

WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of COUNCIL

Thursday 6th. October 2022, at 7.00pm, in the Council Offices, High Street, Winslow. MK18 3HF

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

Absent: Cllrs Cornell and Slevin. Apologies accepted

Clerk: C Loch: Deputy Clerk S Carolan

In attendance: Buckinghamshire Councillor Chilver. No press or public were present. Apologies were received from the Buckinghamshire Councillor Stanier.

22/45 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:

Boundary Commission and Community Board	Cllr. Goss
North Bucks Bike Ride	Cllr. Wiseman
28 High St.	Cllr. Keys.

22/46 Minutes of Meetings held 4th. August 2022:

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: None

22/47 Items Deferred from Previous Meeting: If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

None

22/48 Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature:

Authorisation of payments: Members considered the payments listing totalling £62,906.09 and RESOLVED to approve the listing for electronic payment.

22/49 Correspondence Received

Local Government Boundary Commission. Members noted the current consultation and RESOLVED that as they agreed with the proposed changes no response was required.

Pharmacy: Service had improved in that there were no longer the unacceptable queues but only because a lot of the work had transferred to Buckingham and no real solution had been found.

Buckinghamshire Council Policy and Partnership: WTC had raised a number of concerns on communication and procedure with Buckinghamshire Council and Simon Garwood, the Senior Policy and Partnership Officer, would be arranging a meeting for discussions with WTC representatives. Councillors were asked to send proposed items for discussion with the Clerk.

22/50 Reports from Outside Bodies

AVALC. There was nothing to report.

Rogers Educational Trust: There was nothing to report.

22/51. Committees

Amenities:

Cllr. Cawdell reported on a meeting with Thames Valley Police to discuss anti-social behaviour in the town and the need for regular patrols, particularly in the park area. TVP were limited by staff shortages and as Winslow had one of the lowest incidence of crime in the area it could not be a priority, But they did undertake to do more patrols and had now recently done so.

It was noted that there was provision to report anti-social behaviour on the Buckinghamshire Council web site and this would be publicised in the Parish News and on the Council web site.

Development:

A revised planning application for 19 Market Square had been received and would be considered at the next Committee meeting. It was also RESOLVED to adopt the recommendation from the Development Committee to adopt a report requesting an Article 4 Direction.

The hearing in respect of the Land South of Buckingham Road was considered. The proposed

development was considered unsuitable for housing and did not conform to the Neighbourhood Plan.

A written representation was considered appropriate, and it was RESOLVED to delegate the matter

to the Development Committee which would call a special meeting to finalise the submission in time to meet the deadline. There had been a request to submit a costed proposal for the use of s106 funds arising from this potential development. In view of the timing of when funds might be received against any known projects that might happen in the timescale that would allow for reasonably accurate costing, it was considered that the request was unachievable and unreasonable.

Events:

Turnover of stall holders continued but so far there had not been a problem in finding replacements. Preparations for the annual Christmas Fair were well in hand and once again the Lions would give much appreciated support.

Finance & Resources:

Following discussions with Thames Valley Police, members considered that as TVP had indicated that a more efficient and effective policing operation could be mounted from Buckingham, it would be best for them to reorganise on that basis and RESOLVED that the subsidy for the rental of the Winslow local office would be discontinued once the notice period had expired and this was expected to be April 2023. TVP also confirmed that for IT security reasons it could not establish direct access to the Council's closed circuit television data and it was therefore RESOLVED to discontinue the existing maintenance agreement.

The Burial Ground extension was discussed, and it was RESOLVED that a Change of Use application be progressed and expenditure of up to £1,500 was approved.

The following grants were referred to Council:

£1,800 towards new heating at the Guide Hut

£3,000 to the CAB for the extensive work they do in supporting local people

It was RESOLVED that both grants be approved.

22/52 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors and Community Board Items

Bucks Cllr Chilver reported that the reflective bollards on the A413 north of the railway bridge had been installed. Buckinghamshire Council continued to chase Western Power to have the lights in Greyhound Lane car park repaired. Resurfacing of Chiltern Court would be done this financial year and repairs to Cricketers Row and Elmfields Gate would be done in due course. He also held regular meetings with TfB to update them on current issues brought to his notice.

Community Board Matters

A number of concerns in respect of meeting face to face, sufficient notice being given when responses were requested, the procedures for raising questions and seating arrangements were raised and D Goss as Community Board Chair would consider the concerns in the context of input from other parishes as some compromises might be needed to meet the needs of all.

Councillors considered a funding application from Padbury and RESOLVED that it be supported.

The next Community Board would be at the Bowls Club on November 2nd.

22/53 Current Strategic Issues

East west Rail

No items were raised.

Winslow Neighbourhood Plan Revision

The draft response to the examiner had been circulated for consideration and it was RESOLVED that it be submitted.

Members thanked Cllrs Bishopp and Slevin for their hard work on the plan.

Community Centre

The refurbishment project was continuing and on track. A meeting would be arranged with the Sports Club to discuss the possible upgrade of facilities and a request for additional fencing.

28 High St.

The replacement boiler was now installed. With the revised IT system up and running and improved broadband installed, an upgrade of the telephone system to VoIP was proposed as a cheaper and more efficient alternative to the landline and it was RESOLVED that it be progressed on this basis.

Winslow Centre Development /Sports Hub.

There had been a meeting with the Buckinghamshire Council project team and it was reported that the project was on track and expected to go to planning in June 2023.

Items for Information:

As the September meeting had been cancelled when the death of the Queen was announced just before it commenced, Councillors reaffirmed their sadness at her passing and their loyalty to the new Monarch.

Members also noted the passing of Mr. George Langley who was a previous councillor and Mayor.

It was noted that Town and Parish Council boundaries were expected to be reviewed in April next year.

Meeting Closed 20.48 pm.

Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)