

MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on Thursday 10th. November 2016 , at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs. Wiseman (Chairman), Barry, Castle, Cawte, Chambers, Chandler, Knight, Monger, Morton and van de Poll.  <b>Apologies:</b> None  <b>Clerk:</b> C Loch  <b>Members of the Press and Public:</b> Two members of the public were present</p>
	<p><b>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:</b> None  <b>Consideration of Applications for Dispensation:</b> None</p>
16/78	<p><b>Minutes of Meetings held 3rd. November 2016:</b> RESOLVED that the minutes be approved at the next full Council meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2016.  <b>Matters Arising:</b> None</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak  No items were raised and the meeting was reconvened.</i></p>
16/79	<p><b>Budget for Financial Year 2017-18</b>  Members considered the budget packs and commentary that had been circulated and points were raised as follows:  <b>Amenities:</b>  Although not specifically included it was agreed that the Barbara Brown garden needed refurbishment but the Clerk confirmed that any work could be met from routine maintenance.  <b>Development:</b>  Potential costs relating to appeals and defending the Neighbourhood Plan was a major consideration but impossible to budget. The budget provision was intended to cover expert opinion only. Should the costs relating to Glebe Farm be recovered, they would be kept in an Ear Marked reserve against possible future eventualities.  <b>Events:</b>  Members heard that Events were considering a major event for 2017 that would be a community fundraiser. A full presentation would be made to Council on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. Although self-funding with no risk to Council, members RESOLVED to adjust the Budget to include £2,000 against possible support costs.  <b>Finance and General Purposes:</b>  It was noted that any casual vacancy could incur election costs if an election for the post was required. It was also possible that WTC could be forced to find a new office within the Budget year. Members RESOLVED that both items would be met from reserves if necessary.  It was noted that the plans for a unitary authority in the County could result in more services being devolved to WTC.</p>
16/80	<p><b>Precept for 2017-18</b>  The increase for the year reflected the reduction in the BCC devolution grant and abolition of central support. As such, a precept of £185,959 was considered acceptable and members RESOLVED that the Precept for 2017-18 be approved and authorised the Clerk to submit the request and supporting data to AVDC as required.</p>
	<p><b>Items For Information:</b>  Members noted that the BCC Streamlining meeting would be held on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and the Council meeting would be moved to Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> to accommodate it. The Christmas Fayre was on November 24<sup>th</sup>. The Tomkins Park and Arboretum would be opened on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 11pm and the Community Facility consultation launched in the public hall on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Assistance with the opening of the park and the consultation launch would be appreciated.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 7:41 pm.</p>
	<p>Signed: ..... (Chairman) at Meeting ..... (date)</p>