playgroup.</p> <p>As the Playgroup lease theoretically expires this month they may have been exploring alternatives such as the now vacant Options Centre, but until the future of the whole of the Winslow Centre in relation to the Free School bid is known a move is unlikely to be possible. At worst it may cost WTC as much as £12,500pa to run the building, at best it is likely to be around £6,500. As WTC total budget is currently around £160,000pa, this is a very significant issue and will impact residents accordingly.</p> <p>Providing Youth Services are, under the bid, to be financed by Friends of Winslow Youth Centre and all costs would be met by their fundraising, it would be unlikely in this scenario that Council could contribute anything to those costs.</p> <p>Cllr Castle confirmed that Friends of Winslow Youth Centre remain committed to fundraising and providing the Youth Service itself and completely unwilling to take on the additional burden of running and financing the building. Alternative premises to deliver the service had been considered at the outset of this process some 18 months ago and there were none suitable at that time.</p> <p>RESOLVED that as so many aspects remain uncertain Council cannot make a decision to progress with the Transition Funding Bid, Lease etc and that a Working Party (comprised initially of Councillors Barry, Chambers, Knight and Payne) would meet in the next week to establish a revised detailed financial plan for operation of the Youth Centre building. It will be necessary to first ascertain up to date information of intentions from all parties involved as well as the most current income & expenditure detail for the building. They would also explore other ways to secure youth services in the town. Council will meet again to consider the resulting proposals as appropriate.</p>
<p>12/155</p> <p>9.18pm</p>	<p>Items For Information – none</p> <p><u>Veterans Lunch</u> Sunday 11th November, any nominations for invitation to Cllr Chambers</p> <p><u>Opportunities to develop open spaces</u> – Cllr Barry attended this Bucks Playing Fields Association funding event, it was disappointing. The BPFA AGM notice has been circulated to members.</p> <p><u>YC2 Family Fun Day</u> - this was funded by a War Memorial Institute Fund grant and Cllr Barry reported that it had been a huge and inspirational success for members.</p> <p><u>Winslow Big Society</u> – public meeting with Margo Parfitt as speaker, 17th October 8pm</p> <p><i>Meeting Closed</i></p>
	<p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date):</p>