

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on Thursday 6th. February 2020, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Morton, Bishopp, Castle, Cawte, Chambers, Hamley, Knight, Monger, Rees, Slevin, van de Poll and Wiseman.</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Clerk: C Loch.</p> <p>Members of the Press and Public: BCC Cllr. Chilver, AVDC Cllr Renshell and four members of the public.</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: Cllr Bishopp noted that he was a member of the Bowls Club.</p>
19/73	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 9th January 2020: RESOLVED that these minutes be signed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising: None.</p> <p>Items Deferred from Previous Meeting. None</p>
19/74	<p>Committees</p> <p>Amenities: The Clerk reported that areas which might be suitable for the Devolution Pilots had been submitted but a response was awaited and it would firstly be dependent on the terms and funding. The Committee Recommended that the existing devolution agreement be extended for a further two years as requested by the Unitary Council and it was RESOLVED that the extension documents be approved and signed. Correspondence from the Winslow British Legion in respect of repairs to the War Memorial at an estimated cost of £6,900 was noted. Members heard that there was no obvious source of funding for the repairs but the Clerk would investigate further. Members noted the decision to provide a thank you token to operatives who had done much to secure the Best Kept Village award and a budget of £225 was approved.</p> <p>Development: Members noted the announcement of the Milton Keynes Futures 2050 – Consultation and a meeting to be held in the St Laurence Room at 7pm on March 3rd. This was an initial discussion on strategic planning for Milton Keynes and was by no means a final plan. The committee would discuss it further after the meeting on March 3rd.</p> <p>Finance and General Purposes. There had been no further meeting but the Clerk was able to report that the revised lease for the EE Communication mast had been finalised and a £5,000 compensation fee agreed,</p> <p>Events: There were no matters to report other than that the 2020 Christmas Fayre would be planned on the same basis as for 2019.</p>
	<p>The meeting was adjourned to allow the public to speak. The need to carry out repairs to the War Memorial was raised and it was indicated that the national RBL organisation was unwilling to assist. <i>The meeting was reconvened</i></p>
	<p>Reports from County and District Councillors BCC Cllr. Chilver reported on the outline plans for the Sports Hub at Redfield. The negotiations on the land were proceeding well and although the basic requirement was to replace the existing facilities at the Winslow Centre on a like for like basis, there was scope to aim higher if space and funding permitted. Demolition work on the Winslow Centre should hopefully start in March. He also indicated plans for resurfacing of the A413 south of Winslow, micro surfacing of Park Road and for repairs to the dropped drains in the High St. The drain near the Health Centre, the surface of Vicarage Road and progress on the County project to replace all lights with LED were raised. AVDC Cllr. Monger reported on the second last meeting of the District council. He was concerned that losses on the Broadband Project would never be known under a non-disclosure agreement. VALP would not now be delivered within the remaining lifetime of AVDC and he was surprised by a report that an offer to assist planning with officers from other district councils was declined and that planning was now nearly up to date.</p>
19/75	<p>Strategic Issues</p> <p>Growth Corridor No further information to report.</p> <p>Unitary Authority</p>

	<p>The Budget had now been published and was in the order of £1.2 Billion. The reduction in central government funding and uncertainty about the future made it difficult to sustain services such as adult care.</p> <p>East West Rail:</p> <p>The preferred route for the Bedford to Cambridge section had been announced and detailed planning would take place over the next year or so. The TTRO for the Winslow section had been made on Feb 4th. for implementation on Feb 25th. Cllr. Bishopp would attend an inauguration event on Feb 26th. It was expected that work would now start in the very near future and first services were announced as starting at the end of 2023.</p> <p>Winslow Neighbourhood Plan Revision.</p> <p>Work continued but against the uncertainty of VALP being adopted.</p> <p>Environmental Policy Working Group</p> <p>The next meeting would be on Thursday 13th. Feb.</p> <p>Community Centre</p> <p>As there were some commercially sensitive matters in relation to the finances of third parties it was <i>RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded due to the sensitivity of the business to be discussed) and the item be moved to the end of the meeting. It was agreed however, to have a general discussion at this stage before covering those sensitive matters at the end of the meeting.</i></p> <p>Cllr. Bishopp outlined a report prepared by Members delegated to progress the project and the conclusion that as it was proving very difficult to find a site which could provide space for a single facility and be able to meet planning requirements on parking, an alternative proposal to improve on existing facilities which could potentially include the RBL hall should be considered. All relevant stake holders had been involved in discussions and he thanked the Sports Club for their positive and helpful input into the project.</p> <p>As there were time limits on S106 funds and the project had been in progress for almost six years it was now time to make a decision on the way forward.</p> <p>28 High St.</p> <p>The Clerk was preparing an S106 funding application for a lift. Fitting of intumescent strips to some older fire doors had been delayed as the product was difficult to source and it might be necessary to fit them in a different way.</p> <p>Winslow Centre Redevelopment.</p> <p>Progress was as reported by BCC Cllr Chilver as above. The current position on land for employment required clarification.</p>
19/76	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies:</p> <p>AVALC: A meeting was held on 7th January. Minutes would be circulated in due course.</p> <p>CAAV. Discussions on the proposed merger and its benefit for funding continued.</p> <p>Rogers Free Education Trust. The next meeting would be on January 23rd.</p>
19/77	<p>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature.</p> <p>Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £13,124.00. RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors.</p> <p>Citizens Awards: Members considered the terms of reference for this award and RESOLVED that it be amended so that anyone who had made a significant contribution to the Winslow Community could receive the award.</p> <p>Heritage Day: Members noted that it would be held on September 19th 2020.</p> <p>Grants: Members considered the Recommendation as circulated. It was RESOLVED to approve the proposed grants on the condition that any recipient be fully funded and in a position to progress the project before a grant is paid. Grants would expire on 31st March 2021 unless extended by Council. It was also RESOLVED that the grant for the Wellbeing Centre at STFSS should await the formal structuring of the Wellbeing Centre Partnership and that the grant be paid directly to the Partnership.</p>
19/78	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Royal British Legion: Members noted a meeting on 18th Feb 7.30 at the RBL Hall re VE75 celebrations.</p>
	<p>Items for Information:</p> <p>It was noted that this year would be the 40th Anniversary of WAFTA</p> <p>The Annual Town Meeting would be held on Thursday April 23rd.</p>

<p>19/79</p>	<p><i>This item had been RESOLVED as confidential under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 and members of the public were excluded from the discussion.</i></p> <p>Members RESOLVED that the meeting extend beyond the two hours allowed by Standing Orders.</p> <p>Community Facility: Members discussed the proposal as circulated in more detail to include the financial aspects of the project. There was no simple solution and it was agreed that any plan should complement the facilities of existing organisations and avoid undermining their sustainability. The requirement should be re-evaluated to reflect how current and prospective users would operate in the group facility.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that WTC should abandon the idea of constructing a single all-purpose building and should instead identify and instruct appropriate architects to advise on the feasibility of adapting any or all of the three buildings identified as offering a solution (i.e. the Public Hall, Sports Club pavilion and RBL hall if available for purchase), and to provide indicative costings. Members noted that this course of action did not address the proposal set out in the current and draft revised WNP for a larger supermarket and WTC will need to decide whether that objective should itself be abandoned or addressed in some other way.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 9:31 pm.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>