

WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the MEETING of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
Tuesday 4th October 2022, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

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

Absent: Cllr Slevin: Apology accepted.

Clerk: C Loch:

In attendance. Cllr. Hamley was in attendance. No members of the public were present.

22/27 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:

Cllr. Bishopp. Street lighting

Cllr. Keys Brickwork 28 High St.

Cllr, Wiseman North Bucks Bike Ride

22/28 Minutes of Meetings held 27th. June 2022:

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: None

22/29 Items deferred from previous meetings: not elsewhere on the agenda
None

22/30 Items delegated by Council - not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda
None

22/31 Winslow Centre and Sports Hub Development:

An update meeting had been held with Buckinghamshire Council representatives and it was confirmed that although there were the inevitable hold ups, the development was still on track and it was expected that it would go to planning in June 2023.

22/32 Property and Assets

Burial Ground Extension: This would be discussed further when a clear business case was received from the Amenities Committee.

Public Hall Parking. The provision for temporary parking adjacent to the hall entrance would need to be reviewed as work progressed beyond the new extension. A proposal for EV charging points in the parking area had been received and it was RESOLVED that Cllr. Slevin progress the matter to assess possibilities for Winslow.

Street Lighting:

Having considered the lighting on the Claremont Close development it was RESOLVED that the Council now adopt the revised additional lighting on station road.

Policy on van and trailer:

Members discussed the trailer which was no longer required and RESOLVED that it be sold. Although the van was 13 years old, it would be retained unless repair costs became significant but the Clerk was asked to establish a provision for eventual replacement.

Public Hall: A request from a member of the public to consider renaming the Public Hall would first be referred to the Trustees for comment before being given further consideration.

On completion of the public hall refurbishment it would be necessary to equip both the main kitchen and the small venue room kitchenette with suitable crockery. An allowance had been made in the s106 application and a budget drawn up by the hall manager. It was RESOLVED to delegate the approval and purchase to Cllr. Slevin and the Clerk working with the hall Manager.

Sustrans:

Sustrans had confirmed that they would be interested in transferring ownership of the small parcel of land in the park behind the public hall. They had also undertaken to confirm any other ownership of land in Winslow and would be looking to renew the lease on land at the Little

Horwood Road end of the cycle path as necessary.

22/33 Council Offices

Repairs to external brickwork. A quote for repairs to the external brickwork had been obtained and it was RESOLVED to progress the work as soon as possible.

Boiler upgrade: A replacement boiler had now been installed and was operational although some repairs to the pump would also be required. The necessary expenditure was approved.

Shed Clearance: Over a period of time a quantity of old bins and other items had accumulated in the shed and required clearance. It was RESOLVED to approve expenditure for removal.

22/34 Administration and Finance:

Pensions Regulator: Members noted that the Re-declaration submission had now been lodged.

Payroll: It was noted that the NJC award would be reviewed by the Chair to recommend on implementation. A recommendation from the Amenities Committee to employ a Horticultural Assistant would be considered when a business case was submitted.

Grants: Members considered applications received to Sept 30th 2022 and RESOLVED approved the following:

Winslow Guides: Contribution to improved heating.	£1,800 (to recommend to Council)
North Bucks Bike Ride	Sponsorship of £500
Medical Detection Dogs.	£500

Council has consistently supported the work of the CAB for many years and in view of a report that the organisation had assisted 148 local residents with over 700 issues Resolved to make a grant of £3,000. (to recommend to Council)

TVP - Neighbourhood Police Office: Operation of the local office had been discussed with Thames Valley Police. While it could be continued, it was not considered to be operationally efficient by TVP and they felt Winslow could be better served out of Buckingham. In view of the cost to residents and that TVP could offer a more effective and efficient service to the town, it was RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the local office be no longer supported once the TVP six month notice period had expired.

Governance: The Clerk reported on various governance matters to update members, and in particular a review of Health & Safety documentation. The Clerk reported that a clean audit report had been received from the external auditor.

Outside Bodies

Winslow Sports and Social Club:

A meeting would be arranged to discuss various matters including a request for additional fencing.

Public Hall Trustees: There had been no further meetings.

22/35 Correspondence – None not included elsewhere on the agenda

Items to Report: for information only.

Next meeting Thursday December 8th.

Meeting Closed 20.30 pm.

Signed: (Chair) at Meeting (date)