

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 1st MARCH 2012,
At 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

	<p>Present: Cllrs Monger (Chairman) Barry, Castle, Cawte, Eatwell, Gibbs, Knight, Payne (as indicated below), Reeves, van de Poll and Wiseman Apologies: Cllrs Chambers (family engagement) – accepted. Clerk: B Bradford 1 Member of the Public, the Deputy Clerk, AVDC Cllr Mrs Renshell and 1 Member of the Press were present</p>
12/27	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: Personal: Cllr Castle - Youth Centre and Youth Café Committee member Cllr Wiseman – Lions member</p>
12/28	<p>Minutes of Meeting on 2nd February RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. Matters Arising: none</p>
12/29	<p>Correspondence to Note: AVDC Historic Towns Project: invitation to presentation at The Oculus on 29th March at 1.15pm – advise the Clerk of intention to attend. AVALC – invitation “Understanding the new Code of Conduct for Town & Parish Councils” event on 26th March, 8pm at Aston Abbots – members to respond direct. Resident – enquiry re securing a salt bin for Comerford Way, referred in the first instance to BCC. AVDC – invitation to purchase Jubilee Flag (£59) passed to the Church. To Consider: Winslow Jubilee Celebrations Committee: Members considered whether, using the powers granted by s137 of the Local Government Act 1972, Council would sponsor up to 60 rockets planned to be set off by Lions at Beacon Lighting . RESOLVED Council sponsor 4 rockets at £15 each, for the benefit of residents of the town and that such expenditure is proportionate to the benefit derived and within the annual limit for 2011/12 of £22,349.10.</p>
12/30	<p>Clerk’s Report: Olympic Torch and Jubilee funding at District & County Cllr Monger had proposed requesting funds from those set aside at both AVDC and BCC to assist with staging the above events. Clerk is to attend a briefing re the Torch on 8th March and will proceed with letter if considered appropriate. The Clerk reported from the SLCC Events Management Training attended on 23rd February that extreme caution should be exercised in taking on any organisational role in relation to the torch’s route through town, as doing so could render Council, and Clerk personally, liable to prosecution in the event of an incident or accident. Voicing this concern to the regional organisers had finally elicited a response that such local organisation would not be expected of the parish/town councils involved, but that they should only organise any incidental events that they felt competent to take on.</p>
12/31	<p>Report of the Amenities Committee Members noted the draft minutes of meeting on 21st February and RESOLVED to accept Recommendations A12/22 and A12/23 relating to the transfer of unspent budget for the Playground and Burial Ground to the relevant earmarked reserves. Members further noted updates relating to the operation and arrangements for the official opening of the Jubilee Games Area on 31st March from noon to 2pm. Also noted report that the issue with access to the RB Legion re CCTV had now been resolved.</p>
12/32	<p>Jubilee Trees for Burial Ground Extension (A12/19) RESOLVED to accept the planting plan circulated by Cllrs Castle & Wiseman, leaving a gap in the planting for access to the area from the footpath, and to approve expenditure up to £400 to achieve the scheme, drawn from unspent Landscaping budget Cllr Payne arrived Members also noted a comment from a resident that Winslow Playground equipment is now very outdated (installed Autumn 2001), and the opinion that this view has probably been amplified by the installation of the very latest equipment in many surrounding villages in the past 2-3 years. Amenities will give consideration to updating the facility as funds permit.</p>
7.30pm	
12/33	<p>Report of the Development Committee Members noted the draft minutes of meeting on 15th February and that a useful meeting had been held with Andy Barton on 20th February re progressing a Neighbourhood Plan which will be further considered at next Committee meeting. BCC had now deferred until April a decision on the Energy from Waste facility application (at Calvert) due to various legal issues. New Homes Bonus (D12/39 & 40) a response had been received and circulated from the Dept. for Communities & Local Government re New Homes Bonus. It is proposed that the committee will work with NBPCC, AVALC and BALC as well as Buckingham and Aylesbury Town Councils to develop a 10 point plan for New Homes Bonus to put to Cllr Blake of AVDC. The resulting policy could then be</p>

