

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
Thursday 6th December 2018, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Morton (Chairman), Bishopp, Castle, Cawte, Chambers, Chandler, Knight, Monger, Rees, Slevin, van de Poll, and Wiseman.</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Clerk: C loch. Deputy Clerk S Carolan</p> <p>Members of the Press and Public: One member of the public was present.</p>
18/70	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 4th and 20th. November. 2018: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising: Members were invited to share further thoughts on a revised logo for WTC as raised at a previous meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk should approach local history experts for ideas on key definers for Winslow, after which graphic designers or members of the public could be asked to draft designs. In the meantime existing signage would be used where needed.</p>
18/71	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None</p>
18/72	<p>Committees and Reports from District and County Councillors.</p> <p>Amenities: Bucks County Council had offered to roll over the devolution contract for a further one year in view of the change to a unitary authority. This had been accepted by WTC but it was noted that many parishes were objecting that this was too short a period on which to plan and the matter may well be reviewed. Members discussed the decision to replace the Tomkins Park fence with a vehicle barrier in the context of a small number of objections raised by residents. It was RESOLVED that there was no sufficient reason to change the decision and the project would go ahead once planning was finalised.</p> <p>Development: The VALP inspectors report had been due at the end of November and was still awaited. Members noted that there would be a public consultation and display of plans for the Tuckey Farm Solar Farm at the Bell Hotel on Monday 10th from 3pm to 8pm. It was proposed to use the newer style non reflective panels and the site was expected to produce power for up to 6,000 homes.</p> <p>Events Members noted that a supervisor for the Farmers Market had been found but additional volunteers for set up and take down were needed. There were plans to support a Concert in the Park and Bucks Open Art week in 2019.</p> <p>Reports from District Councillor. AVDC Cllr Monger reported that issues raised by the Secretary of State in relation to the creation of a single Unitary Council for Buckinghamshire had recently been debated. AVDC had supported a proposal to have 147 representatives rather than the 98 favoured by BCC. Cllr Monger made it clear that he strongly supported the lower number favoured by BCC. The Secretary of State will decide in due course. An announcement on how VALP would be progressed was expected in the next few days.</p>
18/73	<p>Current Strategic Issues</p> <p>Growth Corridor: The matter of ensuring adequate representation for the town was discussed as it would be effected by whichever of corridors A or B was chosen. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Highways England to seek confirmation of stakeholder status and an indication of how WTC would be kept informed of developments as well as the proper channel for engaging with them. It was also RESOLVED to authorise expenditure on places for up to three Councillors at a Westminster seminar to be held at Westminster.</p> <p>Unitary Authority There was no further information to that reported by Cllr Monger as above.</p> <p>East West Rail Council representatives attended the Pre Enquiry meeting on Nov 29th which dealt only with procedural matters. The actual Public Enquiry would start on 6th Feb. and continue for 14 weeks.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan Members noted that there had been a further meeting to discuss the way forward. It was agreed</p>

	<p>that some background work could be done to clarify policies pending decisions on VALP.</p> <p>Community Centre The final site review meeting had been held on Nov 28th. The consultant would prepared a summary report to be available during December after which it would be discussed by Council to determine a proposal to put to residents.</p> <p>28 High St. Members discussed an offer to purchase the land to the rear of the Council offices and RESOLVED that Council did not plan to sell the land in the foreseeable future.</p>
18/74	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies: CAAV: The minutes of the last board meeting would be circulated in due course. AVALC. The AGM had been held at Stone and minutes would be circulated. Rogers Free Education Trust: The next meeting would be held in January.</p>
18/75	<p>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature. Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £10,461.28 and RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors. Date for Annual Meeting: It was RESOLVED that if the 2019 elections were cancelled, the Clerk was instructed to revert to the original schedule of meetings for MAY. Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications)(No2) Accessibility Regulations 2018: Members noted the new legislation and the requirement to comply. Precept: The 2019-20 Budget incorporating amendments put forward at the Precept meeting was circulated and it was RESOLVED that the Precept be set at £226,820 and the Clerk was instructed to submit the Precept Request to AVDC along with the explanatory information requested.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak</i> A resident asked about progress on the resurfacing of Church Walk. While this was a matter for BCC, it was understood that work had been delayed because of essential repairs to drains but the local technician had indicated that it would be completed before the end of the financial year. There was also a concern that the police had shown little interest in recent vandalism at the Bowls Club and Recreation Ground. This appeared to be a national problem driven by cuts in resource and the police were now concentrating only on incidents where they were likely to get a conviction. There was also concern over the safety of the new pedestrian crossing adjacent to the Swan. Again this was a matter for BCC who had ignored all requests by Winslow Council and residents not to proceed with this project. <i>The meeting was reconvened</i></p>
	<p>Items For Information: December Meetings: The only meeting now to be held in December would be Development on December 20th. The next Council meeting would be on January 3rd. First Aid: The Clerk would review the worth of having a trained fist aider on the staff and report back to Council</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 8:32 pm.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>