

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
Thursday 7th March 2019, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

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| | <p>Present: Cllrs. Morton (Chairman), Castle, Cawte, Chambers, Chandler, Knight, Slevin, van de Poll and Wiseman.</p> <p>Absent: Cllrs. Bishopp, Rees and Monger. Apologies accepted.</p> <p>Clerk: C loch. Deputy Clerk S Carolan</p> <p>Members of the Press and Public: BCC Cllr. John Chilver, AVDC Cllr Renshell and six members of the public were present.</p> |
| 19/01 | <p>Minutes of Meetings held 3rd January 2019: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising: None</p> |
| 19/02 | <p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: Cllrs. Wiseman and Chandler declared a personal interest in matters relating to Lions.</p> |
| | <p>The meeting was adjourned to allow the public to speak A representative of Lions explained the need to be able to use Tomkins Park as the venue for the annual bonfire night and asked that an exception be made to permit it to be enclosed with temporary fencing to facilitate health and safety and to enable it to be a paid event. Members noted his comments and agreed to address the matter under the appropriate agenda item. <i>The meeting was reconvened</i></p> |
| 19/03 | <p>Committees and Reports from District and County Councillors.</p> <p>Amenities: There had been no meeting in the previous month. The Chairman indicated that there may be a need to clarify draft minute A19/04 at the next meeting.</p> <p>Development: No matters were raised</p> <p>Events: The Clerk noted again the need for volunteers to assist with take down of the Farmers market stalls as loading was too much for one person.</p> <p>Finance & General Purposes: A summary report on the Grants recommendation having been circulated to Council it was RESOLVED that they be approved.</p> <p>Reports from District Councillors. Invitations to the AVDC Civic events were noted. Cllr.Chilver reported that Steve Davis, the officer in charge of EWR for the county was leaving and had asked that Cllrs. Slevin and van de Poll be thanked for the constructive input on this matter. The next LAF meeting had been postponed due to a clash of dates and the new date would be advised in due course. As a venue might be a problem, the Clerk advised that it would be possible to use one of the WTC meeting rooms. There was no further information on plans for the Winslow Centre site redevelopment, but any announcement was likely to be as late as the autumn due to delays on the procurement process and works specification as well as a change of consultant</p> |
| 19/04 | <p>Current Strategic Issues</p> <p>Growth Corridor: The recent High Court decision was noted. However, it only indicate that there would be a discussion and would not necessarily change the outcome.</p> <p>Unitary Authority The Structural Change Order for the Unitary Authority was now awaited from parliament and expected in April or May. It would establish a shadow authority to oversee the change. A series of Unitary meetings for councils was noted.</p> <p>East West Rail The Bio Diversity fund was considered and the aim of avoiding habitat loss with a 10% net gain. EWR would enter into discussions with local authorities as well as trying to acquire land in local areas and it was RESOLVED that WTC should engage with EWR as appropriate. The enquiry continued, albeit very slowly. It was noted that EWR Company were conducting a route options consultations. It was RESOLVED that CLLrs. Slevin and Cawte be delegated to respond and in</p> |

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| | <p>particular to stress the need for good interchange options for connectivity with radials out of London.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan The steering group would meet again on April 4th and at this stage the focus was on refining amendments to policies as well as considering other policies which may be necessary. The process was however, awaiting VALP. The consultant would also need to advise if policies changes were likely to require a referendum as if any substantive changes were limited to those directed by VALP then a referendum would seem to be pointless.</p> <p>Community Centre Members had been circulated with the draft Frankham report on the suitability of possible sites for a community centre. Some corrections would be made to the final report but they were essentially cosmetic and made no material difference to any conclusions. Members considered options as well as matters such as parking, planning constraints, construction costs operating costs, the need to engage with third parties who might be affected by any development. But at this stage the site was the key focus and it was RESOLVED that the sites to the south of Elmfields Gate would be the focus with the site to the north of Elmfields Gate as a second option. It was also RESOLVED that the Development Committee would consider planning implications and the F&G Committee would investigate the business case. It was RESOLVED that initial costs up to £3,000 could be incurred on planning advice</p> <p>28 High St. Members considered the need to complete refurbishment works and RESOLVED that the Clerk assume that any usage would not be substantially different to the current situation. The Clerk reported that the old Chamber furniture had gone to auction and presented an option for replacement. It was RESOLVED that such replacement furniture be ordered and the Clerk be authorized to apply for a New Homes Bonus micro grant. .</p> |
| 19/05 | <p>Reports from Outside Bodies: AVALC. The next meeting would be held on March 19th. Rogers Free Education Trust: The next meeting would be held in July.</p> |
| 19/06 | <p>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature. Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £29,513.36 and RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors.</p> |
| | <p>Correspondence Received BCC: Rights of Way Survey Cllrs. Wiseman and Cawte were considering a response to the survey and would report back in due course AVDC: Parking Review. AVDC had indicated that they would wish to discuss the Parking survey with WTC and it was RESOLVED that once a date was agreed, Cllrs. Slevin, van de Poll, Morton and Knight could represent the Council as necessary. Thrift Farm: It was noted that it was encouraging that a number of third parties had indicated an interest in saving this operation Sports Club: A proposal to extend the kitchen area of the sports pavilion was considered and agreed in principle. However, it would be referred to the Development and F&G committees to consider further once full details were available. Lions: Having considered the application from Lions for permission to hold the annual bonfire event in Tomkins Park, it was RESOLVED that permission be given on the bases of plans as presented by Mr. C Bradford</p> |
| | <p>Items For Information: The Clerk reminded members of the need to generate ideas for NEW Homes Bonus projects and noted those already received. A final list would be considered by Council in due course.</p> |
| | <p>Meeting Closed 8:18 pm.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p> |