

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
Thursday 7th. January 2016 , at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Wiseman (Chairman), Barry, Bradford, Castle, Cawte, Chambers, Chandler, Gouverneur and van de Poll. Apologies: Cllr. Monger. Accepted Clerk: C Loch Members of the Press and Public: Bucks. County Council Cllr, J Chilver. PC Mary Winks and PCSO Clint Woolcock and one member of the public for part of the meeting.</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None Consideration of Applications for Dispensation – none</p>
16/01	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 3rd. December 2015: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record Matters Arising: None</p>
16/02	<p>Co-Option: Members heard the recommendation of the selection panel and RESOLVED to confirm the co-option of Mr. Hugh Morton to fill the casual vacancy. Cllr. Morton signed the acceptance of office and joined the meeting.</p>
16/03	<p>Committees Amenities: A further quote for landscaping at the Burial Ground was awaiting and once received the Committee would make a recommendation. Cllrs. Barry and Chambers would be meeting on Jan 21st to progress the CCTV upgrade. The Community Shelter had now been dismantled and removed into storage. As yet no suitable alternative location for a shelter could be identified. There was some concern that removal of the shelter would simply move the problem and already there were signs of similar problems arising at the outdoor gym and a residents complaint was noted.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned for discussions with PC Mary Winks and PCSO Clint Woolcock.</i> There was a general concern that matters raised with the local office were not being noted. PC Winks explained that only calls to 101 would be entered on the log and local staff were unable to log an incident. Members felt that this could be difficult for residents to accept and suggested that the next news letter should explain the reasons behind the process. The police were continuing to patrol extensively to counteract anti-social behaviour. It was not envisaged that plans to review front counter provisions would impact on Winslow. The meeting was re-convened.</p>
16/04	<p>Committees Development: Members heard that revised plans had been submitted for the Buckingham Road development and these would be considered at the next Development meeting. The Community Right to Bid application for Greyhound Lane had been rejected by AVDC although the reasons given seemed to show a remarkable lack of understanding of the importance of this amenity for the town. The Glebe Farm appeal would be held in July and members considered the potential need to have senior legal representation to put forward the WTC case. The Budget provision for the current year and next year would go some way towards this but until the extent of the requirement and cost became clear it would have to be dealt with as a reserves item if further funding proved necessary. RESOLVED to approve expenditure up to £10,000 on an initial briefing. Finance and General Purposes No meeting had been held in December and no matters were raised by members.</p>
16/05	<p>Community Assets: The Paddock / New Community Facility. There had been little progress over the Christmas period although brush clearing would start in January as the weather permitted. The balance of the NHB grant would need to be used by March 31st and the steering group would need to meet as soon as possible to progress plans. It was noted that a branch may have fallen on the area adjacent to Elmfields Gate and this would be checked. Members agreed that notes of all meetings should be circulated to the steering group to ensure all were kept in the loop.</p>
16/06	<p>Correspondence noted: Thames Valley police: Review of Front Counter Provision : Dealt with during session with Neighbourhood Police. No reponse was considered necessary. Buckinghamshire Law Plus: Education Appeals panel. Circulated for members to respond as they wished.</p>

	<p>AVALC: Letter of appreciation for support in providing a meeting venue noted.</p> <p>Queen's Birthday Celebration: Members noted a proposal from The Big Society to organise an event on this occasion and members agreed that Council would support such an event as far as possible.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.</i></p> <p>BCC Cllr. John Chilver reported that the High St. and Buckingham Road would be re-surfaced in the coming year as repair work on Furze Lane would also be undertaken. The Winslow Centre Users Group would meet next Thursday. The Centre User Group meeting was later than originally planned as the pre-Christmas period had proved very busy. He noted that LAF and Leader funding would be frozen for the coming year. Regarding the Caravan parked on BCC land at the corner of Station Road, Cllr. Chilver explained that BCC legal department would now issue a letter to give notice of 7 days to vacate the site and if no response would then move to obtain a court order. He would request BCC Customer Services to revise procedures in view of the unsatisfactory response to the reports first submitted by WTC. It was also requested that for Centre User Group meetings in the future users groups be consulted re the proposed date to avoid meeting clashes as far as possible.</p> <p>The meeting was re-convened.</p>
16/07	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies:</p> <p>Citizens Advice Buckingham: No report</p> <p>Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils (AVALC): Minutes of meeting held on January 5th would be circulated in due course.</p> <p>Rogers Free Education Trust: The Trust had met on 5th January and a further grant awarded.</p>
16/08	<p>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature.</p> <p>Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £12,735.84 and RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors.</p> <p>Precept: The precept request was due to be submitted to AVDC by January 22nd.</p>
	<p>Items For Information:</p> <p>Mayors Activities: The Mayor had attended the Aylesbury Town Carol Service and the Festival of Voices concert in Winslow.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 7:58 pm.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 4th. February 2016</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>