

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on
Thursday 7th. September 2017, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p>Present: Cllrs. Castle (Chairman), Alman, Chandler, Chambers, Knight, Monger, Morton, van de Poll and Wiseman. Absent: Cllrs. Barry, Cawte and Slevin. Apologies accepted. Clerk: C Loch. Deputy Clerk S Carolan Members of the Press and Public: AVDC Cllr. S Renshell and three members of the public</p>
	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None Consideration of Applications for Dispensation: None</p>
17/43	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 3rd. August 2017: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record. Items Deferred from Previous Meeting. None</p>
17/44	<p>Committees Amenities: Members noted that the presentation of the Michaelis Cup for small towns in the Best Kept Village Competition would be at 11.30 on Sept. 16th at the Town Sign. The emergency plan had also been updated and RESOLVED that Cllr. Van de Poll be the Emergency Officer. As Council had been advised that the nets on the goal posts provided for general use on the training field were not acceptable under Health and Safety guidelines it was RESOLVED that they be purchased by the Amenities and that the Amenities budget be vired accordingly. Development: Members heard how the application for Land at Buckingham Road had been appealed on the grounds of non-determination by AVDC. Further delays and lack of support from AVDC would hopefully not result in the appeal being won but if called in the application might not be determined until the autumn of 2018 and result in a twelve month delay in getting employers onto the site. It was also noted that the VALP now indicated a five year housing supply if 9 years against the previous 5 and this would add weight to the NHP in determining applications. Some concerns over plans for EWR were raised and would be addressed by the Committee as appropriate. There were also concerns over the highway works in Station Road as well as the proposed development in Park Road and both would be monitored. Events: Members heard that the Picnic in the Park had been successful with many requests to repeat the event. Sadly it had been spoilt at the end by antisocial behaviour by a group of young people and the police had been involved. Finance and General Purposes: Progress on the refurbishment of 28 High St. was noted and work on the reception area was progressing. Work on the roof would start once the Highways Licence had been obtained. A hearing loop would be installed in the meeting room and would be a portable version which could be used elsewhere if necessary.</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.</i> A resident commented on the road works in Station Road and expressed the view that it had improved safety. The meeting was reconvened</p>
17/44 cntd	<p>Finance and General Purposes continued with a report on the meeting with TVP (Sergeant Emily Dover and PC Ian Carter) on anti social behaviour. Despite statistics indicating a 26% fall in incidents the perception in the town was that the problem had increased and while the police were taking action the response was not adequate and the matter would be kept on the agenda as a stand alone item for at least the next six months. A key policy of Neighbourhood policing is Early Intervention and this was fully supported by Council. The matter would be raised at a higher level and the Neighbourhood Police requested to send a representative to report to Council meetings for the next three months. While recognising that the 101 system was less than satisfactory it was stressed that all must report incidents to ensure that TVP were made officially aware.</p>
17/45	<p>Community Facilities: Tomkins Park & Arboretum: Now that the bird nesting season was over the damage from storm Doris had been cleared up. It was expected to get the path installed by the end of October and installation of a CCTV camera to cover the bowling green areas was being investigated New Community Facility. There had been a further meeting of the steering group on Sept 2nd. And there were now some 600 responses to the various public consultations. The steering group would now be talking to relevant organisations to begin the task of drawing up a specification. There would be a further meeting next month. Members stressed the importance of ensuring that any involvement by Councillors was not perceived to be undermining the independence of the group.</p>

17/46	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies: Citizens Advice: It was noted that the AGM would be held in the near future. AVALC: A meeting was held on Sept. 5th and minutes would be circulated in due course. Rogers Free Education Trust: Further grants were being considered.</p>
17/47	<p>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature. Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £5,055.98 and RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors. E mail alert: Members considered a proposal to set up an email system to communicate with subscribing residents. Cllr. Van de Poll offered to oversee the project and it was hoped to launch the idea in the next issue of the Crier.</p>
17/48	<p>Correspondence noted: Residents Letter: A letter from a resident requesting that provision should be made for letting dogs off the lead in the park. While understanding the request, it was a reasonable compromise for the requirement to keep dogs on leads and the rule would not change.</p>
	<p>Items For Information: Mayors Activities: August had been a quiet month but several functions were coming up in the near future.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 8:39 pm.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)</p>