

WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of COUNCIL

Thursday 4th August 2022, at 7.00pm, in the Council Offices, High Street, Winslow. MK18 3HF

Present: Cllrs. Bishopp (Chair), Cawdell, Cawte, Cornell, Hamley, Keys, Onley, Slevin, van de Poll and Wiseman. **Absent:** Cllrs Castle and Goss. **Clerk:** S Carolan

22/35 RESOLVED to accept Cllr Castle and Goss's apologies.

In attendance: Three members of the public were present. Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Councillors Chilver and Goss.

22/36 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: None.

22/37 Minutes of Meeting held 9th June 2022: RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.
Matters Arising: Cllr Slevin summarised his understanding of Buckinghamshire Council's latest position on the conversion of 19 Market Square.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 to hear representations from members of the public, and was reconvened at 7:08.

22/38 Items Deferred from Previous Meeting (not addressed elsewhere on the agenda): None.

22/39 Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature

Authorisation of payments: Members considered the payments listing totalling £49,960.55 and RESOLVED: (a) to approve the listing for electronic payment other than the payment to Walker Groundcare, and (b) that approval of the payment to Walker Groundcare be delegated to Cllrs Bishopp and Wiseman.

Vice Chairman: Cllr Slevin submitted his resignation from the post of Vice Chairman, and Cllr Bishopp proposed that Cllr Wiseman be elected in his place. RESOLVED that Cllr Wiseman be elected as Vice Chairman of the Council.

Broadband: Cllr Bishopp reported on discussions with Gigaclear to provide fibre internet connections to 28 High Street and Winslow Public Hall in return for hosting a series of community events at the Public Hall and allowing some promotional branding to appear. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Bishopp be authorised to sign the agreement on the Council's behalf using the only method Gigaclear would permit, namely DocuSign, which allows for only one signature.

September Council Meeting: Members noted that Council's September meeting would fall on the same day as the County Show and RESOLVED that the meeting be rescheduled for 8th September.

22/40 Correspondence Received

Winslow First Beavers - Members noted an invitation to attend the Scout Hut in the autumn. RESOLVED that the Mayor and the members of the Council's Youth Working Group should attend if possible.

Local Police Office - Members noted correspondence from Thames Valley Police re the future of the local police office. RESOLVED: (a) that the Finance and General Purposes Committee should investigate the terms of the current lease, and (b) in light of the absence of a visible police presence in the Town in recent years, that the Clerk should write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss future local police provision.

22/41 Reports from Outside Bodies

AVALC. Nothing to report.

Rogers Educational Trust: Members noted a report from Cllr Wiseman.

22/42 Committees

Amenities:

Police patrols in Tomkins Park - members noted a report from Cllr Cawdell on antisocial behaviour in the Park and RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the local police inspector, requesting targeted police patrols in the Park.

Horticultural assistant - members noted a recommendation that Council considers obtaining additional resource to assist the Estates Manager with horticultural and other maintenance and RESOLVED that a costed proposal be submitted to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

Burial Ground Extension - members noted a report from the BG Extension Steering Group recommending that planning permission for change of use be obtained before any design work is carried out on the extension land, and also an informal view from Buckinghamshire Council Development Control on the need to demonstrate a biodiversity net gain. RESOLVED: (a) that the Amenities Committee should prepare a proposal containing sufficient details for a planning application, for consideration by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, and (b) that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £600 on professional fees in preparing the proposal, to be taken from the wider Amenities budget.

Development:

Cllr Cawte reported updates on the proposed Station Road housing development and the David Wilson Homes site on Station Road.

Events:

Cllr Onley reported that the new Farmers Market banners are now in use, and that preparations are well underway for the Christmas Fair with Winslow Lions joining the working party.

Finance & General Purposes

Members noted a proposal from the Committee to change its name to Finance & Resources and RESOLVED that the Committee's name be changed accordingly.

22/43 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors and Community Board Items - None

Community Board Matters - Cllr van de Poll reported on the arrangements made for the most recent meeting of the Community Board. Members noted that both the Chairman and Community Board Manager are new in their roles, and RESOLVED that Cllr Bishopp raise the matter with the Community Board Chairman.

22/44 Current Strategic Issues

East West Rail - Cllr Slevin reported on progress at Furze Lane bridge, where resurfacing of the bridge is now underway, and that track laying is in progress and has reached Swanbourne.

Winslow Neighbourhood Plan Revision - Buckinghamshire Council's formal consultation on the modified plan remains open until 11th August, and we still await their proposal for an examiner.

Community Centre - Construction of the upgraded Winslow Public Hall is underway, with good progress being made on the footings.

28 High Street - Installation of the new boiler is complete. Quotes being progressed for brickwork repairs.

Winslow Centre Development /Sports Hub - No progress to report.

Items for information - None

Meeting Closed 8:20 pm

Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting on (date)