

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. December 2019, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs. Morton (Chairman), Bishopp, Castle, Cawte, Chambers, Knight, van de Poll and Wiseman.</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Cllrs. Monger, Slevin and Rees. Apologies accepted.</p> <p><b>Clerk:</b> C Loch. Deputy Clerk S Carolan</p> <p><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>
19/61	<p><b>Minutes of Meetings held 7<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. November 2019:</b> RESOLVED that these minutes be signed as a true record.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Items Deferred from Previous Meeting.</b> None</p>
19/62	<p><b>Committees</b></p> <p><b>Amenities:</b> It was noted that the extension to the Devolution Agreement would be dealt with at the next meeting once the paperwork had arrived.</p> <p><b>Development:</b> Members considered the need for WTC to adopt a Carbon Neutrality policy and RESOLVED that the Development Committee should look into the options and make a recommendation to Council. It was noted that there had been no recent updates to information on EWR or the Growth Corridor,</p> <p><b>Events:</b> The Clerk reported that the Christmas Market had gone well despite adverse weather but more volunteers are needed if it is to be sustainable.</p> <p><b>Finance and General Purposes:</b> There had been no recent meeting and Cllrs. Wiseman and van de Poll were delegated to review grant applications and make a recommendation to full council.</p> <p><b>Reports from County and District Councillors</b> BCC Cllr. Chilver reported that under the new unitary organisation, the last LAF meeting would be held on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. And the 16 new Community Boards would operate from April 1<sup>st</sup>. the Board for Winslow would cover the existing County Divisions for Winslow and Great Brickhill.</p>
19/63	<p><b>Current Strategic Issues</b></p> <p><b>Growth Corridor</b> No further information to report.</p> <p><b>Unitary Authority</b> No further information to add to that reported above.</p> <p><b>East West Rail:</b> Future progress would not now be determined until after the HS2 review was completed and further slippage was likely.</p> <p><b>Winslow Neighbourhood Plan</b> A meeting would be held on Dec. 17th.</p> <p><b>Community Centre</b> The Council had now met with the Bowls Club as the first of the major stakeholders. The club had been positive in supporting further investigation of the new facility. There was a meeting with the Sports Club scheduled for Dec. 19th. After which there would be a meeting with the Public Hall Trustees. At this stage there was no plan and the meetings were to engage and discuss ideas within the parameters of available sites and planning requirements.</p> <p><b>28 High St.</b> The Clerk had carried out an initial investigation into a lift for the building. Only one location was possible and a response on the possibility of S106 funding was awaited.</p> <p><b>Winslow Centre Redevelopment.</b> The County had now arranged a meeting for Jan 23rd. when it was expected that a final plan would be available,</p>
19/64	<p><b>Reports from Outside Bodies:</b></p> <p><b>AVALC:</b> The next meeting would be on 7<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p><b>Rogers Free Education Trust.</b> The next meeting would be in the New Year.</p>

19/65	<p><b>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature.</b></p> <p><b>Payments for signature:</b> Members noted the payment listing totalling £18,336.81 and RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors.</p> <p><b>Co-option of Councillor:</b> Members noted that there had been two applications for co-option and the Clerk was asked to arrange interviews as soon as possible with a view to appointing at the next meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Precept 2020:</b> Members noted the recommendation of the precept meeting held Nov 19<sup>th</sup> and RESOLVED that the precept for 2020/21 be set at £251,767 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>Citizen Awards.</b> It was RESOLVED that under the new system, the award would be limited to three residents chosen by the awards panel as necessary. The Clerk was authorised to arrange production of the awards.</p>
19/66	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Lights:</b> Members noted a complaint from a resident in respect of installation of lights at night. It was agreed that it was the most practical time for installation when traffic and parked cars were at a minimum and the short period of any potential disturbance was acceptable to have the town lit for the festive period.</p>
	<p><b>Items for Information:</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Police Anti-scaming forum had been held on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and was well attended.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 7:52 pm.</p> <p>Signed: ..... (Chairman) at Meeting ..... (date)</p>