

MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 19th. November 2019, at 8.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs. Morton (Chairman), Bishopp, Cawte, Chambers, Knight, van de Poll, Slevin, Wiseman and van de Poll.  <b>Absent:</b> Cllrs. Castle and Monger: Apologies accepted.  <b>Clerk:</b> C Loch.  <b>Members of the Press and Public:</b> No members of the press or public were present.</p>
	<p><b>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:</b> None  <b>Consideration of Applications for Dispensation:</b> None</p>
19/58	<p><b>Minutes of Meetings held 7th. November 2019:</b> RESOLVED that the minutes for the meeting held November 7<sup>th</sup> be approved at the Council meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>.</p>
19/59	<p><b>Budgets for Financial Year 2020-21</b></p> <p>A draft budget pack had been circulated to members for consideration prior to the meeting. The following matters were raised and discussed. Any amendments to the Budget and the Precept would be formally approved at the next Council meeting.</p> <p><b>Amenities Committee</b>  Members considered the allocation for New Projects carried forward in the draft and RESOLVED that the allocation for Street Furniture maintenance – now mostly done internally – be retained but included under the heading for Street Furniture, that no provision be made for the Burial Ground extension as it would be on hold until EWR works were completed and any interim requirement was minimal and that the Spinney benches were not required in this area and the area was not the responsibility of WTC.</p> <p><b>Development.</b>  Members RESOLVED to again hold the Earmarked Reserve for possible legal costs in respect of planning appeals at £34,000 and to establish a new EMR of £2,700 to carry forward the unspent provision in the current year. As no further expenditure was expected on VALP, this amount would be added to the WNHP expenditure.</p> <p><b>Finance &amp; General Purposes</b>  Members considered lighting in the town and in particular that the Market Square was very dark during winter and not in keeping with this focal point of the town. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should investigate a solution to be implemented as soon as possible if the approximate cost of a normal street light.</p> <p><b>Events.</b>  It was agreed that the policy of encouraging events to be organised within the community and supported rather than led by Council was a more successful approach. There was also general agreement that the Christmas lighting should be enhanced as and when possible. The Clerk introduced the idea of a Winslow Festival week which would start as low key but aim to attract trade and visitors to the town and it was RESOLVED to include £1,500 to cover expenses if the idea was carried through. The very positive reaction of a recent U3A visit highlighted that the town has much of interest to offer.</p>
19/60	<p><b>Precept.</b>  The Meeting RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to the December Council meeting that the budget be approved subject to amendments resolved at the meeting. This would set the Precept request at £252,767 with a Band D Equivalent of £125.43, an increase of 6.62% which reflects the growing community and increasing need for services..</p>
	<p><b>Items For Information:</b> None</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 8:56 pm.</p> <p>Signed: ..... (Chairman) at Meeting ..... (date)</p>