

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. November 2019, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs. Morton (Chairman), Bishopp, Castle, Cawte, Chambers, Knight, Slevin, van de Poll and Wiseman.  <b>Absent:</b> Cllrs. Monger, and Rees. Apologies accepted.  <b>Clerk:</b> C Loch. Deputy Clerk S Carolan  <b>Members of the Press and Public:</b> BCC Cllr. Chilver. There was one member of the public and no press present.</p>
	<p><b>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:</b> None.</p>
19/51	<p><b>Minutes of Meetings held 3<sup>rd</sup>. October 2019:</b> RESOLVED that these minutes be signed as a true record with an amendment to note that comments on the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan Revision had also been received from VAHT.  <b>Matters Arising:</b> It was noted that two thirds of the comments on the WNHP had now been received. The Clerk was also able to report that the Christmas Fayre stalls were now fully booked and paid in advance.  <b>Items Deferred from Previous Meeting.</b> None</p>
19/52	<p><b>Committees</b>  <b>Amenities:</b>  Members noted that the Petanque would be opened on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. November at 10.30 am when the game would be demonstrated and residents able to give it a try. A thank you gesture would be made to those operatives who contributed most to winning the Best Kept Village awards.  <b>Development:</b>  Members RESOLVED that Development approve a joint letter to AVDC re Win020 to be drafted by BCC. It was also RESOLVED that the Committee progress a Localities grant for expenses in respect of the WNHP revision. There was a concern in respect of school capacity and expansion raised by BCC in respect of Win001 planning and members agreed that they should seek clarification as it could raise land take and planning issues.  <b>Events:</b>  The Clerk reported that the Market Square closure signs would soon need replacing and it was RESOLVED that this be approved. Trader attendance at the Farmers Market had improved but required constant effort to maintain the level. Preparations for the Christmas Fayre were now complete.  <b>Finance and General Purposes:</b>  Members heard that the project allocation for the Brickyard Farm S106 was now required and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk submit a request as for previous developments on the basis of a community facility, enhancement to the proposed BCC sports hub or the purchase of green space.  <b>Reports from County and District Councillors</b>  BCC Cllr. Chilver reported that he would meeting with the new Unitary Highways Capital team and would be looking to increase expenditure on repairs to local roads and pavements, including drainage. A number of problem areas in Winslow were noted.</p>
19/53	<p><b>Current Strategic Issues</b>  <b>Growth Corridor</b>  No further information to report but noted that Oxfordshire had passed a motion to oppose the project.  <b>Unitary Authority</b>  No further information to add to report although reorganisation of the planning resource would need to be a priority and it might be possible to reallocate resource across the county to solve the immediate problems.  <b>East West Rail:</b>  Future progress would not now be determined until after the HS2 review was completed and further slippage was likely.  <b>Winslow Neighbourhood Plan</b>  A meeting would be held on Nov 18th. to review the comments submitted by BCC, VAHT and AVDC.</p>

	<p><b>Community Centre</b>  <i>Members considered the matter of the Community Centre and in view of commercial considerations RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded due to the sensitivity of those items to be discussed) and be moved to the end of the meeting. Other general matters were discussed in open meeting as follows.</i></p> <p>The Council had not been in a position to formulate a plan and although a pre-planning report had now been received there was still no final plan for the redevelopment of the Winslow Centre and proposed Sports hub. Even so it was RESOLVED that the project be progressed by meeting with major stakeholders to seek their input. Councillors Morton, Bishopp and Slevin were delegated to lead the project.</p> <p><b>28 High St.</b>  It was RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate the installation of a suitable lift and if a satisfactory solution could be found to further investigate funding from S106, NHB or other sources. It was also RESOLVED that the Clerk should install an external keybox to facilitate use of the meeting rooms when staff were not available to open the building.</p> <p><b>Winslow Centre Redevelopment.</b>  WTC had met with BCC on Oct 30th and updated on outline plans. There was still a lot to do before a final proposal would be available. BCC had acknowledged various concerns and in particular the need to retain the library building in use at least until the new building was available but preferably to be retained permanently.</p>
19/54	<p><b>Reports from Outside Bodies:</b>  <b>CAAV:</b> Cllr. Morton had attended a backers meeting and noted that there was a concern that all administration might be centralised under the Unitary Authority and that this could result in possible funding problems.  <b>AVALC:</b> The AGM was held on 2nd November.  <b>Rogers Free Education Trust.</b> Nothing to report</p>
19/55	<p><b>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature.</b>  <b>Payments for signature:</b> Members noted the payment listing totalling £27,456.63 and RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors.  <b>Co-option of Councillor:</b> Members noted that the electoral office had notified clearance for the process of co-option. Application would close on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. and it was expected that interviews would be held during December. It was RESOLVED that Cllrs. Castle, Cawte and Slevin be delegated to conduct the interviews and make a recommendation to Council  <b>January Meeting:</b> In view of the proximity to New Year it was RESOLVED that the January meeting be moved to Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup>.  <b>Winslow Archive:</b> It was RESOLVED that the Clerk establish an archive of appropriate documents, photographs and items to be initially housed in meeting room 2 and that a budget of £200 be allocated for any set up costs.  <b>Citizen of The Year.</b> It was RESOLVED that rather than have a “winner”, the award would be replaced with a Citizens Award to nominated residents who had performed some outstanding service to the community.</p>
19/56	<p><b>Correspondence:</b>  <b>St. Laurence PCC:</b> Members noted a request for assistance with funding for repairs to the public tower clock and it was RESOLVED that £1,500 be provided for this purpose.</p> <p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow the public to speak.</i>  A resident raised concerns over the X60 bus service and the provision of bus shelters.  <i>The meeting was reconvened</i></p> <p><b>Ssafa:</b> Correspondence re VE Day 75th Anniversary had been circulated and noted.</p>
	<p><b>Items for Information:</b>  The Neighbourhood Police Anti-scaming forum had been held on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and was well attended.</p>

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*Members having RESOLVED to discuss some commercial matters in closed session, the public was excluded.*

Members had previously considered the Frankham Report on five possible sites within the town and concluded that there were only two potentially suitable sites being the Recreation Ground and Tomkins Park. A pre-planning report had then been obtained from AVDC on these two sites and although both sites raised significant planning issues the recreation ground was seen as more likely to meet planning requirement while to do so on the park site would likely be incredibly costly and potentially unviable.

Having considered the issues involved as well as the recently received outline plans for redevelopment of the Winslow Centre from Bucks County Council it was RESOLVED as follows: (Cllr. Castle asked that it be recorded that she abstained from the vote).

The most viable site for a new Community Centre is on the Recreation Ground in that it is better able than any other available site to meet the relevant planning requirements and deliver the stipulated provision of parking without incurring exceptional costs.

The Council shall hold exploratory discussions with the Winslow Sports Club and other relevant parties to establish how it might most effectively meet the needs of the growing Winslow community, secure a suitable facility for the Sports Club and retain existing facilities such as the Playground.

The Council shall engage with the Public Hall Trustees to enter into an agreement for the future of the existing public hall.

Following the discussions with the Sports Club and other directly interested parties and having established the most acceptable way forward, if appropriate the Council will engage an appropriately experienced architect to consider how, within an agreed financial ceiling, a new Community Centre and retained sports and other facilities can be best delivered by maximising the potential of the whole recreation ground site.

The Council will investigate all possible sources of funding in order to set a realistic financial ceiling for the project.

Meeting Closed 8:52 pm.

Signed: ..... (Chairman) at Meeting ..... (date)