



Winslow

Town Crier

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Developers positive response to concerns

Following a deluge of objections from Winslow residents, and the town council, to proposals for the final phase of The Glade, AVDC's strategic planning committee told Bloor Homes to go back to the drawing board. Several aspects of their proposals were contrary to the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan even though the site is included for development. Bloor have responded positively by meeting with town councillors to talk through the objections and agree changes which offer improved layout, a revised mix of housing to meet local need, improved design and better parking arrangements. Our thanks go to all those who sent in objections to AVDC and spoke up at the planning meeting.



And another win for our Neighbourhood Plan

Proposals to build more housing, rather than much needed employment units, on the Furze Lane site, next to the planned rail station, have been thrown out by AVDC planners as the application was contrary to our Neighbourhood Plan. We hope that the developers will now make a serious effort to market the site which should bring much needed employment opportunities to Winslow.

Planting in the Park

Thanks to a generous donation from Winslow Lions we have 4000 bulbs to plant in Tomkins Park. Now all we need is some people to help with the planting! So, if you'd like to help plant some Snowdrops and Bluebells why not come and join us, and the Lions, on **Sunday 12th March at 11.00** in the park. Please bring your own trowel or dibber if possible.



Planning for the next stage of development of Tomkins Park is now well advanced with more benches, litter bins and picnic tables to be provided. There will also be an all-weather path linking the two pedestrian gates. Tree labels and display boards will be installed to help residents and visitors appreciate and enjoy the wide range of special trees that make the park an arboretum of regional status. All of this is being funded by grants secured by the town council so no charge on the council tax.

We want to set up a group to help manage and develop the flora and fauna in the Park so if you're keen on birds, bats, fungi, insects, trees, wild flowers etc please contact Roy van de Poll for more information on 01296 713112 or royvandepoll@aol.com

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We have a vacancy on the Town Council and to fill this we have to go through a statutory process. If you'd like to know more about this please contact Charles Loch on 01296 712448 or email clerk@winslowtowncouncil.gov.uk

The full Council normally meets on the first Thursday of every month and all meetings of Council and committees start at 7.00pm and are held at the Council Office.

Dates of committee meetings and their agendas are posted on the notice board outside the Council Office. All meetings of the Council and its committees are open to the public and each has a session for members of the public to speak, so do come along.



TOWN COUNCIL TO PURCHASE HISTORIC CIVIC OFFICES

28 High Street has long been the home of the Town Council but the building is owned by the property arm of AVDC which recently put forward plans to convert the building to four flats. Many people in the town have shown support for the council's view that this would be a great loss to the community as the building is used by several groups apart from the council.

To ensure that we continue to have a civic office, and space for others to use for meetings, the town council has agreed to purchase the property. We will be borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board to fund the purchase and the income from office rental and savings on the councils budget will help balance the books.

Winslow Walks

Hopefully better weather will soon be with us so here is an opportunity to enjoy walking around Winslow and perhaps make a few discoveries on the way!

The Amenities Committee has put together 3 separate Winslow Walks including maps. These are available free of charge from the Council Offices 28 High Street or from the community library in Park Road. A plastic sleeve to keep them tidy, and out of the rain, is also available for a 50p donation to local charities.

Enjoy your walk while learning more about our lovely town.

YOUTH EVENT

Youth Club!
Fridays 7-9pm

Winslow Youth Centre

PLUS NEW Skateboard ramps,
indoor gaming and much more!
Bring your own BMX, Scooter or
Skateboard

For school years 7-13
in term time.

Find us on Facebook

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Friends of Winslow Youth Club
Avenue Rd, Buckingham MK18 3DU

Winslow Youth Club, in Avenue Road, runs every Friday evening in term time for young people of secondary school age. It's a great place for young people to relax, spend time with friends and have fun.

If you would like to help support the group by volunteering time, giving financial support or by offering a specific activity for the young people, please get in touch. You can contact the Secretary Graham Anderson on 07834 036311 or Cllr. Tom Gray on 07926 016269.