

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on Thursday 3rd. September 2015, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Wiseman (Chairman), Barry, Bradford, Castle, Cawte, Chambers, Chandler, Knight, Gouverneur, Monger and van de Poll.</p> <p>Apologies: None</p> <p>Clerk: C Loch</p> <p>Members of the Press and Public: PC Mary Winks and one member of the public were present until the conclusion of the police presentation.</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None</p> <p>Consideration of Applications for Dispensation – none</p>
15/51	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 30th. July and 2nd. July 2015: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record</p> <p>Matters Arising: None</p>
15/52	<p>Committees</p> <p>Amenities:</p> <p>Action had been taken to tidy the recreation ground border along Cricketers Row and residents had expressed their appreciation for the work. The devolved grass cutting was going well and most of the initial problems had been resolved. It was noted that if CCTV were installed to help reduce vandalism in the playground area there would need to be significant notices to that effect. CCTV would not be used for monitoring but only to provide information on specific incidents.</p> <p>Development:</p> <p>The Development Committee had had a very busy time with several major planning applications including the renewed Glebe Farm application and the AVDC briefing session on their approach to Neighbourhood Plans in the light of recent court decisions. Residents and J Bercow had been asked to support the objection to Glebe Farm. Cllr Monger indicated that he would support the Foxhole Farm application as an AVDC councillor provided it was absolutely clear that it would be on a one for one basis. Members also noted that AVDC had been forced to halt consideration of an application for 130 homes in Buckingham which was in conflict with the proposed Neighbourhood Plan which would soon go to referendum when a message from the Secretary of State indicated that if they were to approve it he would call it in.</p> <p>Resources:</p> <p>Members considered the Youth Club representation and RESOLVED that the terms of reference be amended to provide for one representative from the Resources Committee. It was also noted and RESOLVED that the church clock be repaired from the Events community fund and if necessary the Clerk be authorised to approve repairs to the Market Square clock up to £500.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to enable PC Winks to address the meeting</i></p> <p>Members heard of staff changes at the Neighbourhood Police office and the current antisocial behaviour problems in the town. Despite operating a variable shift pattern it was not always possible to have a presence at arm line was being taken when offenders could be identified and linked to incidents. A lot of trouble was originating in the area around the community shelter and causing considerable distress to residents. It was agreed that the Amenities Committee would consider the matter further at the next meeting.</p> <p><i>The meeting was reconvened.</i></p>
15/53	<p>Community Assets:</p> <p>The Paddock. Members heard that since the last meeting the following progress has been made: planning approval for tree works along the northern and western boundaries, quotes obtained for drainage schemes, a concept park design obtained from AVDC, meetings with neighbours and Lions, feasibility consultant in place, mower purchased from NHB funds, Open Days and Public meeting organised, tree works to commence 15th September and Environmental and Habitat survey initiated.</p> <p>As it was hoped to recruit some residents to the Steering Group it was agreed to leave discussion on membership until after the public meeting on September 15th.</p> <p>Members also considered an offer from AVDC to lease the compound and shed adjacent to the Greyhound Lane car park. In view of the condition of the structure it was RESOLVED to decline the offer.</p> <p>Commercial Matters: RESOLVED that Council would exercise its right to exclude the public and press from the meeting for discussion of matters relating to the Commercial Matters in respect of the Community Centre due to the confidential nature of some of the third party information that would arise, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Accordingly this item was moved to the end of the agenda.</p>

	<p>Neighbourhood Police Office: The Clerk confirmed that the signed agreement had been returned and that only details of how and when payment would be made was outstanding.</p> <p>Youth Club: Members heard that a proposal from young people who attended a recent LAF meeting was unlikely to eventuate. The Rising Stars had also asked if there was a possibility of being helped with premises while the Scout Hut was repaired. RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate the practicality of a short term hire during the repair period.</p>
15/54	<p>Correspondence noted: AVDC: Remembrance Day. AVDC had requested approval for a representative to lay a wreath. RESOLVED that this participation would be most welcome although all arrangement were made by the Royal British Legion. NHS England. Noted that a consultation on Controlled Locality Determination had been circulated.</p>
15/55	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies: Citizens Advice Bureau: Members would be updated when the minutes of a recent meeting were circulated. Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils (AVALC): Minutes would be circulated for the meeting held on 1st. September 2015 when available. The next meeting would be on Nov. 3rd. 2015.</p>
15/56	<p>Finance and Payments for Signature. Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £56,190.69 for the months of July and August. RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors. Dispensations: Members having submitted requests it was RESOLVED to approve a general dispensation under S33 Localism Act 2011 for members to vote on setting the Precept. Devolution Grant: Noted that the pump priming grant had been received. Resource: The Chairman noted the need to consider administration resource and it was agreed to add the matter to the next Resources agenda. Procedures: Cllr. van de Poll read a statement on recent issues raised in respect of the handling of the response to AVDC following their statement on the revised approach to the weighting given to Neighbour Plans. Members RESOLVED that the Development Committee consider a revision of policy and procedures for dealing with such matters.</p>
15/57	<p>Co-Option of Councillor: As a casual vacancy had arisen it was RESOLVED that a further councillor be co-opted and that the Clerk obtain the necessary approval and advertise accordingly.</p>
15/58	<p>Items For Information: Mayors Activities: The Mayor had attended the Winslow Show and would be at several events in the coming month. Mayor's Cadet: RESOLVED that approval be given for a Mayors Cadet and an appropriate certificate issued. Christmas Lights: Members agreed that the Mayor invite two local children to switch on the Christmas lights. Refugee Situation in Europe: Cllr. Monger expressed concern the community should be supporting the debate on the crisis and exploring avenues for assistance and suggested that the Council could give a lead in bringing relevant organisation together. A majority of members did not feel it was appropriate for the Council to become involved in a national matter.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 8:54 pm.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 1st. October 2015</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>