

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on  
Thursday 5th. October 2017, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs. Castle (Chairman), Alman, Cawte, Chambers, Knight, Monger, Morton, van de Poll and Wiseman.  <b>Absent:</b> Cllrs. Barry, Chandler and Slevin. Apologies accepted.  <b>Clerk:</b> C Loch.  <b>Members of the Press and Public:</b> AVDC Cllr. S Renshell and three members of the public</p>
	<p><b>VALP:</b>  Cllr. Monger made a presentation of the key points of the draft VALP: Under the proposal Winslow would need to take a further 585 homes in addition to those already planned. The town would need to lobby for the right of the community to choose the location rather than just accepting an AVDC allocated site. It was essential that AVDC now meet the spring deadline for submission as proposed government legislation would alter the way that the assessed need for housing was calculated and could result in a very significant increase in the allocation for Winslow.</p>
	<p><b>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:</b> None  <b>Consideration of Applications for Dispensation:</b> None  The Chairman proposed that the order for items 10 and 11 be swapped and it was RESOLVED accordingly.</p>
17/49	<p><b>Minutes of Meetings held 7th. September 2017:</b> RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.  <b>Items Deferred from Previous Meeting.</b> None</p>
	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.</i>  A resident asked about noise mitigation for the EWR line through the town. The plans shown at the public consultation indicated adequate mitigation by way of acoustic barriers and while it was expected that this would be done, the ability to influence any planning was complicated in that the line was never closed but simply mothballed and as such EWR were not legally obliged to make such changes. The proposed development on VAHT land at Lowndes Way was discussed and as this was contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan it should not be approved by AVDC.  The meeting was reconvened</p>
17/50	<p><b>Committees</b>  <b>Amenities:</b> Members noted the repeated vandalism of the fence at the OFFA. Defensive planting was planned but it would not prevent a determined act of vandalism. The use of anti-climb paint was planned to deter vandalism on the playground swings and this would be done once the Clerk was sure that all legal and H&amp;S issues were complied with. Further cycle racks in the Market Square area were now awaiting planning consent. Devolved services was now a major issue for consideration as the current agreement would end after the next financial year along with any grant from BCC.  <b>Development:</b> The Neighbourhood Police were yet to supply the template letter for dealing with obstructive parking. The presentation on VALP had highlighted how important it would be for the town and members were encouraged to send in comments to the Committee or attend meetings when it was discussed.  <b>Events:</b> Members noted the resignation of Mrs. B Gouverneur and that Cllr. Alman had been elected as Chairman. Work was being done to make the Winslow Times directories and calendar easier to operate and access with a major push to increase content. Replacement equipment was needed for the Farmers Market and unless a Leader grant was available it was proposed that this be funded from any surplus. In future the Committee would focus on four main events in the year and any suggestions for a Spring event would be welcome. A further request to organise a Festival in the town had been received but the Committee had RESOLVED not to support the request.  <b>Finance and General Purposes:</b> The refurbishment work on the roof of the Council office had started. Members discussed representation at Sports Club meetings and it was RESOLVED that representatives would only attend if the club or Council raised specific items requiring attendance and that the Clerk should alter the terms of reference accordingly. A recommendation from the Committee to rationalise the duties and hours of the general assistants was discussed and it was RESOLVED that it be approved and the Clerk make the changes as soon as possible.</p>

17/51	<p><b>Community Facilities:</b>  <b>Tomkins Park &amp; Arboretum:</b> Work on the path had started earlier than expected but should be completed within a two week period. The fence would be restored once work was completed. A meeting was being arranged with the Bowls Club to discuss ongoing problems.  <b>New Community Facility.</b>  A further meeting was planned for later in the month but the date was yet to be set.</p>
17/52	<p><b>Reports from Outside Bodies:</b>  <b>Citizens Advice:</b> The new merged organisation was working well and there had been no change for users. It was noted that funding from councils could be specifically earmarked for local projects. The Clerk was asked to reaffirm that WTC grants were for the Buckingham office.  <b>AVALC:</b> Members noted that Cllr. Barry would be stepping down as WTC representative and RESOLVED that Cllr Monger take his place. Cllr. Monger indicated that in the first instance he could only take it on for three meetings and would then need to review the matter.</p>
17/53	<p><b>Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature.</b>  <b>Payments for signature:</b> Members noted the payment listing totalling £9,184.05 and RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors.  <b>E mail alert:</b> The trial had thrown up no particular problems and the scheme would be advertised in the Town Crier and start in the near future.  <b>Annual Town Meeting:</b> As attendance at the last meeting had been very close to the maximum capacity of the Bowls Club, it was agreed that the next ATM would be held in the public hall.</p>
17/54	<p><b>Antisocial Behaviour:</b> The Neighbourhood Police had been unable to report to the meeting. Indications were that antisocial behaviour had lessened as a result of police action but it would require constant pressure. Members noted the retirement of PCSO Taylor and were urged to attend her farewell gathering at The Bell on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The Council also wished to record its appreciation for her work in the community.</p>
	<p><b>Items For Information:</b>  <b>Mayors Activities:</b>  16 Sept Received Michaelis Cup Award &amp; Cert for Buckinghamshire's Best Kept Small Town  19 Sept Mayor &amp; Deputy Mayor attended the Royal British Legion Women's Section Farewell Party - closure after 62 years  27 Sept Mayor attended The Florence Nightingale Hospice AGM in Aylesbury  1 Oct Deputy Mayor &amp; his wife attended the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire's Justice Service in Milton Keynes  <b>Remembrance Day:</b> The Mayor noted that the annual parade would be held on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and urged members to attend if possible. The Clerk was asked to circulate details for the event when they were finalised.</p>
17/55	<p><b>Correspondence:</b>  <b>Complaint from AVDC Councillor:</b> The Chairman invited AVDC Cllr. S Renshell to explain the nature and background to her complaint which was essentially about the tone of communication with AVDC planning. Cllr, van de Poll then explained how delays in the system could be frustrating and apologised for any offence or upset that may have been caused. Every endeavour would be made to improve the way that AVDC and officers were dealt with and a meeting with AVDC planned for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October would aim at improving the process.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 8:57 pm.</p> <p>Signed: ..... (Chairman) at Meeting ..... (date)</p>