

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
Thursday 5th. January 2017, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Wiseman (Chairman), Barry, Castle, Cawte, Chandler, Gray, Knight, Monger, Morton and van de Poll. Apologies: Cllr. Chambers. Accepted Clerk: C Loch The Deputy Clerk S Carolan Members of the Press and Public: AVDC Cllr. S Renshell. BCC Cllr. J Chilver and one member of the public were present</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None Consideration of Applications for Dispensation: None</p>
16/85	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 8th December 2016: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record. Matters Arising: None</p>
16/86	<p>28 High St. Members considered the matter of 28 High St. and in view of commercial considerations RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded due to the sensitivity of the business to be discussed) and be moved to the end of the meeting.</p>
16/87	<p>Committees Amenities: Minutes of the previous meeting on 15th December had been circulated and no items were raised. Development: Members considered the allocation of S106 monies and a Recommendation that the S106 funds from the Granborough Road development (16/02435/APP) be allocated to green spaces and enhanced sports facilities. It was RESOLVED that the recommendation be approved and all Committees would consider possible projects. It was noted that the Land East of Furze Lane development would be considered by Dev Con on WTC would present a submission. Members were asked to lodge an objection to the proposed development of 28 High St. and encourage others to do likewise. It was also noted that a decision on the Glebe Farm appeal which had been recovered by the Secretary of State on 12 April 2016 had now been deferred until 25 April 2017. Members considered a draft submission to DCLG in respect of the BCC proposals for a unitary authority and RESOLVED that the letter be sent to the Secretary of State. Events: Members noted that the date for the Arts and Music Festival had been set for the weekend of the 8th and 9th of July. It was also agreed that if a Big Lunch was held this year the Tomkins Park and Arboretum could be used. Finance and General Purposes: There was no meeting in December.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.</i> BCC Cllr. J Chilver advised that the EW Rail public consultation had been deferred until May as the line would not now be electrified and plans had to be revised. It was also noted that BCC had launched a new website which should prove faster and easier to use. The meeting was reconvened</p>
16/88	<p>Community Facilities: Tomkins Park & Arboretum: A request to use the park for a private naming ceremony was considered and it was RESOLVED to approve the event. This would be on a trial basis and it might prove necessary to introduce a charging structure for such events if there were administrative and maintenance costs. The Steering Group would meet on 9th January. New Community Facility. A Steering Group meeting would be called as soon as possible to make a recommendation on plans to progress the public consultation which had to be cancelled in December. Councillors had attended a BCC presentation on plans for the Winslow Centre. However, nothing concrete was offered and although suggestions and concerns were tabled little progress could be made until there were formal plans to discuss. BCC had undertaken to come back with proposals in the Spring.</p>
16/89	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies: Citizens Advice: The merger of Buckingham, Aylesbury and Winslow was progressing and expected to be complete by the beginning of April.</p>

	<p>AVALC: Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January would be circulated in due course. A new Chairman and Treasury had been appointed and once again there was a full executive.</p> <p>Rogers Free Education Trust: The next meeting was expected to be held in January.</p>
16/90	<p>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature.</p> <p>Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £8,468.42 and RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors <i>Cllr. Monger left the meeting</i></p> <p>Complaints Panel: Members heard a report from the panel formed at the last meeting and RESOLVED that a reaffirmation of the Code of Conduct be added to the agenda for each Annual Council Meeting and be included in the minutes accordingly and that the Clerk would also investigate setting up a formal Standards Committee. The Resolution was passed with one abstention from Cllr. Castle. <i>Cllr Monger rejoined the meeting</i></p>
16/91	<p>Correspondence noted:</p> <p>STFSS: Members considered a response from the Governors to recent correspondence and expressed disappointment that it showed no concern for the issues raised or inaccuracies about Council matters that had been included in correspondence and public communications. RESOLVED that Cllr. Wiseman and Castle write to the Governors to express the disappointment of Council and to request a meeting between the Governors and the Chairman and two councillors from WTC and again it was agreed that WTC was fully in support of the school and its importance to the community and wished to find a way of working positively with the school.</p> <p>Correspondence from an AVDC Development Officer to the school was also considered and members RESOLVED that the tone and content were unacceptable in that it was not for an officer of AVDC to engage in correspondence which was contrary to the policy of WTC (as well as contrary to advice being received from the appropriate department of AVDC) and a letter should be sent to S Kitchens as head of the department to express the surprise and concern of WTC and ask that in future WTC should be consulted first in such instances.</p>
	<p>Items For Information:</p> <p>Mayor's Activities: The Mayor had attended the Rotary Festival of Voices on December 10th. and a Football Club event in Buckingham on December 23rd.</p> <p>Other Items: The Clerk reminded members that reports would soon need to be drafted for the Annual Town Meeting. It would now be held on April 20th. rather than April 27th as the booking for the Bowls Club had to be moved.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 9:54 pm.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>