

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
Thursday 1st. September 2016 , at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Wiseman (Chairman), Barry, Castle, Cawte, Chambers, Gouverneur, Knight, Monger, and Morton.</p> <p>Apologies: Cllrs. Chambers, Gray and van de Poll . Accepted</p> <p>Clerk: C Loch</p> <p>Members of the Press and Public: BCC Cllr. Chilver. AVDC Cllr. Renshell and fifteen members of the public were present</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: Cllrs. Chandler and Wiseman declared a personal interest in Lions.</p> <p>Consideration of Applications for Dispensation – none</p>
16/60	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 4th. August 2016: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record subject to a minor correction.</p> <p>Matters Arising: None</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.</i></p> <p>Members heard several presentations supporting the activities of the Sports Club and expressing the view that any proposal to site a Community Facility on the Recreation Ground would be unwelcome and detrimental to the town. There was also a presentation from a representative of Lions requesting that the decision not to permit a bonfire at the annual fireworks be reconsidered and detailing plans to safely manage the event. A resident also raised issues with possible changes to Three Hills, implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan and Communication. The meeting was reconvened</p>
16/61	<p>Committees</p> <p>Amenities: Members heard that there could be no further progress on the possible lease of Three Hills until AVDC responded on a number of points. A working party was investigating the possibility of a Skate Park in the town and any proposal would be subject to full consultation with residents should one be put forward.</p> <p>Development: There had been a heavy load to deal with during the month. The VALP submission was due on Sept. 8th, and an objection to the Land East of Furze Lane had to pick up on a number of items where the application had strayed from the original sympathetic outline plan. This would also be sent to AVDC Cllr. Renshell who could further comment at the AVDC Strategic Development meetings. The Tinkers Drive application had been deferred to the next Development meeting. Development were asked to liaise with Enforcement to ensure the Highfield Road building site was safe and made less detrimental to this area.</p> <p>Events: Members heard plans for upgraded Christmas lighting and RESOLVED that the plan for a combination of purchase and hire be approved.</p> <p>Finance and General Purposes: No items were raised on the minutes of the meeting held in August.</p>
16/62	<p>Community Facilities:</p> <p>Tomkins Park & Arboretum: The Clerk reported on progress to date. While it was early days and there was much to learn about how residents wanted to use the park and how it should be managed, there had been considerable support and praise for the facility. There had been some incidents of vandalism and the Council and residents needed to work with the police to control this unwanted behaviour. Members requested that the steering group meet in time to report to the next Council meeting.</p> <p>New Community Facility. Members considered correspondence from the Sports Club and RESOLVED that it was clearly understood that the response from the club on a presentation made re a possible plan for a community hall was the opinion of the club and not of any individual and that there was absolutely no intention to instigate legal action against the club in respect of copyright. Members asked that a steering group meeting be held in time to report to the next Council meeting on progress and next steps including a feasibility study</p>
16/63	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies:</p> <p>Citizens Advice: The next meeting would be the AGM. It was noted that changes to the CA were only organisational and the existing sites would continue to operate as now.</p> <p>AVALC: The next meeting would be on September 6th. The current focus was on the VALP and a possible unitary authority.</p>

	Rogers Free Education Trust: A further meeting would be held towards the end of the year. The number of grant applications had increased significantly.
16/64	<p>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature.</p> <p>Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £18,461.23 and RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors</p> <p>External Audit: The report had been received and no audit issues were raised..</p> <p>Communication: Members discussed issues with communication and the shortcomings of both the Council and Winslow Times sites. RESOLVED that Cllr. Gouverneur investigate possible solutions as well as the recording of meetings as permitted by new legislation and report back to Council.</p> <p>S106: Allocation of project for Land East of Granborough Road. RESOLVED to defer this matter to the next meeting.</p>
16/65	<p>Correspondence noted:</p> <p>STFSS: While Council had not received a direct request for S106 money to support sports facilities at the school it was RESOLVED that in the first instance the school should approach BCC for funding from school rental received at the Winslow Centre and had been promised as down to be used in the community.</p> <p>Lions: Request to reconsider permission for a bonfire at annual fireworks. Members considered an earlier presentation from a Lions representative. As a decision had been reached within the previous six months and in the light of current information on the state of the park and Lion's organisational plans it was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders for this agenda item with a majority on favour of two thirds of members. Cllrs Morton and Monger voted against the resolution. Members then RESOLVED to permit a bonfire this year on the understanding that a detailed risk assessment and management plan by Lions would ensure the protection of all tress, the safety of the public and that any necessary remedial work would be carried out by Lions immediately after the event. Cllrs. Morton and Monger voted against the proposal.</p>
	<p>Items For Information:</p> <p>Mayor's Activities: The Mayor had attended the Winslow Show which had been a very successful event.</p> <p>BCC Meetings for creating a Unitary Authority: This would be raised on the next agenda</p> <p>Budgets: The Clerk reminded members that preparatory work would soon begin and Committees needed to be considering requirements.</p>
	Meeting Closed 8:53 pm.
	Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)