

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on **Thursday 12th March 2020**, at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

Present: Cllrs Cawte, Bishop, Rees, Slevin and van de Poll.
Members of the Press and Public: Cllr Hamley

Absent: None
Clerk: S Carolan

	Apologies for Absence: None
	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None
D20/19	Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 13 th February 2020: the Committee RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record. Matters Arising: None.
	Items delegated by Council: None.
D20/20	Planning - Current Consultations: Land off Great Horwood Road 20/00031/APP Erection of an alternative, temporary construction access road to construct works in association with East West Rail Phase 2. The Committee RESOLVED not to object to the application.
D20/21	Land off Buckingham Road 20/04441/APP Change of use from agricultural land to commercial land, Section 1 -0.30 Acre - Art Centre, Section 2 - 0.78 Acre - dog exercise area. The Committee RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application on a variety of grounds including: (a) the inadequacy of the information provided; (b) the development is not in the emerging VALP; (c) non-compliance with NPPF Policy 170; (d) non-compliance with AVDLP saved policy RA2; (e) non-compliance with VALP policy S3; (f) non-compliance with VALP policy E7; and (g) inadequate access.
D20/22	Other Planning Matters: VALP Update - The Committee noted an update from AVDC that VALP will be delayed by several more months. WNP Update - Members noted a revised invoice from the Council's planning consultant and RESOLVED to: (a) settle that part of the invoice that relates to documents already delivered to the Council, and (b) to request a separate invoice for work carried out on revisions that have not yet been delivered. East West Rail Update - Members noted that EWR has issued: (a) a revised timeline showing services starting in late 20204, and (b) a tender for three-car units to operate on the line. Oxford - Cambridge Expressway - Members noted the Chancellor's budget statement put the scheme on hold pending alternative route investigations.
D20/23	Land off Great Horwood Road - Members noted a response from AVDC regarding the delay in determining the remaining application and RESOLVED that the Clerk send a further request for clarification of the reasons.
D20/24	Draft MK Strategy 2050 - The Committee welcomed the draft strategy and RESOLVED that Cllrs Cawte, Slevin and van de Poll collate a draft response for the Committee to consider at its next meeting. MHCLG Starter Homes consultation - Members noted the consultation document.
D20/25	Environmental Policy - The Committee noted Council's comments on the draft policy and RESOLVED that the word 'actions' be replaced with 'policies' in the opening line. The draft will then read: <i>"The Town Council, in recognition of the 'climate emergency' declared by its upper tier councils, commits to the following policies:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>to keep under review the management of its assets and operations so that, guided by mainstream scientific advice, it can identify practical steps towards sustainability, including the minimisation of its carbon footprint, and take those steps where practicable;</i> • <i>to follow expert advice to maximise the biodiversity within Tomkins Park & Arboretum whilst preserving its recreational use; and maximise the biodiversity on other recreational land under the Council's control and</i> • <i>to engage with the residents of the Town, local organisations and the wider community to support relevant local initiatives that promote sustainable living and business practices and to improve the environment both within the Town and in the surrounding area."</i>
D20/26	Buckinghamshire Council Planning Service meeting - The Committee noted the invitation and RESOLVED that Cllrs Slevin and van de Poll should attend.
	Outside Bodies: Winslow District Community Bus - no report. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium - will meet on 25 th March.
	<i>Meeting closed 8:11pm</i>

Signed: _____ (Chairman) at a Meeting on **7th May 2020**.