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## **WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES of the MEETING of COUNCIL**

Thursday 4th. November 2021, at 7.00pm, in the St Laurence Room Market Square Winslow

**Present:** Cllrs. Wiseman (Chair), Bishopp, Castle, Cawte, Cawdell, Cornell, Goss, Hamley, Slevin and van de Poll,

**Absent:** Cllrs Onley. Apology accepted.

**Clerk:** C Loch:

**In attendance:** Bucks Cllr. B Stanier. Apology from Bucks Cllr. J Chilver. There were fourteen members of the public present for part of the meeting.

#### **21/74 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:**

None.

#### **21/75 Minutes of Meetings held 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021:**

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising:** None

#### **21/76 Items Deferred from Previous Meeting:** None

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

*Members of the public again expressed a concern as to when the points raised at the last meeting in respect of the playground relocation would be addressed and Councillors again explained that all points were being considered as well as seeking further advice from the architects and planning. This would enable a thorough and comprehensive response to be made as well as forming the basis for further consultation. It was unlikely that any decision on the project could be made before the December Council meeting. Once finalised, the response would be published on the web site. Members of the public were particularly concerned that the matter of Green Space in the town be treated as a priority in conjunction with Buckinghamshire Council who owned most of the possible areas for consideration.*

*The meeting was reconvened*

#### **21/77 Committees and Reports from members of Buckinghamshire Council**

**Amenities:** No items were raised for discussion. Members having considered the revised Allotments Tenancy Agreement RESOLVED that it be adopted.

**Development:** No items were raised for discussion. It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan Grant had been received.

**Events:** Plans for the Christmas Fair on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. were complete and a briefing meeting for volunteers would be held on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. A quarterly newsletter was being planned to start in February but it was agreed that an earlier edition might be needed for information on the Revised Neighbourhood Plan.

**Finance and General Purposes:** The next meeting would be on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. The project to upgrade the Council IT systems was noted and it was RESOLVED that the decision be delegated to the F&G Committee. It was also RESOLVED to Approved the execution of the Solar Farm Community Contribution Deed. The Clerk reported to members that Bucks had notified parish councils that it planned to roll over the Devolution Agreement for a further year. An inflation adjustment of 3% would be made to the relevant grant although this took no account of the previous roll over of two years when the grant had remained at the same level.

#### **Reports from members of Buckinghamshire Council and Community Board Matters.**

Bucks Councillor Stanier noted the death of Bucks Cllr. M Tett's wife and the funeral would be held on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **21/78 Current Strategic Issues**

**Growth Corridor:** No new information.

**East West Rail:** Considerable progress was being made and the latest information could be accessed on their web site. There was some public concern over changes to items such as noise mitigation fencing but it was thought to relate to EWR adopting a standard specification for the whole line.

**Winslow Neighbourhood Plan revision:** The draft RNHP had been circulated and having been considered it was RESOLVED that the draft be sent to Bucks for informal consultation and advice. It was planned to go to public consultation in January.

**Community Facilities:** A public meeting on plans for Community Facilities was discussed and it was RESOLVED to hold this late November or early December depending on the availability of a suitable venue. The Clerk was asked to make necessary arrangements. The refurbishment of the public hall was now reaching tender stage. The detailed specification had been discussed with a representative of the trustees and in the steering group and various potential amendments would be taken up with the architect.

**28 High St.** The Big Society had requested temporary use of space in the building for the Afternoon Teas session as it had proved impossible to find a suitable venue elsewhere. As this would not impact on revenue at any other venue in town it was RESOLVED to allow this function until such time as an alternative venue became available.

**Winslow Centre Redevelopment.** A further meeting with Bucks had been held on 4th Nov. It was expected that the public consultation on the Sports Hub development would be in place by the end of November.

## **21/79 Reports from Outside Bodies:**

**AVALC.** The date for the AGM was awaited.

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

## **21/80 Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature.**

**Payments for signature:** Members noted the payment listing totalling £25,332.09 RESOLVED to authorise the cheque payments to be signed by two councillors.

**Precept:** The draft would be reviewed at the F&G meeting on Dec 8th and any committee amendments would be incorporated into a draft for approval at the December meeting.

## **21/81 Correspondence:**

**Residents Letter:** Parking in the private car park adjacent to Elmfields Gate and when it should be available to the general public was raised. This was a civil matter and Council did not consider that it could intervene.

**21/82 Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy:** Applications had closed on October 29th. And interviews would be held on Nov. 15th and 16th.

## **Items for Information.**

Members noted that Bucks Council were doing a "Welcome Back " campaign to encourage shopping in the high streets and it was expected that Winslow would be included.

Meeting Closed 20.41 pm.

Signed: ..... (Chairman) at Meeting ..... (date)