

WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the MEETING of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
Monday 13th. January 2022, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

Present: Cllrs. Bishopp (Chair), Slevin, and van de Poll.

Absent: Cllr Wiseman. Apology accepted.

Clerk: C Loch:

In attendance. No members of the public were present.

22/01 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:

None.

22/02 Minutes of Meetings held 8th. November 2021:

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: None

22/03 Winslow Centre and Sports Hub Development:

Members considered various issues in respect of the proposed redevelopment of the Winslow Centre Site and would raise matters with Buckinghamshire Council prior to the next liaison meeting when they could be discussed further. Of particular concern was the vehicular flow along Avenue Road and WTC would press Buckinghamshire Council to engage an independent assessment.

22/04 Community Board Funding

Community Board funding would be requested in respect of the Skate Park at the proposed Sports Hub and the application had been drafted for submission in January. It was also noted that the Clerk had submitted an application for the replacement mower and a further application would be made for landscaping adjacent to the new entrance to the refurbished public hall. The architect had been asked for a budget costing as a basis for application.

22/05 Equipment

The replacement Iseki mower had been delivered and was now operational.

The IT Upgrade project was well advanced and the hardware expected during January. A revised filing structure for email has been implemented and will be trialed before the new email system is installed. Email would be the last part of the project and was expected in March.

22/06 Council Offices

PCMS had yet to make a recommendation on changes that could be made to enable the offices to be isolated from the entrance hall and how the whole space could be organised for the most efficient use of the building. The repositioning of the door into the entrance hall was considered essential and should be progressed subject to a further discussion with the architect. Work to repair the pointing of brickwork at the front of the building would be done in January / February. It was RESOLVED that approval be given to incur cost of up to £1,000 in this respect and the final decision on works to be delegated to Cllr. Bishopp and the Clerk

22/07 Administration and Finance:

Grants: Members discussed outstanding applications received up to Dec 31st 2021. And RESOLVED as follows:

Bowls Club fencing. A contribution of £500 approved. (Cllr. Bishopp abstained from this decision)

Bowls Club defibrillator project. It was agreed that WTC would be interested in collaborating to install a defibrillator in the area of the Public Hall but would defer a decision until plans for the new community facilities were finalised and the best place identified.

Greener Winslow: Insurance to cover volunteer tree planting Grant of £100.80 approved.

Rainbows Pre-School: More information requested.

Croquet Club Mower and Security: The Clerk was requested to obtain further information but, in any case the funding should first be pursued through the Community Board.

STFSS Wellbeing Centre: As a copy of the invoice for the completed work had been received, it was RESOLVED that the previously approved grant be paid.

Precept 2022-23: The Clerk confirmed that the Precept Request as agreed at the December meeting had been submitted.

Street Lighting. A request for an additional street light at the end of Verney Road was not considered necessary. A bracket light in The Walk was causing problems as a result of ivy overgrowing the Western Power column as well as the column becoming unstable. The lighting contractor was being asked to advise on the best way forward and the Clerk was authorised to affect such repairs as would best solve the situation.

Telecoms: The existing broadband service was discussed and it was RESOLVED that a contract be taken out with Gigaclear if competitive.

Aerial Photography: The Clerk was authorised to enter into a no charge agreement with APGB for this facility.

LGPS Pension Scheme: The Clerk reported on Cessation Legislation and the need for Council not to withdraw from the LGPS scheme without a very careful assessment of the cost implications. The main issue was about cancelling the scheme rather than a matter of not having current members.

Storage Shed: The Clerk reported that access to the shed was very difficult in terms of manoeuvring the mower as well as causing a potential trip and lifting hazard when pedestrian access to the shed was required. The Clerk was authorised to have the access door repositioned.

22/08 Outside Bodies

Winslow Sports and Social Club: A request to extend the spectator stand was noted and would be considered for approval when a plan was received.

Public Hall Trustees: No matters were raised.

22/09 Correspondence. No items not raised within the agenda.

Items to Report: None

Meeting Closed 20.26 pm.

Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date)