

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
Thursday 8th. December 2016, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Wiseman (Chairman), Castle, Chambers, Chandler, Gray, Knight, Monger and van de Poll.</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr. Barry, and Cawte. Accepted</p> <p>Clerk: C Loch The Deputy Clerk S Carolan</p> <p>Members of the Press and Public: Three members of the public were present</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None</p> <p>Consideration of Applications for Dispensation: None</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned for a presentation by Evolution Events Management</i></p> <p>Members heard a proposal for a two day, weekend Arts Festival which would probably be held in July 2017 if approved. The proposed venue was the Tomkins Park and Arboretum. The organisers would supply all management, security and services as well as a power supply and stage. The Saturday would be music and the Sunday used for acts such as comedy and poetry. All acts would be local to perform free of charge. Other associated events could be held at venues around the town with a single entrance fee to cover all venues. The event would not require any financing by Council and would be at the organiser's risk. Any surplus would be split between the organisers, local good causes and selected national charities.</p> <p><i>The meeting reconvened.</i></p>
16/78	<p>Events:</p> <p>Members considered the proposal for an Arts and Music Festival and RESOLVED to give approval to Evolution to progress the event.</p>
16/79	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 3rd and 10th November 2016: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising: The Clerk was asked to again request the Neighbourhood police to supply text to publicise the services available from the local police office.</p>
16/80	<p>Committees</p> <p>Amenities:</p> <p>Members considered a Recommendation that as the current discussions on a unitary authority could result in more services being devolved to WTC with associated grants it would be premature to take on the lease and the offer should be declined. RESOLVED that the offer from AVDC for a lease on the Three hills site be declined. It was further noted that as no suitable site had been identified for a skate park, Amenities would not be giving the matter further consideration.</p> <p>Development:</p> <p>Members considered the allocation of S106 monies in the context of the timing of developments and potential projects and agreed that in principle some funding could be made available for projects other than a community centre. The matter was referred back to development to consider suitable projects. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk seek advice from AVDC and rCoh on the scheme and also to write to DCLG to complain that the current legislation forced small councils to spend funds when it would be better used if accumulated for larger projects..</p> <p>Events:</p> <p>Members noted a vacancy on the Events Committee and RESOLVED that Cllr. Chandler be appointed to represent the Council.</p> <p>Finance and General Purposes:</p> <p>There was no meeting in November.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.</i></p> <p>No matters were raised</p> <p>A resident praised the idea of the Town Crier although felt that in some respects it was ambiguous and residents were now confused over plans for the community centre and supermarket. Another resident felt it was good for residents to speak up and be heard and it was unfortunate if concerns stemming from confusion were dismissed as "rumour". It was also felt that a hearing loop system and more suitable furniture would make meetings more accessible to residents.</p> <p>Cllr. Monger explained that the supermarket idea arose from the Neighbourhood Plan which had been backed by 98% of those voting and was a strategic issue to protect the</p>

	<p>town from a large supermarket on the edge of town. If it did eventuate, it would be likely to be on a 15 year lease and was subject to the consent of the Trust who owned the hall. It was stressed that the Council did not own the public hall. The Clerk also explained that the meeting room and furniture were not owned by Winslow Town Council, and as Aylesbury vale Estates were wanting to end the rental of a room to WTC it at present impractical to consider expenditure.</p> <p>In response to a further question it was clarified that the consultation event had been cancelled as it became clear that the display of information would not be ready in time. The meeting was reconvened</p>
16/81	<p>Community Facilities: Tomkins Park & Arboretum: The Steering Committee report had been circulated and it was noted that the Friends of the Combined School and Lions had both expressed an interest in projects associated with its development. The Steering Group would meet early in the New year.. New Community Facility. As noted in the public session the consultation would be progressed in the New Year. A meeting with BCC was being arranged in the coming week to discuss plans for the Winslow Centre and hopefully get some idea of how this would be progressed and the impact on facilities in the town.</p>
16/82	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies: Citizens Advice: The next meeting was scheduled for the coming week. It was noted that the grant for 2017 had been settled and would assure operation in the coming year. AVALC: There was no further meeting to discuss. Rogers Free Education Trust: The next meeting was expected to be held in January.</p>
16/83	<p>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature. Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £13,434.56 and RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors Co-Option: Members noted the casual vacancy that had arisen on the resignation of Councillor Gouverneur and RESOLVED that the Clerk start proceedings to co-opt a replacement councillor.</p>
16/84	<p>Correspondence noted: Big Society: The Annual Report which had been circulated was noted. Tomkins Park and Arboretum: The Clerk noted letters of appreciation and other favourable comment from residents. Lions Club: Members noted a letter of thanks in respect of the Bon Fire night event.</p> <p><i>Cllr Monger withdrew from the meeting</i> Letter of Complaint: Members consider the correspondence already circulated and RESOLVED that it be dealt with under the Complaints Procedure. In the circumstances a panel of five councillors, not in attendance at the meeting in question, would be formed to consider the matter and report to Council. <i>Cllr Monger rejoined the meeting</i></p> <p>Gleeson PR Letter: Resolved that Council respond and a letter to be drafted by Cllr. Van de Poll.</p>
	<p>Items For Information: A fundraising event by Buckingham Athletic on Dec 27th was noted. Members also noted that a further planning application in respect of the offices at 28 High Street had been submitted to AVDC.</p> <p>Mayor's Activities: The Mayor thanked Cllr. Monger for standing in for him at the opening of the Tomkins Park and Arboretum. He had recently attended the Christmas Fayre, the Remembrance Day parade.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 8:29 pm.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>