

WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of COUNCIL

Thursday 2nd. September 2021, at 7.00pm, in the St Laurence Room Market Square Winslow

Present: Cllrs. Wiseman (Chair), Bishopp, Castle, Cawte, Hamley, Onley, Slevin and van de Poll,

Absent: Cllrs Goss. Apology accepted.

Clerk: C Loch:

In attendance: Apologies from Bucks Cllrs. J Chilver and B Stanier. There were thirty one members of the public present for part of the meeting.

Before the meeting started the Councillors and public observed a minutes silence in tribute to Councillor Shirley Knight who sadly passed away on August 10th.

21/59 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:

Cllr. Bishopp declared a personal interest in the item concerning the unused youth shelter.

21/60 Minutes of Meetings held 5th. August 2021:

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: None

21/61 Items Deferred from Previous Meeting: None

The meeting was adjourned to enable members of the public to speak.

Members of the public expressed a number of concerns in respect of the proposed new Community and Sports Pavilion and associated parking and in particular about the requirement to move the playground into Tomkins Park.

Council then gave a summary of the proposal and the reasons behind the decision as well as explaining the concept of the Buckinghamshire Council Winslow Centre and Sports Hub development.

Council undertook to consider all the points raised and the request for a public meeting

The meeting reconvened

21/62 Committees and Reports from members of Buckinghamshire Council

Amenities: Members heard that revised allotment rules were being considered as well as a request for a community allotment. Development of the burial ground extension was discussed and the Committee would in due course bring a proposal to Council.

Development: A Community Contribution proposal from EEB24 Ltd (the Solar Farm) was referred to F&G to progress. It was noted that the road into the development off Granborough Road would be called Boot Close after the pub which was adjacent.

Events: Planning had commenced for the Christmas Fair and a steering group would meet regularly over the coming months to progress plans. The next meeting would be on September 24th. A minutes silence for Cllr. Shirley Knight would be observed at the next Farmers Market where she had been a volunteer since it started in 2009.

Finance and General Purposes: Members discussed a proposal to install the now unused youth shelter at Furze Down School. Having considered various options it was RESOLVED to donate the shelter to Furze Down School and to fund the cost of installation, estimated at £1, 780. Cllr Bishopp abstained from the vote. The Clerk was asked to confirm that the school was still interested in having the shelter. The next meeting would be on October 21st.

Reports from members of Buckinghamshire Council and Community Board Matters.

No Bucks Councillors were able to be present.

21/63 Current Strategic Issues

Growth Corridor: There was currently a consultation in progress but it was essentially for individuals and WTC had declined to respond.

East West Rail: Details of the plans for the A413 bridge were awaited. Anglian Water would be installing a high pressure mains from Little Horwood Road along the cycle path, Piccadilly and along

Buckingham Road to the Highfield Road junction. WTC had met with Anglian Water to discuss potential disruption and a plan to avoid closing Little Horwood Road and the cycle route was agreed.

Winslow Neighbourhood Plan revision: The steering group had met on September 1st and were now redrafting the policies and explanatory text. The aim was to have the draft completed by the end of September and to be able to start consultation at the end of December to continue through January.

Community Facilities: Planning approval for the Phase I Public Hall had been obtained and PCMS were now preparing a detailed specification. Plans for the Community and Sports pavilion were at an early stage with a plan for the site yet to be finalised. Talks in respect of the operation and management of the proposed building were in progress. It was noted that there was no reason to delay plans by Amenities to replace some CCTV equipment.

28 High St. PCMS had visited the offices to investigate what could be done to make the building a better working environment for staff as well as improving security. A proposal was awaited.

Winslow Centre Redevelopment. There had been no further progress. WTC had made a detailed response to the plans so far submitted. The next meeting was yet to be scheduled by Bucks although there was a meeting on Social Value on September 20th.

21/64 Reports from Outside Bodies:

AVALC. The next meeting would be on 14th September.

Rogers Educational Trust: The Trust would meet again in January.

21/65 Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature.

Payments for signature: Members noted the payment listing totalling £6,713.39 RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors.

Meeting Venue: It was agreed to hold future Council meetings in the St. Laurence Room until the spring when it would be considered again.

Recruitment: It was noted that Charlotte Bench had been appointed as Administrator and had started on September 1st..

Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy: A casual vacancy had arisen on the death of Cllr. Shirley Knight and having discussed various options it was RESOLVED that applications be received until October 29th. Applications for the two vacancies approved at this meeting would be rolled over unless the candidate asked to withdraw. The co-option would be finalised at the December meeting or as soon as practical.

Proposed Policy: A Dignity at Work policy was discussed and it was agreed that such a policy could be adopted at the next Annual Meeting although a much shorter document than had been circulated was considered more appropriate.

Correspondence:

MKBALC. A revised code of conduct was noted and this would be considered for adoption at the Annual Council meeting.

Buckinghamshire Council: A proposed Heritage List for buildings or features of note or special interest. A submission would be prepared by the Development Committee.

21/66 Co-option

Confidential

As per Minute 16/86, Members Resolved *that under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded due to the sensitivity of the business to be discussed*).

Councillors considered the recommendation of the selection panel to fill two casual vacancies and RESOLVED to appoint Caroline Cornell and Sarah Cawdell to the Council. They would complete the acceptance of office to join the next meeting in October.

Items for Information.

It was noted that the offices would be open for the annual Heritage Day from 2pm to 5pm on Saturday 18th September.

Meeting Closed 20.58 pm.

Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)