

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
Thursday 1st. June 2017, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Castle (Chairman), Alman, Cawte, Chambers, Chandler, Knight, Monger, Morton, Slevin, van de Poll and Wiseman.</p> <p>Absent: Cllrs. Barry. Apology accepted.</p> <p>Clerk: C Loch Deputy Clerk present: S Carolan</p> <p>Members of the Press and Public: AVDC Cllr. S Renshell and one member 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>
17/25	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 9th. May 2017: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising: The Clerk clarified that it was not necessary for Council representatives for Winslow Charities to be on the Amenities Committee as any relevant information could be reported direct to the Committee or through the Clerk.</p> <p>Items Deferred from Previous Meeting. None</p>
17/26	<p>Committees</p> <p>Amenities: The matter of commemorative benches was raised. There were a limited number of sites for such benches and as the Council already had a policy of naming streets to recognise those who had made a significant contribution to the town, and BCC would not normally approve siting seats on pavements, it was RESOLVED to refuse such applications unless there were exceptional circumstances. The Committee had replaced a playground bin and the junior slide. The revised CCTV policy would be circulated for consideration at the next meeting. CCTV cameras at the Youth Centre would be repaired and the Committee was asked to consider further the effectiveness of current equipment and what action should be taken. Members considered the purchase of the junior slide and as the expenditure had been delayed into the current year and would impact on budget, it was RESOLVED to fund the purchase from reserves.</p> <p>Members noted that the path footbridge across the railway line near the burial ground was damaged and dangerous. As the new school was opening in the coming week the Clerk was asked to put pressure on BCC to have it repaired and if at all possible to bring forward clearance of the path from Avenue Road. The Clerk would notify the school.</p> <p>Development: Members considered revised Terms of Reference which had been circulated. The altered procedure was better suited to how AVDC now operated and it was RESOLVED that they be adopted. The Committee would in future meet on the second Thursday of each month with an optional meeting schedule for the fourth Thursday if necessary.</p> <p>Events: The next event would be the Picnic in the Park scheduled for August 13th and detailed planning would be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Finance and General Purposes: Members noted the completion of the purchase of 28 High St. The building would now come under this Committee which would report to the next Council meeting on repair work needed and how it would be funded.</p>
17/27	<p>Community Facilities:</p> <p>Tomkins Park & Arboretum: Work had continued to install items such as bird boxes. A group of interested members of the public interested in flora, fauna and ornithology had met and would start to determine the way forward in these specialist areas. Damage at the Bowls Club was noted and policing of the park would be considered further in conjunction with the Amenities Committee. The steering group would meet again on June 26th. The matter of private functions in the park was being considered and there would be a report to Council in due course.</p> <p>New Community Facility.</p> <p>The second steering group meeting had been held on May 20th with some 13 residents attending. D French had been elected to Chair the group and P Mier would act as secretary. The group would be gathering further information at the June Farmers Market, at the hall on election day and at the show as well as meeting with local organisations.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.</i></p> <p>A resident asked if the High St. would be resurfaced and was advised that BCC had indicated that the work would be done between the 10th and the 21st of July.</p> <p>The meeting was reconvened</p>

17/28	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies: Citizens Advice: The new Board of Trustees was yet to meet. AVALC: The next meeting would be on June 6th.</p>
17/29	<p>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature. Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £6,047.73 and RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors. 28 High St. The Clerk confirmed that insurance was in place and AVDC rating department advised. Minutes: Members considered a proposal to publish minutes in draft and RESOLVED that in future this would be done as soon as possible after meetings but not until relevant members had reviewed them. Annual Return: The return having been circulated, members RESOLVED that it be signed as approved by the Chairman. The internal audit had not raised any issues or comment. The Clerk would now submit the return for external audit. Members also reviewed the effectiveness of the internal audit and RESOLVED to re-appoint Arrow Accounting. Recruitment: Members noted that at the Precept meeting in November it had been agreed in principle to recruit a part time administrator for the Council office. Having reviewed a draft job specification it was RESOLVED that the Clerk progress recruitment. It was further RESOLVED that the hours of the Deputy Clerk be set at 25 per week. TSB: The Clerk explained the sweep facility being operated on accounts at TSB and operational problems arising and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to cancel the facility and continue to make transfers between all accounts as necessary.</p>
17/30	<p>Correspondence noted: AVDC on Determination of Planning Applications: Further clarification on DCLG guidance had been requested by Cllr. van de Poll who would report to Council once a response was received.</p>
	<p>Items For Information: Mayors Activities: The Mayor had attended the inauguration of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Aylesbury Town, the Twinning dinner dance, Council twinning reception and wreath laying at the War Memorial, and the twinning Judo Competition. Other It was noted that the cycle path to Buckingham was becoming overgrown and this would be taken up with the relevant authority. Council heard a report on the discussions on the proposed Unitary authority. The event had been poorly attended and seemed to indicate a preference for the AVDC proposal.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 8:35 pm.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>