

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
THURSDAY 2nd. October 2014, at 7.00pm, 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: Cllrs.Laws, accepted Clerk: C Loch Members of the Press and Public: AVDC Cllr Renshell.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to hear a presentation from the Fire Service. The difficulties of reducing budgets was a major concern but against a rising population there was a falling demand led by better preventative and protection measures. However, Winslow was regarded as a key station in the North West of the County and there were no plans to reduce cover in Winslow. The meeting was reconvened</i></p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: none Consideration of Applications for Dispensation – none</p>
14/87	<p>Minutes of Meeting 4th September: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record Matters Arising: Strategy Meeting: Members considered this matter and agreed that although there was a case for leaving it until after the election it would be best to start this year. RESOLVED to hold the meeting in place of the normal Resources meeting on Nov 20th. at a venue to be decided. Storehouse Lease: Agreement had now been reached with BCC and it could be progressed once Sir Thomas Fremantle School confirmed acceptance.</p>
	<p>Items Deferred from Previous meetings: none</p>
14/88	<p>Reports from Committees. Amenities: A permanent sign to note the Best Kept Village win in 2013 would be purchased to replace the official one now removed. The devolution exercise was progressing and awaiting further information from BCC. In the meantime potential contractors were being investigated. There would be a further meeting with BCC on October 15th. The Circular Walk project was progressing and detailed work on costs and accessibility were started. Landscaping of the area around the OFFA would start soon. Members noted that the Council had obtained a grant from the LAF to improve the surface of two paths within the town which would eventually form part of the circular route Development: The inspector's decision on the development of 100 houses East of Little Horwood Road had been called in. Subsequent to a legal challenge on the validity of the process applied by AVDC in reaching a decision on 23 Station Road, AVDC would now have to reconsider and a further development proposal was expected. Council and residents views had been presented at the hearing on 22 High St. There would be a site inspection on October 7th. Events: The Van had been delivered and would be operational for the next Farmers market. Plans for the X'mas Fair were well advanced and Cllr. Barry had obtained sponsorship for the reindeers. Members heard that Mrs. Knight had resigned from the Committee and having considered the practicalities of organising the market in the future RESOLVED to fund a part time manager to organise the market. The Clerk would draw up a job description for consideration by Events and Resources. The need for more volunteers remained a major concern. A meeting of the Events Committee would be organised as soon as possible in view of the changes needed. Resources: A very productive meeting had been held with representatives of the Sports Club and once full details of the works and refurbishment needed were submitted to Council, consideration could be given to how WTC could assist with funding. The street light trial had been judged successful and upgrade work in various area of the town could now be progressed. Noted that decoration of the interior of the Youth Centre was well advanced and that there were additional hirers which would help to fund the Youth Services.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned for questions from the public and subsequently reconvened. AVDC Cllr Renshell discussed the 23 Station Road development with Councillors, the legal challenge and how a further proposal should take into account the context of any development being in the Conservation Area.</i></p>

14/89	Community Assets: The Paddock. The steering group would next meet on October 15th at 7.30 in the Chamber.
14/90	Correspondence: not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda The following had been circulated and were noted. Bucks County Council: Oct 15th 4 pm – parish devolution update
14/91	Reports from Outside Bodies: Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB): Noted that a Board Meeting would be held next week. A major concern was the increased volume of clients and funding. AVALC: The AGM would be held at Quainton on Nov 1 st . Agreed that Amenities would organise a display board for this event. Rogers Free Education Trust: The new Committee had met on October 1 st and were working hard to promote the Trust. Two grants had been awarded
14/92	Civic Function: This would be held on Thursday January 29th. RESOLVED to fund the event under section 145 of LGA 72.
14/93	Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £ 6,324.44. RESOLVED to authorise that the cheque payments be signed by two councillors. The Chairman reminded members that the Precept meeting would be held on 26 th Nov. 2014.
14/94	Items For Information: Mayors activities, The Mayor would attend the Bloor Homes Winslow Grange Event on October 3 rd .
	Meeting Closed 8.28 pm. Date of next meeting 6th November 2014 Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)