

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
THURSDAY 9th JANUARY 2014, at 7.30pm, in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

	<p>Present: Cllrs Barry (Chairman), Castle, Cawte, Chambers, Eatwell, Gibbs, Knight, Monger, Payne, van de Poll and Wiseman Apologies: None Clerk: C Loch Members of the Press and Public: One members of the public and the Deputy Clerk were present.</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: none Consideration of Applications for Dispensation – none</p>
14/1	<p>Minutes of Meeting 5th Dec 2013 RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record Matters Arising: The Chairman reminded members of the need for all to review Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Policy documents before the end of February.</p>
	<p>Items Deferred from Previous meetings: none</p>
14/2	<p>Co-Option of Councillor: Members considered the applicants and the unanimous recommendation of the interviewing panel. RESOLVED that Mr. G Laws be co-opted as a Councillor with immediate effect and that he join the Resources and Development Committees.</p>
14/3	<p>Report of the Amenities Committee All planned projects were now completed or well in hand. The OFFA path was finished and had received much favourable comment. Members heard a report on the deliberations of the Transition Orchard working party which would be making a recommendation for an initial planting to the Amenities Committee.</p>
14/4	<p>Report of the Development Committee Members were updated on the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan(WNP) and the Vale of Aylesbury Plan (VOAP). They heard that the VOAP had been rejected by the Examiner to such an extent that the exercise appeared to be a complete shambles. It was not expected that this would impact on the WNP as it had been specifically not linked to the VOAP. However, it is a complicated process and members were urged to encourage as many residents as possible to submit their support to AVDC. In view of this complication, it was proposed that further assistance might be needed and RESOLVED that the Council retain the services of rCOH to assist with the examination process. The following Planning Application was considered for response : 13/03436/APP 11 Parsons Close Single storey side and rear extensions and a two storey side extension. RESOLVED to object on the grounds that the proposed plans would constitute over development of the site. We would also comment that previous applications have been refused and these plans would mean an appreciably larger footprint and do not address the issues previously raised (ref AVDC decision letter of 25/9;13). Members noted that the following had been resolved as no objection by the Development Committee under delegated authority. 13/03443/ATC4 Station Road Fell No 1 Ash 13/03361/ATCAsolo 9 Shipton, Fell No 1 Sycamore Tree</p>
14/5	<p>Report of the Events Committee Reported that the Committee had been successful in finding assistance with driving and agreed with a proposal to pay a fee of £40 per market so long as the current arrangements for transport continued. In view of the difficulties being experience with the trailer arrangement the Committee were investigating an alternative vehicle. There was also concern at the lack of volunteers and if any of the key volunteers were to leave it could be difficult to continue with this monthly event which helps to make for a vibrant town as well as raising funds for local causes. The Clerk raised the matter of setting a date for the 2014 X'mas Fair and Members agreed that they would be flexible if Council and X'mas Fair dated coincided.</p>
14/6	<p>Report of the Resources Committee The Committee did not met in December. Members heard that the office at 28 High St. had been transferred to Aylesbury Vale Estates and the Committee would need to consider the implications. A working party would be set up to progress establishing plans for the Paddock. RESOLVED to approve that a solicitor be engaged to handle the conveyance when appropriate and for the Committee to incur reasonable costs. <i>Meeting adjourned for Public participation</i></p>

	<p>AVDC Cllr Renshell wished Members a happy New Year and mentioned a report of a faulty street light in Mill Close. The meeting reconvened.</p>
14/7	<p>Correspondence: AVDC: Seminar on HS2 Petitioning on 16 January 2014. Noted Towns Alive: Noted that Winslow had no suitable venue for such an event BALC: Royal Garden Party: Noted that only Council Mayors and Chairman could be nominated. Cllr. Barry would respond accordingly.</p>
14/8	<p>Web Site and Publicity: Members considered the web site and the need to create new pages as well as creating a constant stream of posts. Cllrs. Payne and van de Poll with the Clerk would consider the approach. Members heard of a proposal to include a "Know Your Councillor" item in the WPN and were asked to prepare contributions.</p>
14/9	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies: AVALC – AGM 2nd November. Noted that as yet the minutes had not been circulated. Rogers Free School Trust: To meet in February</p>
14/10	<p>Payments for signature: Members noted the Income & Expenditure to date and payment listing totalling £33,986.93 . RESOLVED to authorise that the cheque payments be signed by two councillors.</p>
14/11	<p>Precept: Members considered the Budget as finalised at the Precept meeting and the Precept Request derived therefrom. RESOLVED that the Precept be set at £168,655 and that the Clerk now submit the request to AVDC before the deadline of January 24th.</p>
	<p>Items For Information: Chairman's Activities: Combined School Carol Concert and a number of other Carol Concerts and Christmas events.</p>
8.17pm	<p>Meeting Closed</p> <p>Date of next meeting 6th February 2014</p>
	<p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>