

MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on Thursday 20th. November 2018, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Morton (Chairman), Bishopp, Cawte, Castle, Knight, Monger, van de Poll, Slevin and Wiseman. Absent: Cllrs. Chambers and Chandler apology accepted, and Cllr. Rees. Clerk: C Loch. Deputy Clerk S Carolan Members of the Press and Public: No members of the public were present.</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None Consideration of Applications for Dispensation: None</p>
18/68	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 2nd. November 2017: RESOLVED that the minutes for the meeting held November 8th be approved at the Council meeting on December 6th.</p>
18/69	<p>Budgets for Financial Year 2019-20</p> <p>A draft budget pack had been circulated to members for consideration prior to the meeting. The following matters were raised and discussed. Any amendments to the Budget would be formally approved at the next Council meeting.</p> <p>Amenities Committee Members agreed that no allowance need be made for relocating the MUGA as any expense would have to be borne by Bucks County Council. While the Burial Ground has adequate space for thirty or more years it was suggested that Development be on the look out for any green space which could be negotiated with developers. Devolve services could not now be renegotiated until plans for the proposed unitary council was better established a weed scrubber would be trailed as soon as clearance for its use was received from BCC. In the first instance one would be rented to properly evaluate the benefit and no specific allowance would be required in the Budget year. Members also noted that at this stage the Committee could underspend on some items and needed to consider if some projects should be progressed.</p> <p>Development. Members RESOLVED to again hold the Ear Marked Reserve for possible legal costs in respect of planning appeals at £34, 0000. Most of the costs relating to the revision of the neighbourhood plan were expected to be offset by grants.</p> <p>Finance & General Purposes The outcome of the AVDC parking review was awaited and no additional provision for costs in respect of the Public Hall or Greyhound Lane car parks would be needed. It was noted that some IT equipment would need replacement and as prices for the specification needed were now low , this should be done as needed. The level of grants was discussed and while the ever increasing need for funding for local organisations was recognised it was felt that the current level was as much as the tax payer should be asked to support.</p> <p>Events. It was agreed that there was now a reduced need to organise events and a better approach would be to support some local events as appropriate. Replacement equipment would be needed for the Farmers Market but this would be done gradually. Funding from New Homes Bonus was also a possibility.</p> <p>Tax Base. The tax base calculation for 19-20 was discussed as the figure issued by AVDC indicated an increase above that based on the actual amount of precept. This was explained by AVDC as down to an increase in the level of exempt properties in the town as well as the estimated level of new home completions for the current year being too high. The distortion was in the order of 3.7%.</p>

	<p>Precept. The Meeting RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to the December Council meeting that the budget be approved subject to amending it to remove a provision for election costs and to increase the allowance for weed killing and TPA maintenance.</p>
	<p>Items For Information: None</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 8:28 pm.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>