

MINUTES of a MEETING of the DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on WEDNESDAY 18th April 2012, at 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

	<p>Present: Cllrs Cawte (Chair) Knight, Payne, van de Poll, and Wiseman. Apologies: Cllr V Reeves. Accepted Clerk: C Loch One member of the public was present for part of the meeting. No Press were present</p>
	Declarations of Interest: none
D12/78	Minutes of Meeting held on 29th March: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record. Matters Arising: None
	Items delegated by Council: None
	Items deferred from previous meeting: None, not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.
D12/79	<p>Applications Received: 12/00575/AOP Land at Station Road Site for four semi-detached three bedroom dwellings with access via existing private road. RESOLVED not to object on the basis of this being outline planning only. Members would however raise the following concerns which would need to be addressed should a full planning application be made. The actual design would need to be addressed and detail such as the provision for recycling must be included. Members have a particular concern that any future proposed change of use would be contrary to the Town and future Vale Plan in which a considerable shortage of suitable employment land is recognised and presents a challenge if housing and employment are to grow hand in hand. The environmental problems are of equal concern and would indicate the need for very thorough testing of the soil both before and after clearance.</p>
D12/80	<p>12/00610/APP 56 Station Road Erection of garage. RESOLVED no objection. Members would however, comment on the very poor quality of the plans which made it difficult to assess the application.</p>
D12/81	<p>12/00670/ATC 36 Sheep Street Works to Larch tree RESOLVED no objection. Members would wish to point out that the shorter period of time allowed for comment does not give adequate opportunity for Council to assess and determine such applications.</p>
D12/82	<p>12/00695/APP 11 Demoram Close Two storey side extension RESOLVED no objection</p>
D12/83	<p>Amended: 12/00201/APP 26 Tank House Rd Single storey side extension. Consider withdrawal of objection RESOLVED to withdraw the objection on the basis of the amended plans. However, Members would comment that the parking arrangements and road congestion remain a concern as well as a potential loss of amenity for the neighbour in respect of access for maintenance.</p>
D12/84	<p>Permitted: 12/00218/APP 10 Lake Close Single storey side extension and front block paving. Rear conservatory. (retrospective) 12/00182/APP 1 Granborough Road Erection of outbuilding (retrospective) 12/00226/APP Redfield Cottage Demolition of existing rear extension. Single storey rear extension with rear dormer for lift.</p>
D12/85	<p>Vale Plan: Affordable Housing: Cllr. Van de Poll reported on a recent discussion with Mr Roy Brooks, Housing Needs and Advice Manager. In essence it appeared that current decisions on Affordable Housing were based on out of date data and any progress to establish a realistic mix of rental / part ownership property with an acceptable number being allocated to those with strong links to the community would only be achieved through a higher level policy change. In view of these concerns and the importance of this issue as the Vale Plan is formulated, members RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that WTC seek an urgent meeting with the relevant Cabinet members and if possible join with other local councils such as Buckingham at such a meeting.</p>
D12/86	<p>Neighbourhood Plan. Members considered input from A Barton of AVDC and other parties involved in Neighbourhood Plans. Members RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that having extensively investigated the merits of producing a formal Neighbourhood Plan and having received objective advice, WTC should concentrate its efforts on a less formal Community Development Plan and working in partnership with AVDC.</p>

D12/87	<p>AVDC – New Homes Bonus: New Homes Bonus: Members noted that a policy had been formulated and approaches made to both AVDC and BCC requesting discussions. A further response was awaited from M Rogers of BCC.</p>
D12/88	<p>Consultations. BCC: <i>Consultation into the areas of focus for a Buckinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-15 due 9th April 2012</i> <i>Better Healthcare in Bucks due 16th April.</i> Members noted the excellent work of Cllr Reeves in finalising these submissions.</p>
D12/89	<p>Correspondence: <i>Not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.</i> BCC: Steve Taylor Legal & Democratic Services. Questions in Cabinet. Members noted the procedure for raising questions.</p>
D12/90	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies: Winslow & District Local Area Forum: Members considered and noted suggested comments on the Terms of Reference. These and general comments would be sent to the Task Force/ Scrutiny committee. Cllr. Cawte had requested a meeting with Mark Grindall of BCC to discuss how best to move forward and awaited a reply.</p>
D12/91	<p>Winslow District Community Bus: Cllr.Cawte reported on the meeting held 17th April. Members noted that there was an urgent need for Trustees.</p>
	<p>Items For Information: Street Names: Members noted and accepted a proposal for name Midgley/Noy to be added to the existing bank. The next meeting to be held on 9th. May 2012</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 9.09 pm Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date):</p>