

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on Thursday 4th. January 2018, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Castle (Chairman), Chandler, Chambers, Knight, Monger, Morton, van de Poll, Slevin and Wiseman. Absent: Cllrs. Cawte and Alman. Apologies accepted. Clerk: C Loch. Deputy Clerk S Carolan Members of the Press and Public: AVDC Cllr. S Renshell No press or public were present.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to hear a report from the Neighbourhood police.</i> PC Carter reported on crime statistics. There has been a prosecution in relation to a recent incident and CCTV images were expected to assist in identifying the perpetrator of another recent incident. A new PCSO would be joining the district team to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of PCSO W Taylor. It was expected that the Neighbourhood Police would soon have a direct link to the CCTV system. Cycling on pavements was a current concern and a program of cycling education would be started in the near future.</p> <p><i>The meeting was then opened to public comment.</i> Faulty lighting and fly tipping in the Greyhound Lane car park was raised. This was a matter for AVDC and the matter had been raised on several occasions. The Clerk would take the matter up again.</p> <p><i>The meeting was reconvened.</i></p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None Consideration of Applications for Dispensation: None</p>
18/01	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 7th. December 2018: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record. Matters Arising: Members noted that an exercise to consider and improve all aspects of social media interfaces would begin later in January. Items Deferred from Previous Meeting. None</p>
18/02	<p>Committees Amenities: There was no meeting in December and no items were raised. Development: Negotiations on Glebe Farm costs were being deferred to see if an appeal was made, If not this would begin later in the month. Members noted that the Committee had made a further submission to East West Rail and a response was expected later in January. A third round of East West Rail consultation had begun and the local session would be in the Public Hall on January 17th. A major concern was that now the road bridge in Furze Lane would not be replaced as the line was not to be electrified there was need of a footway installed on the eastern side. Amenities would also be asked to consider the possibility of providing a footpath along the lane using some of the burial ground extension land. It was also noted that hedges had been removed on the new development and must be replaced under the development approval. Events: There was no meeting in December and no items were raised. Finance and General Purposes: There was no meeting in December Precept 2018-19. Members considered the revised precept as approved at the December Council meeting and as no further issues were raised it was RESOLVED to approve the Precept of £209,446 and to instruct the Clerk to submit the precept request to AVDC. The precept would mean a band D equivalent of £104.18 (previous year £97.21) and represented a 6.7% increase.</p>
18/03	<p>Community Facilities: Tomkins Park & Arboretum: A number of additional trees had been purchased and would be planted when conditions were right. There had been some issues with tree damage due to the weather and this was being dealt with. Members also noted that a local tree surgeon would now handle work in the park. Members considered a report from the Bowls Club on fencing for the green. There were a number of issues with erecting a high fence and as vandalism to date had been relatively minor all possible approaches required consideration. While opposed to a fence, Council would consider a natural barrier such as a hedge and was RESOLVED to continue discussions with the Bowls Club on this basis. New Community Facility. The steering group were to meet on Saturday 6th January. The next step would be to establish a spatial requirement.</p>

18/04	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies: Citizens Advice: There had been no further meetings. AVALC. The next meeting would be held on March 13th Rogers Free Education Trust. There would be a meeting later in January to discuss further grants.</p>
18/05	<p>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature. Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £14,898.08 and RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors. Pavements and Icing: Members noted several complaints from residents regarding ice on pavements. This was not a matter for the WTC and there was no practicable solution. Residents can help by attending to the pavements in front of their own house and by helping neighbours who are less able to deal with snow and ice. Press Policy: Members discussed issues with the workings of the current policy and as it was agreed that it needed further consideration it was RESOLVED to ask the Amenities Committee to consider how the policy could be improved.</p>
18/06	<p>Antisocial Behaviour: This matter was covered by the update report from the Neighbourhood Police and no further discussion was required.</p>
18/07	<p>Correspondence: STFSS. A retrospective request for funding for a 3Gpitch was considered. As AVDC guidelines do not allow for retrospective expenditure other than for exceptional reasons, it was RESOLVED to consider the proposal in the context of trying to work with BCC to provide facilities at Redfield which would benefit the school and residents at large. WTC was still awaiting plans from BCC. Bucks Young Farmers: Members noted that the organisation did not wish to renew their lease on an office at the Winslow Youth Centre.</p>
	<p>Items For Information: Mayors Activities: Two events had been cancelled due to severe weather conditions and were expected to be re-scheduled. On 6th. Dec Deputy Mayor Harry Chambers and his wife attended the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 8:56 pm.</p>
	<p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>