

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
THURSDAY 4th September 2014, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Barry (Chairman), Castle, Chambers, Eatwell, Knight, Laws, Monger, Payne, van de Poll and Wiseman.</p> <p>Apologies: Cllrs. Gibbs and Cawte, accepted</p> <p>Clerk: K Oddey, Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Members of the Press and Public: AVDC Cllr Renshell and BCC Cllr Chilvers, no members of the Press attended.</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: none</p> <p>Consideration of Applications for Dispensation – none</p>
14/78	<p>Minutes of Meeting 7th August: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Crowd Funding: RESOLVED to delay this topic until further notice, as it has been mentioned in the first report on the Circular Walk project that is with Amenities committee.</p> <p>It was agreed to monitor the progress with the Storehouse Lease.</p>
	<p>Items Deferred from Previous meetings: none</p>
14/79	<p>Reports from Committees.</p> <p>Amenities:</p> <p>Circular Walk project: a Working Party (Cllrs Barry, Chambers, Laws and Wiseman) has been formed and has met, the local footpaths have been walked and a number of recommendations have been developed. This work will be progressed through the Committee.</p> <p>Devolution of grass cutting and related services: a proposal was presented at the meeting. Council RESOLVED to progress to the next stage, as presented, and identify a potential contractor to support the work.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to check the ownership of the Youth Centre hedge.</p> <p>Council requested Amenities to arrange for a “Best Kept Village 2013” notice to be erected at or near the main Town welcome signs, in recognition of the work carried out by residents in 2013.</p> <p>Development:</p> <p>The Appeal for the Development of 100 houses East of Little Horwood Road will be held from 9th September. Cllr Barry had submitted a representation as Mayor on behalf of the town.</p> <p>The Committee would be working with AVDC to ensure that the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan was considered the primary planning document when reviewing Planning Applications.</p> <p>See Minute 14/b79, also, the recent Planning Application to change the use of a High Street premises from Retail (A1) to Residential was considered important. It is one of the first applications that would be contrary to the principles of the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Members have registered their interest in speaking at the AVDC Development Committee should that be necessary.</p> <p>Council RESOLVED to investigate the costs and risks of an appropriate legal review in the event that planning permission is allowed.</p> <p>Events:</p> <p>The Van had passed its check, subject to the completion of some work.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to confirm the purchase of the Van at a cost of £7,436 paid from the Farmers Market’s equipment reserves.</p> <p>The Committee was asked to provide an estimate of the running costs of the Van to Council and to confirm the cost centre for the expense.</p> <p>The Winslow Opera was on going and a ticket price offer for residents had been put in place.</p> <p>Resources:</p> <p>Members agreed to pro-actively work with the Sports Club to ensure efficient operation and good governance meeting of the Chairman of all relevant Clubs had been requested, and a response was awaited.</p> <p>Council RESOLVED to progress this course of action, but not to progress any further funding etc. until the meeting had taken place and the outstanding issues had been resolved.</p> <p>It was noted the next Resources Meeting would no longer be replaced by the Strategy meeting due to a conflict of dates with a recently called AVDC meeting.</p> <p>Alternative dates for the Strategy Meeting would be considered by the Chairman and Clerk, it was agreed to try to organise a self-funded meal with Members of the Council and their partners, also to invite other Mayors, Chairmen in the area, on a date to be agreed in the New Year.</p>
14/80	<p>Neighbourhood Plan (WNP):</p> <p>Congratulatory correspondence from residents was noted. The WNP has been awarded the</p>

	<p>Renaissance Prize by Towns Alive. It was RESOLVED to enter the National Planning Awards at a cost of £130.</p> <p>Concerns had been expressed to AVDC regarding the Land East of Furze Lane development S106 Funding with respect to the WNP, to be progressed by the Development Committee, a further update would be provided at the next Council Meeting.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned for questions from the public and subsequently reconvened.</i></p> <p>BCC Cllr Chilvers congratulated the Council on the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan and asked about Devolved services.</p>
14/81	<p>Community Assets:</p> <p>The Paddock. It was agreed to postpone this topic until the end of the meeting.</p> <p>NHB Grant Application: it was noted that Expression of Interest had been submitted but that further grants could not be considered until the current grant is spent.</p>
14/82	<p>Correspondence: not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</p> <p>The following had been circulated and were noted.</p> <p>Buckinghamshire Sports Awards, Cllr Payne agreed to consider entries.</p> <p>Memorial request from Resident: It was agreed to seek more information on what the resident was considering and for Amenities to progress.</p> <p>Rural Deprivation Fund – it was agreed to forward this to the Big Society.</p> <p>Mazars Annual Audit had been successfully completed with minor comments and notice would be posted.</p> <p>A request from BCC re: Local Area Forum (LAF) Grant had been received and as the next LAF meeting had been postponed to 30th September, it was agreed to respond to this at the next Amenities Committee.</p> <p>SLCC Digital Engagement Course: it was RESOLVED that a Clerk could attend, at a cost of £145, should they believe it was worthwhile.</p>
14/83	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies:</p> <p>Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB): the AGM would be held on 8th September. It was agreed that the Council should consider how it could best support the CAB.</p> <p>AVALC: next meeting is 25th September in Winslow.</p> <p>Chamber of Trade: nothing to report.</p> <p>Rogers Free Education Trust: this new name had been proposed and it was noted that applications for funding are starting to come forward.</p>
	<p><i>Members considered (per the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) whether in view of the sensitivity (commercial) of the item it was in the public interest to exclude the press and public from this next agenda item.</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED that the public be excluded.</i></p> <p><i>Members of the public left the meeting.</i></p>
14/84	<p>The Paddock: A meeting of the Steering Committee had been held, the receipt of Land Registry details was discussed and a number of actions identified.</p> <p>Council RESOLVED to progress with the purchase of the Land as proposed in a report presented to them. Further actions would be considered at the next meeting of the Steering Group, for report to Council. It was agreed the next meeting would be held in the evening.</p>
14/85	<p>Payments for signature:</p> <p>Members noted the payment listing totalling £ 25,354.72. RESOLVED to authorise that the cheque payments be signed by two councillors.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded all Committee Chairs that the next committee meetings should give consideration to the budget for 2015/16</p>
14/86	<p>Items For Information: Mayors activities,</p> <p>The Mayor had presented the awards to the winners of the Winslow Allotment Competition and also presented the Prizes to the Annual Winslow Gardening Society Show.</p> <p>Mayors of Buckinghamshire (MOB) meeting is scheduled for October.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 8.32 pm.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 2nd October 2014</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>