12/34	<p>developed into a wish list for Winslow. Bucks CC had advised that their 1st year allocation would be used to fund improved Broadband speeds. They do not have a policy for future receipts and don't appear to be proposing to consult communities. The committee were delegated to consider appropriate next steps.</p> <p>Winslow & District Local Area Forum Members noted that the request to return to 4 meetings per year had been referred to Overview & Scrutiny. Also that another LAF had secured a 4th meeting by hosting and clerking that meeting – RESOLVED that such a proposal could be supported by WTC.</p>
12/35	<p>Report of the Events Committee Members noted the draft minutes of meeting on 6th February and RESOLVED that the committee be authorised to officially request from AVDC closure of the Market Square for events relating to the Olympic Torch and the Diamond Jubilee.</p>
12/36 8pm 8.10pm	<p>Report of the Resources Committee Members noted the draft minutes of meeting on 16th February and RESOLVED to accept the recommendation (R12/15) to return all Park Road lights and 2 footpath lights in Langley Close to full night lighting. Recommendation R12/17 was deferred for consideration after authorisation of cheques for payment.</p> <p><i>Meeting adjourned for public participation.</i> <i>Issues relating to streetlighting were raised and answered as appropriate by the Clerk.</i> <i>Serious concerns about the dangers of, and a preference to remove, the High Street zebra crossing near Avenue Rd were discussed. Many residents have made the same complaint and been encouraged to report directly to BCC. Council has been attempting to persuade BCC to upgrade signage etc for at least 2years and in September 2009 BCC/WTC agreed appropriate improvements and WTC allocated finance to share the cost. WTC remains unable to persuade BCC to actually undertake the works, despite applying pressure and the frequent reporting of near miss incidents.</i></p> <p><i>Meeting reconvened</i></p>
	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies: Chamber of Trade: At their recent meeting it had been agreed to nominate Sue Sellars for Citizen of the Year. AVALC: notes of the recent meeting had been circulated, it was also noted that the Secretary had stepped down and a volunteer replacement is sought.</p>
12/37	<p>Payments for signature: RESOLVED to authorise signature of the circulated list of cheques, totalling £25,218.47, by Cllrs Wiseman and Reeves, including payment to Winslow Charities of £8 in allotment rent not transferred during financial year 2009-10. Income & Expenditure (with commitments) to date reports had been circulated and members RESOLVED to accept the Clerk's proposal that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to £1000 of the unspent budget in cost centre 4225 Admin, be used to finance a replacement laptop (current one 5 years old and becoming temperamental) and a copier/printer (photocopier unreliable and limited in scope) • Transfer of £2,000 from Farmers Market operating surplus to an Earmarked Reserve for Equipment Replacement • The operating profit of Farmers Market, likely to be around £5,000 for 2011-12, be transferred to the FM Surplus Earmarked Reserve, Events Committee to give consideration to potential projects. • The report currently shows an overspend of approx £14,000, however grants totalling around £82,000 in respect of the Jubilee Games Area are yet to be received. <p>Cllr Barry signed off all bank reconciliations to date.</p>
12/38	<p>Winslow Library (12/24) BCC have yet to respond to the Friends' recent proposal, however from the press it is evident that a similar proposal is being progressed at Great Missenden.</p>
12/39	<p>Winslow Youth Centre (12/25) Members noted that Cllr Monger and the Clerk had met with Brian Dean, Andrea Cochrane and Mark Hunt (surveyor) at the Centre to discuss site specific queries relating to the lease and proposals to make internal alterations to facilitate operation of the Playgroup and maximise the potential for other users of the building. It was noted that Friends of Winslow Youth Centre are now ready to become an amalgamation of the former Youth Centre and Youth Café committees who had supplied details of their anticipated financial proposals. Cllr Castle stressed that the Friends were keen to work with WTC towards expansion to a second evening per week of provision, but were anxious that they should not be committed to achieving this in year 2. Members also noted that Cllr Monger and the Clerk had met with parents keen to initiate and assist with provision for 7 to 11 year olds. A draft bid from WTC for transition funding had been circulated and submitted to BCC for guidance</p>

	<p>as to suitability, however no indicative response had yet been received. In particular there had been no positive nor negative response to the conditional nature of the bid relative to the proposed internal layout alterations at BCC expense.</p> <p>Having considered the document and financial projections in detail at the meeting, Members RESOLVED unanimously that on the basis of the draft circulated, authority continues to be delegated to Cllr Monger and the Clerk to negotiate with BCC to achieve the detail of a bid that BCC could approve for transition funding in the required timescales. The final draft would be considered by Council prior to submission.</p>
9.12pm 12/39	<p><i>Members RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded.</i></p> <p><i>The Clerk, Press and Public left the meeting and the following minute was recorded by the Deputy Clerk</i></p> <p>Personnel (R12/18) Members approved the recommendation that the Clerk should receive her contractual review of grade, pro rata, with effect from 1st April 2012, but that no inflationary increase should be paid, in line with other public authorities' pay settlements.</p> <p>Members noted the circulated proposal in respect of revised clerical working hours/attendance at the office (proposed for immediate implementation) and will refer any areas of concern to the Chairman forthwith. Members also noted that the Clerk had agreed a request from Wendover to provide some support to their recruitment of a temporary clerk.</p>
9.15pm	<p>Items For Information none</p> <p><i>Meeting Closed</i></p>
	<p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date):</p>