

MINUTES of a MEETING of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on Thursday 11TH. February 2016, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Monger (Chairman), Barry, Castle, Knight, and van de Poll. Ex officio. Cllrs. Wiseman and Morton.</p> <p>Apologies: None</p> <p>Clerk: C Loch</p> <p>Members of the Press and Public: No press or public were present.</p>								
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None</p> <p>Consideration of Applications for Dispensation – none</p>								
F16/01	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 12th. November 2015: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record</p> <p>Matters Arising: The attendance record for the meeting on November 12th was queried but it was a meeting which included all Councillors to discuss the Budget for 2016/17. Members also noted that a meeting with the Public Hall Trustees on November 24th to discuss ideas for a new community centre was disappointing.</p>								
F16/02	<p>Events</p> <p>Committee Organisation: Members discussed the structure of the informal committee and RESOLVED to recommend to Council that it be reconstituted as a formal Committee and the Terms of Reference be amended to reflect current membership of Chamber of Trade and residents. Other agenda items were deferred to the next meeting of the Events Committee.</p> <p>Queens 90th. Birthday: Members noted that a residents group had been formed to plan celebrations for the event and had asked if the Council would consider contributing to the funding. Members agreed that it would be considered once a programme was available.</p>								
F16/03	<p>Youth Centre</p> <p>Service Delivery: Noted that the minutes of the last meeting of the Friends had been circulated.</p> <p>Building Matters: Members noted that the skate board ramps currently stored in the reception area were difficult to move, inconvenient for other users and potentially dangerous unless securely fastened. The Clerk was asked to investigate progress on the shed being installed by Action 4 Christ and insist that they are moved within two weeks.</p> <p>The payment of the Storehouse lease which was now due had been queried by STFSS who claimed that this was not being funded by the EFA despite correspondence to that effect. The Clerk had requested evidence of correspondence to verify that the EFA had broken the original agreement. This was really a matter between STFSS and the EFA but if necessary the Council would need to go back to the EFA as Council was party to the original negotiation prior to the school being established.</p> <p>Members noted that Council had approved the construction of a fence around the garden area and joining the JGA. With a locked gate this would isolate the school area and also provide a reasonable level of safety for the operation of the JGA. The Clerk had written to the Director of Operations at BCC to seek permission for the fence and to request if it could be funded from monies received from the lease of the centre to the school as it had been indicated that any such funds would be spent on the Winslow Centre or local projects.</p> <p>Members also considered the safety implications of lone working for the staff when locking the JGA at night and agreed to monitor the situation closely.</p>								
F16/04	<p>Street Lights:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that most of the upgrade work for the current year had been completed and was currently in discussion with the contractor to plan the work to be done before March 31st. More information would be available for the next meeting. The level of lighting in Vicarage Road was raised and this would be considered.</p>								
F16/05	<p>Administration:</p> <p>Representative for Youth Club from F&G. RESOLVED that this matter be deferred to the next Council meeting.</p> <p>Grants: Members noted that Council had approved grants for the year 2016/17 as follows:</p> <p>Precept:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Buckingham Winslow and District Citizens Advice:</td> <td>£2, 000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Laurence Church closed burial ground</td> <td>£6,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winslow and District Community Bus</td> <td>£3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Me Myself and I</td> <td>£1,500</td> </tr> </table> <p>The citizens Advice grant would be guaranteed for a three year period as a minimum</p>	Buckingham Winslow and District Citizens Advice:	£2, 000	St Laurence Church closed burial ground	£6,500	Winslow and District Community Bus	£3,000	Me Myself and I	£1,500
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F16/06	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies:</p> <p>Winslow Sports Club: Members noted that the club was proposing some minor alteration and this would be included on the next agenda for approval.</p>								
F16/07	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>The Paddock: Members noted that a number of residents had requested that the area be opened up to dog walkers, particularly as the field adjacent to the Verney Road development was now being closed off. The field to be developed was never a public area or was there any official footpath but the developer was working to re-establish the official footpath around the field and would be providing a hard and level surface. The Paddock could not be considered for any use until a boundary fence with Winslow Hall was erected.</p>								
	<p>Items For Information: None</p>								
	<p>Meeting Closed 8:11 pm.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 10th. March 2016 but to be confirmed</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>								